

# Key Point Bible

## Salvation Verses

What does the Bible teach us about salvation? The following verses from the *Key Point Bible* point the way to getting right with God through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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Key Salvation Themes	
<b>Matthew, Mark, Luke &amp; John</b>	The Gospels emphasize repentance of sins, denying ourselves & following Jesus. We will be judged according to our deeds, specifically regarding our only 2 commandments to love God & our neighbor. We must be baptized, work hard to enter through the narrow door & endure to the end. Also, we must enter into His covenant by feeding on His body and blood which was sacrificed for us. Salvation depends on God's mercy as many are called but few are chosen. The Good News is that God's Spirit empowers those who believe in Jesus to have a spiritual rebirth so that we can become children of God, produce fruit & enjoy eternal life with Him.
<b>Romans</b>	The Good News about Christ is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. The promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. Since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation as we put to death the deeds of our sinful nature through the power of the Spirit.
<b>Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	God loves you & has chosen you to be his own people. Christ died for our sins. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. You were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. A person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. Christ has identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ which makes you holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. We have a new birth & new life through the Holy Spirit. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.
<b>Hebrews</b>	It was necessary for Jesus to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Then he could offer a sacrifice once for all time that would take away the sins of the people. He lives forever to intercede with God on our behalf, mediating a new covenant between God and people.
<b>James</b>	Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.
<b>1 &amp; 2 Peter</b>	We are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.
<b>1 &amp; 2 John</b>	If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We are God's children because our sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

## Matthew

- John the Baptist admonished his audience, prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.
- Jesus began to preach, repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.
- Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.
- I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins. Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, stand up, pick up your mat, and go home! The man jumped up & went home!
- If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.
- He asked them, but who do you say I am? Simon Peter answered, you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus said to Peter, I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.
- Jesus said to his disciples, if any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.
- The Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.
- Who in the world can be saved? Jesus looked at them intently and said, humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.
- Many are called, but few are chosen.
- Jesus replied, 'you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.
- Then the King will say to those on his right, 'come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

## Mark

- If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.
- Who in the world can be saved? Jesus looked at them intently and said, humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.
- Jesus replied, the most important commandment is this: 'The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these.
- The one who endures to the end will be saved.
- Jesus told them, go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

## Luke

- John the Baptist will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.
- Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, he is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him! And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.'

- An angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds in the field: I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!
- Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come. The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!
- Jesus replied, what does the law of Moses say? How do you read it? The man answered, 'you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'love your neighbor as yourself.' Right! Jesus told him. Do this and you will live!
- Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded.
- Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail.
- Who in the world can be saved? He replied, what is impossible for people is possible with God.
- Jesus broke some bread and gave thanks to God for it and gave it to the disciples, saying, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. After supper he took a cup of wine and said, this cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.
- The criminal on the cross next to Jesus said remember me when you come into your Kingdom. And Jesus replied, I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.
- It was written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.

## John

- To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.
- The Son of Man is the stairway between heaven and earth.
- I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.
- As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.
- This is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him.
- Anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life. I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.
- The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son. And he has given him authority to judge everyone because He is the Son of Man. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.
- Jesus told them, this is the only work God wants from you: believe in the one he has sent. Anyone who believes has eternal life.
- Yes, I am the bread of life! I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh. Jesus said again, I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot

have eternal life within you. Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Anyone who feeds on me will live because of me.

- The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
- Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life. Jesus continued, unless you believe that I Am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.
- Jesus said to the people who believed in him, you are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.
- He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice. Those who come in through me will be saved. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else.
- Jesus told her, I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha? Yes, Lord, she told him. I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.
- I am giving you a new commandment: love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.
- Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
- Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them.
- Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
- The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.
- The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

## Acts

- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- This is the message of Good News for all people that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
- Jesus is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name. We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight—something the law of Moses could never do.
- All who were chosen for eternal life became believers.
- We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.

- I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.
- Paul then recounted what Jesus spoke to him on the Road to Damascus: I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me. Paul preached that all must prove they have changed by the good things they do.

## **Romans**

- I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, it is through faith that a righteous person has life.
- He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.
- Now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.
- Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight for God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.
- People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.
- God is fair and just and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.
- Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. So, we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.
- Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.
- Abraham is the father of all who believe. Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous.
- When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.
- The promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift.
- Since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.
- Since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.
- Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.
- Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.
- Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.
- We died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.
- We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. We also should consider ourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ

Jesus. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead and can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.

- Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.
- We have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God in the new way of living in the Spirit.
- There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
- You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)
- If through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
- It is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it. God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen. We are among those whom he selected.
- If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.
- As the Scriptures tell us, anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Faith comes from hearing the Good News about Christ.
- God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn.

## 1 Corinthians

- He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.
- He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.
- Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, this cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.
- If you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.
- Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

## 2 Corinthians

- We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you.
- The Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
- Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.
- He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.
- Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.
- God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.
- God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

## Galatians

- Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.
- We know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.
- And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ.
- You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.
- Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith. The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. All who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.
- God sent Jesus to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, Abba, Father.
- Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.
- Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.
- Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

## Ephesians

- Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.
- God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.
- He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.
- When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.
- God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.
- It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!.
- Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

- Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.
- Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.
- Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

### Philippians

- You must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.
- At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.
- God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.
- Live clean, innocent lives as children of God.
- I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.
- I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.
- I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. I focus on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.
- We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.

### Colossians

- He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.
- He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.
- For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.
- He has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.
- When you came to Christ, your sinful nature was cut away. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.
- God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.

### 1& 2 Thessalonians

- God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. He called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.
- We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth.
- He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.

## 1 & 2 Timothy

- This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
- There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.
- Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
- Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.
- God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.
- He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.
- I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.
- Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.
- Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval.

## Titus

- I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.
- He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.
- When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

## Hebrews

- When Jesus had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.
- Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.
- God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory.
- Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.
- It was necessary for Jesus to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.
- Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.
- If we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.
- Only we who believe can enter his rest. Let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall. Follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.

- Because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Therefore, he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.
- Jesus offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.
- Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.
- Jesus our High Priest is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them.
- For Christ died to set us free from the penalty of the sins we have committed.
- Once for all time, Jesus has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.
- Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.
- God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.
- Our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.
- We can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.
- Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.
- It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

### James

- Get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.
- If you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.
- What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?
- Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.
- It happened just as the Scriptures say: Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith. He was even called the friend of God. So, you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. It is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

### 1 & 2 Peter

- God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
- Through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.
- You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

- Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.
- You must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires.
- God chose him as your ransom long before the world began.
- Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.
- You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.
- Jesus personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Remember that Christ suffered for our sins once for all time.
- He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.
- By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. Work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.
- Our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved.

## **1 & 2 John**

- If we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.
- If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.
- Those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.
- Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before.
- I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.
- Anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.
- Dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.
- Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.
- See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!
- You know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.
- When people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.
- Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.
- This is his commandment: we must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.
- God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

- All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God.
- We love each other because he loved us first.
- He has given us this command: those who love God must also love their fellow believers.
- Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.
- Every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.
- This is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

## Revelations

- All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.
- He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father.
- For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God.
- Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years (i.e. a symbolically long time during the ongoing Church Age).
- And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.
- Editor's note: The first resurrection is for all believers (including the martyrs) – when we die, our spirit goes to heaven (we do not die but serve as priests & judges) and receive new bodies when Jesus returns. The second resurrection is for dead non-believers who come back to life and face judgement when Jesus returns - those whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire.