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Colossians 1:21-23a (NIV) – "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now, He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel".

Leviticus 1:3 (NKJV) - "If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord".

Romans 3:21-24 (NIV) – "But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus".

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) — One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God", he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong". Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise".

"Ted Bundy was a rapist. Ted Bundy was a murderer. Ted Bundy was a liar. Assuming Ted Bundy really did confess his sins and put his whole trust in Jesus, today Ted is in heaven with Jesus...if I'm honest, there's a part of me that is irritated by it" – *Erin Davis, A Gospel for Serial Killers*

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Luke 7:33-35 (NIV) – "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'. The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners'. But wisdom is proved right by all her children".

"And if it is unfair to forgive those who butcher other human beings, would it not also be unfair to forgive those who crucified the Son of God? Friend, that's you and me" – *Charlie Bing, Grace in the Final Hour*

"The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of it; but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine, and you on the crest of an Alp; but you are as little able to touch the stars as they" – *Handley Moule*

Romans 3:25-26 (NIV) – "God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of His blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus".

Leviticus 16:15-16 (NIV) – "He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness"

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Romans 3:25b (NKJV) – "to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed".

Hebrews 10:4 (NIV) - "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins".

Romans 3:27-30 (NIV) – "Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith".

Luke 18:14 (NIV) – "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted".

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone" – *Martin Luther*

Galatians 3:6-9 (NIV) – "So also Abraham 'believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness'. Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you'. So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith".