

Simply Jesus.

A Small Exploration of the Scriptures to Highlight
the Power,
the Eternal Purpose,
the Divinity,
the Compassion,
the Humility,
and
the Sacrificial Love
of Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:26-28;31

²⁶Then God said, "Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and *her* offspring; *he* shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise *his* heel."

Psalms 2:6-8

⁶"As for me, I have set *my King* on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are *my Son*; today I have begotten *you*." ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations *your* heritage, and the ends of the earth *your* possession.

Psalms 16:8-11

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon *my* soul to Sheol or let your *holy one* see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 45:4-7

⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! ⁵ Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the

king's enemies; the peoples fall under you. ⁶ *Your throne*, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; ⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Psalm 68:17-20

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

¹⁸ *You* ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. ¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. *Selah* ²⁰ Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Psalm 72:11-14

¹¹ May all kings fall down before *him*, all nations serve *him*! ¹² For *he* delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. ¹³ *He* has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. ¹⁴ From oppression and violence *he* redeems their life, and precious is their blood in *his* sight.

Psalm 102:25-27

²⁵ Of old *you* laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of *your* hands. ²⁶ They will perish, but *you* will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. *You* will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷ but *you* are the same, and *your* years have no end.

Psalm 110:1-4

¹ The LORD says to *my Lord*: "Sit at my right hand, until I make *your* enemies *your* footstool." ² The LORD sends forth from Zion *your* mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of *your* enemies! ³ *Your* people will offer themselves freely on the day of *your* power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of *your* youth will be *yours*.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a *child* is born, to us a *son* is given; and the government shall be upon *his* shoulder, and *his* name shall be called *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. ⁷ Of the increase of *his* government and of peace there will

be no end, on the throne of David and over *his* kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 52:13-15

¹³ Behold, *my servant* shall act wisely; *he* shall be high and lifted up and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you; *his* appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and *his* form beyond that of the children of mankind; ¹⁵ so shall *he* sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of *him*, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For *he* grew up before *him* like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; *he* had no form or majesty that we should look at *him*, and no beauty that we should desire *him*. ³ *He* was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces *he* was despised, and we esteemed *him* not. ⁴ Surely, *he* has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed *him* stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But *he* was pierced for our transgressions; *he* was crushed for our iniquities; upon *him* was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with *his* wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:7-12

⁷ *He* was oppressed, and *he* was afflicted, yet he opened not *his* mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so *he* opened not *his* mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment *he* was taken away; and as for *his* generation, who considered that *he* was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made *his* grave with the wicked and with a rich man in *his* death, although *he* had done no violence, and there was no deceit in *his* mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; *he* has put *him* to grief; when *his* soul makes an offering for guilt, *he* shall see *his* offspring; *he* shall prolong *his* days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in *his* hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of *his* soul *he* shall see and be

satisfied; by *his* knowledge shall the *righteous one, my servant*, make many to be accounted righteous, and *he* shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide *him* a portion with the many, and *he* shall divide the spoil with the strong, because *he* poured out *his* soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet *he* bore the sin of many and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54:5-10

⁵For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. ⁶For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. ⁷For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. ⁸In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. ⁹"This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. ¹⁰For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put *my* Spirit within you and cause you to walk in *my* statutes and be careful to obey *my* rules.

Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶And when *Jesus* was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and *he* saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on *him*; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved *Son*, with *whom* I am well pleased."

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ Now when *Jesus* came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, *he* asked *his* disciples, “Who do people say that the *Son of Man* is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ *He* said to them, “But who do you say that *I* am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the *Christ*, the *Son of the living God*.” ¹⁷ And *Jesus* answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but *my* Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And *I* tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock *I* will build *my* church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 28:2-6

² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek *Jesus* who was crucified. ⁶ *He* is not here, for *he* has risen, as *he* said. Come, see the place where *he* lay.

Matthew 28:17-20

¹⁷ And when they saw *him* they worshiped *him*, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And *Jesus* came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to *me*. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the *Son* and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that *I* have commanded you. And behold, *I* am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 9:2-7

² And after six days *Jesus* took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And *he* was transfigured before them, ³ and *his* clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with *Jesus*. ⁵ And Peter said to *Jesus*, “*Rabbi*, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for *you* and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved *Son*; listen to him.”

Mark 15:33-34;37-39

³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ³⁴ And at the ninth hour *Jesus* cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*” ... ³⁷ And *Jesus* uttered a loud cry and breathed *his* last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing *him*, saw that in this way *he* breathed *his* last, he said, “Truly this man was the *Son of God!*”

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a *Savior*, who is *Christ the Lord*. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:15-18

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the *baby* lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this *child*. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

Luke 8:22-25

²² One day *he* got into a boat with *his* disciples, and *he* said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, ²³ and as they sailed *he* fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴ And they went and woke *him*, saying, “*Master, Master, we*

are perishing!” And *he* awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ *He* said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that *he* commands even winds and water, and they obey *him*?”

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to *him* that *he* might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But *Jesus* called them to *him*, saying, “Let the children come to *me*, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, *I* say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Luke 21:25-28

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the *Son of Man* coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 24:25-27

²⁵ And *he* said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the *Christ* should suffer these things and enter into *his* glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, *he* interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning *himself*.

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ Then *he* said to them, “These are *my* words that *I* spoke to you while *I* was still with you, that everything written about *me* in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then *he* opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the *Christ* should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in

his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, *I* am sending the promise of *my* Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the *Word*, and the *Word* was with God, and the *Word* was God. ² *He* was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through *him*, and without *him* was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In *him* was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:9-13

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ *He* was in the world, and the world was made through *him*, yet the world did not know *him*. ¹¹ *He* came to *his* own, and *his* own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive *him*, who believed in *his* name, *he* gave the right to become children of God ¹³ who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14;16-18

¹⁴ And the *Word* became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen *his* glory, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... ¹⁶ For from *his* fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through *Jesus Christ*. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, *he* has made him known.

John 3:16-19

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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his *Son* into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through *him*. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in *him* is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only *Son of God*. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 4:21-26

²¹ *Jesus* said to her, “Woman, believe *me*, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that *Messiah* is coming (*he* who is called *Christ*). When *he* comes, *he* will tell us all things.” ²⁶ *Jesus* said to her, “I who speak to you am *he*.”

John 6:68-69

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “*Lord*, to whom shall we go? *You* have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that *you* are the *Holy One* of God.”

John 10:24-30

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around *him* and said to *him*, “How long will *you* keep us in suspense? If *you* are the *Christ*? Tell us plainly.” ²⁵ *Jesus* answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in *my* Father's name bear witness about *me*, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among *my* sheep. ²⁷ *My* sheep hear *my* voice, and I know them, and they follow *me*. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of *my* hand. ²⁹ *My* Father, who has given them to *me*, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

John 13:3-5

³ *Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 14:6-7

⁶ *Jesus* said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through *me*. ⁷ If you had known *me*, you

would have known *my* Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

John 18:3-6

³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then *Jesus*, knowing all that would happen to *him*, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered *him*, “*Jesus* of Nazareth.” *Jesus* said to them, “*I* am *he*.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When *Jesus* said to them, “*I* am *he*,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

Acts 1:6-9

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked *him*, “*Lord*, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ *He* said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be *my* witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when *he* had said these things, as they were looking on, *he* was lifted up, and a cloud took *him* out of their sight.

Acts 2:22-24

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: *Jesus* of Nazareth, a *man* attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through *him* in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this *Jesus*, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised *him* up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for *him* to be held by it.

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in *Jesus Christ* for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in *Christ Jesus*, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by *his* blood, to be received by faith. This

was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in *Jesus*.

Romans 6:22-23

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in *Christ Jesus our Lord*.

Romans 8:31-35;37-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own *Son* but gave *him* up for us all, how will he not also with *him* graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? *Christ Jesus* is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of *Christ*? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in *Christ Jesus our Lord*.

Galatians 2:20-21

²⁰ I have been crucified with *Christ*. It is no longer I who live, but *Christ* who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the *Son of God*, who loved me and gave *himself* for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then *Christ* died for no purpose.

Galatians 4:1-7

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time

had come, God sent forth his *Son*, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his *Son* into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Ephesians 1:3-6

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our *Lord Jesus Christ*, who has blessed us in *Christ* with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in *him* before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through *Jesus Christ*, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:7-10

⁷ In *him* we have redemption through *his* blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in *Christ* ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in *him*, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:11-14

¹¹ In *him* we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in *Christ* might be to the praise of *his* glory. ¹³ In *him* you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in *him*, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of *his* glory.

Ephesians 2:1-7

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,

and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with *Christ*—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with *him* and seated us with *him* in the heavenly places in *Christ Jesus*, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in *Christ Jesus*.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in *Christ Jesus* for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:12-13

¹² remember that you were at that time separated from *Christ*, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in *Christ Jesus* you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of *Christ*.

Ephesians 2:17-22

¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through *him* we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, *Christ Jesus himself* being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In *him* you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that *Christ* may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,

being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of *Christ* that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in *Christ Jesus* throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as *Christ* loved the church and gave *himself* up for her, ²⁶ that *he* might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that *he* might present the church to *himself* in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in *Christ Jesus*, ⁶ who, though *he* was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied *himself*, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, *he* humbled *himself* by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted *him* and bestowed on *him* the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of *Jesus* every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that *Jesus Christ* is *Lord*, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ *He* is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by *him* all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through *him* and for *him*. ¹⁷ And *he* is before all things, and in *him* all things hold together.

Colossians 1:18-20

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Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with *him*, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This *he* set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ *He* disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in *him*.

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If then you have been raised with *Christ*, seek the things that are above, where *Christ* is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with *Christ* in God. ⁴ When *Christ* who is your life appears, then you also will appear with *him* in glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in *Christ* will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with

affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the *Lord Jesus* is revealed from heaven with *his* mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our *Lord Jesus*. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the *Lord* and from the glory of *his* might, ¹⁰ when *he* comes on that day to be glorified in *his* saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that the name of our *Lord Jesus* may be glorified in you, and you in *him*, according to the grace of our God and the *Lord Jesus Christ*.

1 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: *He* was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 6:13-16

¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of *Christ Jesus*, who in *his* testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our *Lord Jesus Christ*, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—*he* who is the blessed and only *Sovereign*, the *King of kings* and *Lord of lords*, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To *him* be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his *Son*, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ *He* is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and *he* upholds the universe by the word of *his* power. After making purification for sins, *he* sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as

much superior to angels as the name *he* has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider *Jesus*, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed *him*, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For *Jesus* has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but *Christ* is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a *great high priest* who has passed through the heavens, *Jesus*, the *Son of God*, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a *high priest* who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but *one* who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ In the days of *his* flesh, *Jesus* offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save *him* from death, and *he* was heard because of *his* reverence. ⁸ Although *he* was a son, *he* learned obedience through what *he* suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, *he* became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey *him*,

1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of *Christ*, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ *He* was foreknown

before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through *him* are believers in God, who raised *him* from the dead and gave *him* glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 2:22-25

²² *He* committed no sin, neither was deceit found in *his* mouth. ²³ When *he* was reviled, *he* did not revile in return; when *he* suffered, *he* did not threaten, but continued entrusting *himself* to him who judges justly. ²⁴ *He himself* bore our sins in *his* body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By *his* wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For *Christ* also suffered once for sins, the *righteous* for the unrighteous, that *he* might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which *he* went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of *Jesus Christ*, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to *him*.

2 Peter 1:16-18

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our *Lord Jesus Christ*, but we were eyewitnesses of *his* majesty. ¹⁷ For when *he* received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to *him* by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved *Son*, with *whom* I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with *him* on the holy mountain.

1 John 1:5-7

⁵ This is the message we have heard from *him* and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have

fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of *Jesus* his *Son* cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 2:1-3

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, *Jesus Christ* the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we know that we have come to know *him*, if we keep *his* commandments.

1 John 3:5-9

⁵ You know that *he* appeared in order to take away sins, and in *him* there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in *him* keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen *him* or known *him*. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as *he* is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the *Son of God* appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in *him*; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 4:8-12

⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only *Son* into the world, so that we might live through *him*. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his *Son* to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:13-15

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his *Son* to be the *Savior* of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that *Jesus* is the *Son of God*, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 5:11-12

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his *Son*. ¹² Whoever has the *Son* has life; whoever does not have the *Son* of God does not have life.

1 John 5:20

²⁰ And we know that the *Son of God* has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his *Son Jesus Christ*. *He* is the true God and eternal life.

Jude 1:24-25

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through *Jesus Christ our Lord*, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from *Jesus Christ* the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the *ruler* of kings on earth. To *him* who loves us and has freed us from our sins by *his* blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to *his* God and Father, to *him* be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, *he* is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see *him*, even those who pierced *him*, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of *him*. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:12-18

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a *son of man*, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around *his* chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of *his* head were white, like white wool, like snow. *His* eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ *his* feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and *his* voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In *his* right hand *he* held seven

stars, from *his* mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and *his* face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw *him*, I fell at *his* feet as though dead. But *he* laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, *I* am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. *I* died, and behold *I* am alive forevermore, and *I* have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 5:2-10

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the *Lion* of the tribe of Judah, the *Root* of David, has conquered, so that *he* can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a *Lamb* standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And *he* went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when *he* had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the *Lamb*, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are *you* to take the scroll and to open its seals, for *you* were slain, and by *your* blood *you* ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and *you* have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the *Lamb* who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the *Lamb* be blessing and honor

and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 7:9-10

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the *Lamb*, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the *Lamb*!”

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called *Faithful* and *True*, and in righteousness *he* judges and makes war. ¹² *His* eyes are like a flame of fire, and on *his* head are many diadems, and *he* has a name written that no one knows but *himself*. ¹³ *He* is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which *he* is called is *The Word of God*. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From *his* mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and *he* will rule them with a rod of iron. *He* will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On *his* robe and on *his* thigh *he* has a name written, *King of kings* and *Lord of lords*.

Revelation 21:22-27

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the *Lamb*. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the *Lamb*. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the *Lamb's* book of life.

Revelation 22:12-13

¹² “Behold, *I* am coming soon, bringing *my* recompense with *me*, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ *I* am the *Alpha* and the *Omega*, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”