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**Our enemy's names**: Job 1:6 - Hebrew *satan* = "adversary", also in Numbers 22:22; Matthew 16:23 – Greek *satanos* = "adversary"; Matthew 4:1 – Greek *diaballo* = "to slander, to accuse, to bring charges (usually with hostile intent)", he is called "the accuser of our brethren" in Revelation 12:10

**Romans 5:20-21 (NIV)** – "The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".

"reign" = Greek basileuo - "to rule over, to be king"

Romans 6:1-4 (NIV) – "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life".

**Revelation 20:12 (NIV)** – "And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books".

**Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)** – "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".

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"heart" = Greek kardia – HELPS word study - used over 800 times in the Bible, always figuratively; "the affective center of our being; our core, inner self, mind, will, and character"

**Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)** – "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved".

Romans 6:5-7 (NIV) – "For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin".

**Exodus 14:10-14 (NIV)** - As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still".

Romans 6:8-11 (NIV) – "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus".

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**Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV)** – "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit".

**John 3:3-6 (NIV)** - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again". "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit".

"Our Lord replies, it is not learning, but life that is wanted for in the Messiah's Kingdom; and life must begin by birth" – *Henry Alford* 

Romans 6:12-14 (NIV) - "Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace".