

Our Statement of Faith

We begin with Scripture

The basis of our beliefs is taken from the Scriptures.

God promised to preserve his written word from error.

God's word is comprised of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.

We reject the books of the Apocrypha.

We believe that the scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit and written without error.

We believe that these same scriptural truths were preserved by God without error.

We accept the English Version of the King James Bible as God's infallible word.

We accept God's written word as our only and final authority in all matters pertaining to faith, hope, love/godliness, salvation, and doctrine.

(2 Tim. 3:13–17)¹ (2 Pet. 1:21)² (Ps. 12:6–8)³

Ministry Goals

Our goals of ministry are summed up in two words, love and preach.

We encourage the love of God, neighbors, brethren/saints/fellow believers, and enemies.

Practically we teach that our love should be seen in the respect and care we show others.

Following the example of the Apostle Paul, we believe that if we are physically able we should be working so that we ourselves are not a burden to others and so that we will have extra to help others in need.

We preach God's word and more specifically, Jesus crucified for the sins of the world.

This truth is expressed in the gospel, the message of the cross—Jesus death, burial, and resurrection.

(Gal. 5:14)⁴ (1 Cor. 1:17–19)⁵ (2 Thess. 3:8)⁶ (Gal. 6:14)⁷

True Unity is not Ecumenism

We believe in the unity of all true believers through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

True believers—An individual who was once hell-bound but has:

Repented of their sin.

Been saved by God's unmerited grace through faith in Christ crucified.

Received at the point of faith, the immediate Holy Spirit baptism—sealing the newborn saint unto everlasting life.

(John 10:8–11, 14)⁸ (Luke 23:40–43)⁹

We believe in the true believer's eternal assurance of salvation as revealed in the scriptures.

The assurance of everlasting life brings a joy which may come immediately.

This joy will grow through a knowledge of the scriptures and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

With the knowledge of God's love and salvation, we no longer need to live in fear of death.

(1 John 3:1–2)¹⁰ (Rom. 5:11; 14:17; 15:13)¹¹ (Heb. 2:9, 14–15)¹²

True Prayer

We believe that our prayers should be prayed to our Heavenly Father in Jesus name and that our prayers are helped by the participation of the Holy Spirit.

(John 16:23)¹³ (Romans 8:26–27)¹⁴

False Teachers

Christians should reject, fellowship and worship, with false teachers, most notably those:

Who do not profess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh (2 John 1:5–11)¹⁵

Who deny Jesus Deity, rejecting him as True God and True Man (Luke 1:35)¹⁶

Who preach and teach a false gospel either by adding to the gospel or taking away from the gospel (Gal. 1:3–12)¹⁷

Who do not follow and claim, Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)¹⁸

We accept as brethren in Christ those who have believed and are preaching the true gospel of Christ Crucified for the sins of the world—the world being, every individual that God has created.

We Believe

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of a personable loving caring personality which does not want anyone to perish.

All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ.

(Gen. 1:26)¹⁹ Gal. 4:4–6)²⁰ (2 Pet. 3:9)²¹ (Col. 2:8–9)²²

2. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, is God, the living Word, eternally existing with the Father—the Word of God made flesh.

Planned from the foundation of the earth, Jesus became flesh through his miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit who over-shadowed the yet virgin Mary.

Jesus's virgin birth via Mary was accomplished with the full knowledge and willing permission of Mary and the after the fact knowledge of her husband Joseph.

The culmination of Mary's virgin pregnancy brought forth the Son of God now eternally, True God and True Man, he would be called Jesus, the Savior of the world.

(John 1:1–4)²³ (1 Pet. 1:18–20)²⁴ (Matt. 1:18–21)²⁵ (1 John 4:14)²⁶

3. Jesus lived a sinless life and voluntarily, with the joy set before him, was crucified for the sins of mankind. This atonement was accomplished in fulfillment of and according to the Scriptures.

As the second Adam Jesus died upon the cross-accepting God the Father's wrath and judgment for the sins of the world. Jesus substitutionary death satisfied God's divine judgment for sin, making it possible for him to offer salvation and everlasting life to whosoever believes in Jesus.

Jesus is now the door to heaven. Yours and the whole world's sin debt, believer, and unbeliever, has been paid in full.

(1 Pet. 2:22)²⁷ (2 Cor. 5:21)²⁸ (Heb. 12:2)²⁹ (Luke 24:25–27)³⁰

4. Jesus rose from the dead in a glorified body which was no longer flesh and blood but still held the scars of his crucifixion.

Jesus ate with the disciples, walking and conversing with them.

(1 Cor. 15:50)³¹ (John 20:27)³² (Acts 10:37–43)³³

5. Jesus, before his death, promised to ask the Father to send the Comforter the Holy Spirit.

Jesus ascended bodily into heaven and will return in the same way.

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, as the mediator between God and man, continually making intercession for his followers, the saints.

(John 14:16–17)³⁴ (Rom. 8:34)³⁵

6. Adam and Eve were created in the image of God. Tempted and lied to by Satan, they sinned by disobeying God; eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that they could be like God, knowing good and evil. This willful sin alienated them from their Creator and brought all of Adam's descendants under God's wrath and condemnation.

(Gen. 1–3)

7. This inherited sinful nature makes it impossible for sinners to please God in their own righteousness, their attempts to please or appease God's wrath are as filthy rags, the human nature is corrupt. As a result, every individual is unable to enter the joy that God had created for them. Our guilt of sin must be paid for with death, our death and shed blood.

All people are guilty and unable to stand before God.

Everyone needs a Savior to protect them from God's just wrath and bring them forgiveness/salvation.

God the Father because of his love, mercy and justice provided a second Adam, by whom mankind could be born again, his only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

(Isa. 64:6)³⁶ (Phil. 3:6–9)³⁷

8. Salvation was pictured back in the garden of Eden when God shed an animal's blood to cloth Adam and Eve with its skin. This act symbolizes that salvation requires the shedding of innocent blood. This act also prefigured Jesus's sacrifice for sin as the Lamb of God.

Jesus sinless blood cleanses away the hell-bound sinner's debt and shame. Without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness; no good works, purgatory, religion, sacraments nor any other means can cleanse away sin or their consequences.

Jesus laid aside his righteousness becoming poor, that those who freely choose, might be made rich, clothed in his righteousness. God imputed Jesus's righteousness to those who placed their faith in Jesus for their salvation, and thereby justified them in his sight.

(Eph. 2:8–9)³⁸ (John 1:29)³⁹ (Heb. 9:22)⁴⁰ (2 Cor. 8:9)⁴¹ (Rom. 5:1–2)⁴²

9. The believer's salvation is pictured as being born again. This new life is begun through faith in Christ Jesus, followed instantly by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and proclaimed through the believer's water baptism, best pictured in full emersion.

It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit but is produced by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the testimony and knowledge of God's written word.

(John 3:3–7, 16)⁴³

10. The Holy Spirit was sent to reprove the world of sin, to reveal and glorify Christ and to seal the saving work of Christ to those born again, called saints.

Upon a sinner's repentance and faith, the Holy Spirit continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals their salvation.

(John 16:8, 13–14)⁴⁴ (2 Cor. 1:20–22)⁴⁵ (Eph. 1:13)⁴⁶ (2 Tim. 2:19)⁴⁷

11. Believers are called to turn from sin, live for God and resist the Devil’s attacks.

(Acts 3:19)⁴⁸ (James 4:7)⁴⁹

12. Jesus Christ is the Rock/Head of the Church—those redeemed by a free-will act of faith.

Jesus Church is composed of all, who were at one time hell-bound sinners, but are now cleansed saints, whether still living on earth or enjoying his presence in heaven.

The saints of the Church have been joined to Jesus through a personal saving faith in his name.

(Matt. 16:15–21)⁵⁰ (Ps. 62:6–7)⁵¹ (Ps. 71:3)⁵² (Acts 2:47)⁵³ (1 Cor. 1:2)⁵⁴

13. The Holy Spirit has given the saints spiritual gifts, to serve God and to edify and encourage the saints.

God admonishes the saints to assemble regularly for worship, for edification, and for participation in the breaking of bread and the drinking of wine in remembrance of Jesus sacrifice for sin.

(1 Cor. 12:7–14)⁵⁵ (Heb. 10:24–25)⁵⁶ (1 Cor. 10:16–17)⁵⁷ (1 Cor. 11:23–28)⁵⁸

14. Upon a saint’s, physical death, they enter immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord, in Paradise/Heaven, as seen in Jesus promise to the believing malefactor who was crucified at his side.

While in heaven the saints are awaiting to be united with their resurrected glorified body.

(Luke 23:42–43)⁵⁹ (1 Cor. 15:51–54, 57)⁶⁰

15. Upon an unbeliever’s, physical death, they enter immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord, referred to as Hell.

While in hell, the damned, await the resurrection of their body to everlasting judgment, condemnation, and punishment, which they will serve in the Lake of Fire, created for the Devil and his angels.

(Luke 16:19–31)⁶¹ (Heb. 9:27)⁶² (Rev. 20:10)⁶³

16. The same way Jesus Christ left the earth, he will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to consummate history and the eternal plan of God, including the defeat of Satan and Death.

Apostle Paul shares that believers should not be ignorant of this mystery. “That blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles come in.”

True believers, need to be about God’s business, preaching the word of Christ crucified for the sins of every individual he created to inhabit this world.

(Acts 1:9–11)⁶⁴ (1 Cor. 15:24–28)⁶⁵ (Rom. 11:25).⁶⁶

17. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to be a part in preaching the cross, the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, throughout the world, discipling believers from every nation.

The fulfillment of that Great Commission requires a total commitment.

(Mark 16:15–16)⁶⁷ (Matt. 28:18–20)⁶⁸

“Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.” (Eph. 5:2)

SCRIPTURE QUOTES

1. “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in all things which though hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:13–17)

2. “For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:17–21)

3. “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” (Psalm 12:6–8)

4. “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Galatians 5:14)

5. “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” (1 Corinthians 1:17–19)

6. “Neither did we eat any man’s bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:8)

7. “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 6:14)

8. Jesus said, “All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” (John 10:8–11, 14)

9. The repentant sinner on the cross next to Jesus, “But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:40–43)

10. “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:1–2)

11. “We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Romans 5:11; 14:17; 15:13)

12. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:9, 14–15)

13. “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.” (John 16:23)

14. “Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26–27)

15. “Love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he, that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” (2 John 1:3–11)

16. “The angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

17. “Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 1:3–12)

18. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

19. “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26)

20. “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” (Galatians 4:4–6)

21. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

22. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” (Colossians 2:8–9)

23. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” (John 1:1–4)

24. “Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things ... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.” 1 Peter 1:18–21)

25. “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:18–21)

26. “And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (1 John 4:14)

27. “(Christ) Who did no sin.” (1 Peter 2:22)

28. “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

29. “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

30. “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and in all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:25–27)

31. “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.” (1 Corinthians 15:50)

32. “Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.” (John 20:27)

33. “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.” (Acts 10:38–43)

34. “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16–17)

35. “Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34)

36. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6)

37. Apostle Paul shares, “Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness, which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” (Philippians 3:6–9)

38. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

39. “The next day John (the Baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

40. “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:22)

41. “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

42. “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1–2)

43. “Jesus ... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:3–7, 16)

44. Jesus said, “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shall shew it unto you.” (John 16:8, 13–14)

45. “For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:20–22)

46. “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.” (Ephesians 1:13)

47. “Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (2 Timothy 2:19)

48. “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19)

49. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

50. Jesus, “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.” (Matthew 16:15–21)

51. “He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.” (Psalm 62:6–7)

52. “Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.” (Psalm 71:3)

53. “Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:47)

54. “Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.” (1 Corinthians 1:2)

55. “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also, is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.” (1 Corinthians 12:7–14)

56. “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24–25)

57. “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10:16–17)

58. “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:23–28)

59. “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:42–43)

60. “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:51–54, 57)

61. “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen. And fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And

he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (Luke 16:19–31)

62. “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

63. “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (Revelation 20:10)

64. “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:9–11)

65. “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” (1 Corinthians 15:24–28)

66. “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Romans 11:25)

67. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:15–16)

68. “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:18–20)