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⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.
⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.
⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

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1. The Casting of the net:

Jesus came seeking to save the lost individuals.

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¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 (ESV) Matthew 4:19 (ESV) ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (ESV) Luke 19:10 (ESV)

⁵Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

Luke 19:5 (ESV)

9 Luke 19:15 (ESV)

2. The Catching of the fish:
God wants everyone to be saved

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

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¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV)

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²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2 (ESV)

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3. The Categorizing of the catch:
Each of us will be judged by how we respond to God's offer of forgiveness

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²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

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1. God loves me, God loves you, and God has been searching for us before we ever started searching for Him.

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⁴Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:4-5 (ESV)

2. God wants everyone to be saved, but He will not force anyone to accept His love.

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3. In light of God's judgement, I should actively persuade people to trust in Jesus.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)

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¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)

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²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)

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Prayer of Belief - God, I know that I'm a sinner in need of Your grace. I've messed up, and I want You to forgive me. I believe that You sent Your son, Jesus, to live a perfect life that I couldn't live. I believe He died on the cross, was buried and rose again so that I can be forgiven. God, forgive me, save, come alive in my heart and be the King of my life.

Amen.

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²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)

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