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The Holy Bible Aionian Edition [®] is the world's first Bible *un-translation*! What is an *un-translation*? Bibles are translated into each of our languages from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek. Occasionally, the best word translation cannot be found and these words are transliterated letter by letter. Four well known transliterations are *Christ, baptism, angel,* and *apostle*. The meaning is then preserved more accurately through context and a dictionary. The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven additional Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

The first three words are *aion*, *aionios*, and *aidios*, typically translated as *eternal* and also *world* or *eon*. The Aionian Bible is named after an alternative spelling of *aionios*. Consider that researchers question if *aion* and *aionios* actually mean *eternal*. Translating *aion* as *eternal* in Matthew 28:20 makes no sense, as all agree. The Greek word for *eternal* is *aidios*, used in Romans 1:20 about God and in Jude 6 about demon imprisonment. Yet what about *aionios* in John 3:16? Certainly we do not question whether salvation is eternal! However, *aionios* means something much more wonderful than infinite time! Ancient Greeks used *aion* to mean *eon* or *age*. They also used the adjective *aionios* to mean *entirety*, such as *complete* or even *consummate*, but never infinite time. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs. So *aionios* is the perfect description of God's Word which has *everything* we need for life and godliness! And the *aionios* life promised in John 3:16 is not simply a ticket to eternal life in the future, but the invitation through faith to the *consummate* life beginning now!

The next seven words are *Sheol*, *Hadēs*, *Geenna*, *Tartaroō*, *Abyssos*, and *Limnē Pyr*. These words are often translated as *Hell*, the place of eternal punishment. However, *Hell* is ill-defined when compared with the Hebrew and Greek. For example, *Sheol* is the abode of deceased believers and unbelievers and should never be translated as *Hell*. *Hadēs* is a temporary place of punishment, Revelation 20:13-14. *Geenna* is the Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's refuse dump, a temporal judgment for sin. *Tartaroō* is a prison for demons, mentioned once in 2 Peter 2:4. *Abyssos* is a temporary prison for the Beast and Satan. Translators are also inconsistent because *Hell* is used by the King James Version 54 times, the New International Version 14 times, and the World English Bible zero times. Finally, *Limnē Pyr* is the Lake of Fire, yet Matthew 25:41 explains that these fires are prepared for the Devil and his angels. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The eleventh word, *eleēsē*, reveals the grand conclusion of grace in Romans 11:32. Take the time to understand these eleven words. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. To help parallel study and Strong's Concordance use, apocryphal text is removed and most variant verse numbering is mapped to the English standard. We thank our sources at <u>eBible.org</u>, <u>Crosswire.org</u>, <u>unbound.Biola.edu</u>, <u>Bible4u.net</u>, and <u>NHEB.net</u>. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with <u>creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0</u>, allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read online at <u>AionianBible.org</u>, with Android, and TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal... and purple is the color of royalty!

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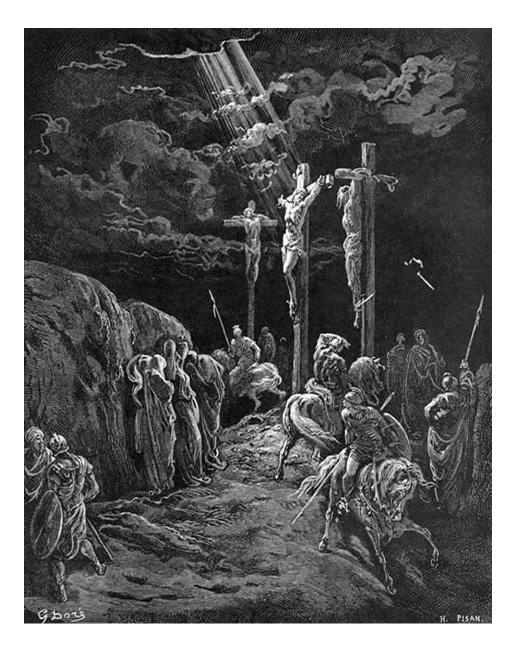
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The Crucifixion

And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his garments, and cast lots for them. Luke 23:34

Matthew

 ${f 1}$ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren; 3 and Judah had Phares and Zara by Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom, 4 and Esrom begat Aram, and Aram begat Aminadab, and Aminadab begat Naasson, and Naasson begat Salmon, 5 and Salmon had Booz by Rahab, and Booz had Obed by Ruth, 6 and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David the king, and David had Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. 7 And Solomon begat Roboam, and Roboam begat Abia, 8 and Abia begat Asa, and Asa begat Josaphat, and Josaphat begat Joram, 9 and Joram begat Ozias, and Ozias begat Joatham, and Joatham begat Ahaz, and Ahaz begat Ezechias, 10 and Ezechias begat Manasses, and Manasses begat Amon, 11 and Amon begat Josias, and Josias begat Jakim, and Jakim begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time of their being carried away to Babylon. 12 And after the captivity of Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel, 13 and Salathiel begat Zorobabel, and Zorobabel begat Abiud, and Abiud begat Eliakim, and Eliakim begat Azor, 14 and Azor begat Sadok, and Sadok begat Achim, 15 and Achim begat Eliud, and Eliud begat Eleazar, and Eleazar begat Matthan, and Matthan begat Jacob, 16 and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. 17 All the generations therefore from Abraham to David are fourteen generations: and from David until the captivity of Babylon fourteen generations: and from the Babylonish captivity unto Christ, fourteen generations. 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in wise: when Mary his mother was

promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child by the Holy Ghost: 19 but Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was inclined to break off the contract with her privately; 20 and when he was thinking on these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou Son of David, scruple not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 (Now all this came to pass, that it might be fulfilled, which the Lord spake by the prophet, saying, 23 "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel," which is God with us.) 24 So Joseph, when he awoke from his sleep, did as the angel of the Lord directed him, and took home his wife: 25 and he knew her not, till she brought forth her Son the first-born, and he called his name Jesus.

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of king Herod, behold, there came certain wise men from the east to Jerusalem, **2** saying, Where is the king of the Jews that is born here? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship Him. **3** And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him: **4** and having summoned together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Messiah was to be born: and they told him, at Bethlehem in Judea; **5** for thus it is written by the prophet, **6** "And thou Bethlehem in the land of Juda art not the meanest among the cities of the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come forth a ruler, that shall feed my people Israel."

7 Then Herod called the wise men to him privately, and inquired of them exactly the time of the star's appearing: 8 and sending them to Bethlehem, he said, Go and make diligent search for the child, and when ye have found Him, let me know, that I also may come and worship Him. 9 When they had heard the king, they went: and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went on before them, till it came and stood over the place where the child was. 10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy; 11 and coming into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they brought Him presents, of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Rise and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and continue there, untill I tell thee to return: for Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. 14 And he arose and took the child and his mother by night, and went away into Egypt: 15 and stayed there till the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spake by the prophet, saying, " Out of Egypt have I called my Son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was baffled by the wise-men, was very much enraged; and he sent and slew all the male-children in Bethlehem, and in all its borders, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had exactly inquired of the wise-men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, 18 saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel bewailing her children,

and would not be comforted, because they are not. **19** But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, **20** saying, Arise and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they, that sought the child's life, are dead. **21** And he arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel: **22** but when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in the room of Herod his father, he was afraid to go thither; however being warned of God in a dream, he retired into the district of Galilee. **23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

 ${f 3}$ Now in those days came John the baptist preaching in the desert part of Judea, 2 and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand: 3 for this is He who was spoken of by Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the desert, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." 4 And this John had his clothes of camels hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then went, out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the country about Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the pharisees and sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits becoming: penitents: and do not say within your selves, 9 "We have Abraham for our father:" for I tell you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 And now the ax is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore, which yieldeth not good fruit, is cut down and cast into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me, is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry: He shall baptize you with the holy Spirit and with fire. 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and He will thoroughly cleanse his floor, and gather the wheat into his granary, but will burn up the chaff with unguenchable fire. 13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized by him: but John refused Him, saying, 14 I have need to be baptized by thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Permit it now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. 16 Then he permitted Him. And Jesus as soon as He was baptized came up from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and coming upon Him: 17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4 Then was Jesus led by the spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by the devil: **2** and when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, at last He was very hungry. **3** And the tempter came to Him and said, If thou art the Son of God, command these stones to become bread: **4** but He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live upon bread only, but on whatever proceedeth from the mouth of God." **5** Then the devil taketh Him into the holy city, and setteth Him on a wing of the temple, **6** and saith unto Him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He will give his angels charge concerning thee, and they shall bear thee up as in their hands, least at any time thou shouldst dash thy foot against a stone: **7** but Jesus said unto him, it is also written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy

God. 8 Again the devil taketh Him to a very high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 and saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me: 10 then Jesus saith unto him, Be gone, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, 11 and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him, and behold angels came and attended Him. 12 Now when Jesus heard that John was imprisoned, He departed into Galilee: 13 and leaving Nazareth He came and dwelt in Capernaum a maritime town, on the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, "The land of Zabulon, 15 and Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, 16 about Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles, the people that sat in darkness, saw a great light, and to them, who sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 18 Now as Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; (for they were fishermen:) 19 and He saith unto them, Come with me, and I will make you fishers of men: 20 and they immediately left their nets, and followed Him. 21 And going on from thence He saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; 22 and He called them also; and they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed Him. 23 And Jesus went through all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, and healing every disease and every malady among the people. 24 And his fame spread

abroad into all Syria; and they brought unto Him all their sick, that laboured under various diseases and torments; even those who were possessed with devils, and lunatics, and paralytics; and he healed them: **25** and great multitudes of people followed Him from Galilee, and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, yea and from beyond Jordan.

 $\mathbf{5}$ And seeing the multitudes He went up to a mountain, and when He was set down, His disciples came to Him, 2 and He opened his mouth and taught them, saying, 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God. 10 Blessed are they, who are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye when men shall revile and persecute you, and utter all manner of reproach against you falsly, for my sake: 12 rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great will be your reward in heaven: for so they persecuted the prophets, that were before you. 13 Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt be grown insipid, wherewith shall it be seasoned? it is no longer fit for any thing, but to be thrown out of doors, and trodden under foot. 14 Ye are the light of the world: a city, that is situated on a hill, cannot be hid. 15 Nor do men light a candle, to put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and then it giveth light to all in the house. 16 So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works,

and glorify your father, who is in heaven. 17 Think not that I am come to abrogate the law, or the prophets: I am not come to abolish, but to compleat them: 18 for verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot nor one tittle shall pass from the law, till all be compleated. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of the left of these commandments, and thereby teach men so to do, he shall be esteemed very little in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do as well as teach them, he shall be accounted great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, that unless your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and pharisees, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 21 Ye have heard, that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever committeth murder, shall be liable to the judgment: 22 but I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be liable to the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be obnoxious to the council; but whosoever shall say, "Thou fool," shall be in danger of hell-fire. (Geenna g1067) 23 Therefore, if thou bring thine offering to the altar, and there remembrest that thy brother hath any complaint against thee; 24 leave thy gift there before the altar, and go and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 25 Be friends with thine adversary guickly, while thou art in the way with him; least the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison: 26 verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt not come out from thence, till thou hast paid the very last farthing. 27 Ye have heard, that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 but I tell you, that whosoever looketh on a woman, so as to lust after her, hath already debauched her in

his heart. 29 And therefore if thy right eye cause thee to offend, pluck it out and cast it from thee; for it is better for thee that one part of thee perish, than that thy whole body should be cast into hell: (Geenna g1067) 30 and if thy right hand cause thee to offend, cut it off and cast it from thee; for it is better for thee that one of thy limbs should perish, than that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Geenna g1067) 31 And it has been said, whosoever would put away his wife, let him give her a bill of divorce: 32 but I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, except on account of whoredom, tempteth her to commit adultery; and if any man marry her that is divorced, he committeth adultery. 33 Again, ye have heard, that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: 34 but I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; 35 nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King: neither shalt thou swear by thy head, 36 for thou canst not make one hair of it white or black: **37** but let your conversation be yea, yea; no, no; for whatever is more than these, cometh from the evil one. 38 Ye have heard, that it has been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 but I say unto you, Set not yourselves against him that injures you, but if any one smite thee on thy right cheek, rather turn to him the other also: 40 and if any one would go to law with thee, to take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also, rather than strive with him: 41 and if any one shall force thee one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and him, that would borrow of thee, turn not away. 43 Ye have heard, that it has been said. Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy: 44 but I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless

them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that abuse you and persecute you; **45** that ye may be the children of your heavenly Father; for He causeth his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain upon the just and the unjust. **46** For if ye love only them that love you, what reward do ye expect? do not even the publicans the same? **47** and if ye embrace your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not the publicans so likewise? **48** Be ye therefore perfect in love and goodness, as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

6 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be observed by them: otherwise ye will have no reward from your Father, who is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou dost an almsdeed, do not proclaim it abroad, as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may be applauded by men. Verily I tell you, they have their reward. 3 But when thou givest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth: 4 that thine alms may be in secret, and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will himself reward thee openly. 5 And when thou prayest, be not like the hypocrites; for they love to pray in public assemblies, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be taken notice of by men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret, will reward thee openly. 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathens do, for they think they shall be heard for their speaking much: 8 be not ye therefore like them; for your Father knoweth what ye have need of before ye ask Him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye, 10 "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy

name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven so also upon earth; 11 give us this day our daily bread; 12 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; 13 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen." 14 For if ye forgive men their faults, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 but if ye forgive not men their transgressions, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. 16 And when ye fast, be not, like the hypocrites, of a gloomy countenance; for they disfigure their faces, that they may be observed by men to fast: I tell you, they have indeed their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head and wash thy face; 18 that thou mayst not appear unto men to fast, but to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will reward thee openly. 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupts, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The eye is the light of the body: if therefore thine eye be clear, thy whole body will be light; 23 but if thine eye be bad, thy whole body will be dark. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or at lest he will be attached to the one, and neglect the other: ye cannot serve God and mammon: 25 therefore I say unto you, be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than raiment? 26 Look at the birds

of the air; they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: and yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye preferable to them? 27 And which of you by all his thought can add one cubit to his stature? 28 And why are ye sollicitous about raiment? consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I tell you, 29 that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothe the grass of the field, which is growing to-day, and to-morrow is cast into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? **31** Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or how shall we be clothed? 32 (things which the heathens are so inquisitive after) for your heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these shall be superadded unto you. 34 Be not therefore sollicitous about the morrow; for the morrow will require thought for its own affairs: sufficient to each day is its own trouble.

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged: **2** for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured back again to you. **3** And why dost thou look at the splinter in thy brother's eye, but takest no notice of the beam in thine own eye? **4** Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me take the chaff out of thine eye, and behold, there is a beam in thine own eye? **5** Thou hypocrite, first get the beam out of thine own eye; and then thou wilt see how to take the splinter out of thy brother's eye. **6** Give not that which is holy unto dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine; least they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you. **7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be

opened unto you: 8 for every one, that asketh, receiveth; and he, that seeketh, findeth; and to him, that knocketh, it shall be opened. 9 Is there any man among you, who, if his son ask him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 or if he ask for a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11** If ye then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask Him? 12 All things therefore whatsoever ye would have men do to you, do ye also in like manner unto them: for this is the doctrine of the law and the prophets. 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat: 14 whereas the gate is narrow, and the way troublesome, which leadeth into life, and few there be that find it. 15 And beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 Ye will know them by their fruits: do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 so every good tree yieldeth good fruit, but a corrupt tree produces bad fruit: **18** a good tree cannot produce evil fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bear good fruit: 19 and every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. 20 So then by their fruits ye will know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of my Father, who is in heaven: 22 many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name have wrought many miracles? and I will then declare unto them, 23 I never owned you, depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. 24 Whoever therefore heareth these words of mine, and performeth them, I will compare him to a

prudent man, who built his house on a rock: **25** and the rain fell upon it, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. **26** And whoever heareth these words of mine, and performeth them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: **27** and the rain fell upon it, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell, and the fall thereof was great. **28** And when Jesus had ended these discourses, the people were amazed at his doctrine: **29** for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

 ${f 8}$ Now as he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. 2 And behold a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst cleanse me: 3 and Jesus stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou cleansed: and immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no one; but go, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them. 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion beseeching Him, and saying, Lord, 6 my servant lieth in my house ill of the palsy, grievously afflicted: 7 and Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 But the centurion answering said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word, and my servant will be healed: 9 for I also am a man under the authority of others, yet have soldiers under me; and I say to one, go, and he goeth; and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, do this, and he doth it. 10 And when Jesus heard it He marvelled, and said to them that followed Him, Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith even in

Israel: 11 but I tell you, that many shall come from the east and from the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; 12 and the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness; where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jesus said to the centurion, Go, and be it unto thee as thou hast believed. And his servant was healed in that very hour. 14 And when Jesus came to Peter's house. He saw his wife's mother lying ill of a fever: 15 and He did but touch her hand, and the fever left her; and she rose up and waited on them. 16 And when it was evening they brought to him many demoniacs: and he cast out the evil spirits with a word, and healed all that were ill: that it might be fulfilled, 17 which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, He took our infirmities himself, and bore our diseases. 18 But when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, he gave orders for departing to the other side of the lake. 19 And a certain scribe came to Him, and said, Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest: 20 and Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the fowls of heaven their nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 21 But another of his disciples, whom he ordered to follow Him, said unto Him, Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father: 22 but Jesus said unto him; Do thou follow me, and let the dead bury their dead. 23 And when He was entered into the ship, his disciples followed Him: 24 and behold a great tempest rose on the sea, so that the vessel was even covered by the waves; but He was asleep. 25 And His disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord save us, for we are perishing: and He saith unto them, 26 Why are ye so frighted, O ye of little faith? Then He rose up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and

there was a great calm. **27** And the men wondered, saying, What an amazing person is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him! 28 And when He was come to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demoniacs coming out from the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no one could pass by that way: **29** and they cried out, saying, What have we to do with Thee, Jesus thou Son of God? Art Thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 Now there was at some distance from them a large herd of swine seeding: and the devils besought Him, 31 saying, If Thou cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine: 32 and He said unto them, Go: and they came out and went away into the herd of swine; and lo, all the herd of swine ran furiously down a precipice into the sea, 33 and perished in the waters. And they that were feeding them fled, and went away into the city, and related all these things, as also concerning the demoniacs. 34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they intreated Him to depart from their coasts.

9 And He entered into the ship and passed over, and came to his own city: **2** and behold, they brought to Him one that had the palsy laid on a couch: and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, Take heart my son, for thy sins are forgiven thee. **3** Upon which, some of the scribes said in themselves, This man blasphemeth: but Jesus knowing their surmises, **4** said to them, Why think ye evil in your hearts? **5** For which is easier? To say, thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say, rise up and walk? **6** but that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, Arise (saith He then to the paralytic) and take up thy couch, and go away to thy house. **7** And he rose up and

went away to his own house. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they were amazed, and glorified God, who had given such power to men. 9 And as Jesus was passing from thence, He saw a man sitting at the custom-house, named Matthew; and He saith to him, Follow me: and he rose up and followed Him. 10 And as He was sitting at table in the house of Matthew, behold, several publicans and notorious sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. **11** And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, Why doth your master eat with publicans and sinners? 12 But Jesus hearing them, said unto them, They that are in health need not a physician, but they that are ill: go therefore and learn what that means, **13** "I desire mercy rather than sacrifice:" for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. 14 Then also come to Him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the pharisees fast much, but thy disciples do not fast? 15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn, while the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they will fast. 16 As no one putteth a piece of new cloth to an old garment; for its new patch teareth away from the old garment, and the rent is made worse: **17** nor do they put new wine into old vessels; otherwise, the casks burst, and the wine is spilt, and the vessels are destroyed: but they put new wine into new vessels, and both are preserved. 18 As He was speaking these things to them, behold there came a ruler and worshipped Him, saying, My daughter is at the point of death: but come, I pray Thee, and put thy hand upon her, and she shall live: 19 and Jesus rose up, and followed him; as did also his disciples. 20 (And Io, a woman who had had a flux of

blood for twelve years, came close behind Him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 for she said within herself, If I can but touch his garment, I shall be cured. 22 And Jesus turning about, and seeing her, said, Daughter be comforted, thy faith hath cured thee. And from that time the woman was healed.) 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the musicians, and the people in confusion; 24 He saith unto them, Retire; for the child is not dead, but asleep. And they laughed at Him. 25 But when the people were put out, He went in and took hold of her hand, and the damsel rose up. 26 And the fame of it spread over all the country. 27 And as Jesus was going from thence, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, Have compassion on us, O Son of David. 28 And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, Do ye believe that I am able to do this? and they say unto Him, Yes Lord. 29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done unto you: and their eyes were opened. 30 And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, Do not divulge it: but 31 they went out and spread his fame through all that country. 32 And as they were going out, there was brought to Him a dumb man, a demoniac: 33 and when the demon was cast out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes were amazed, saying, there had never been seen the like in Israel: 34 but the pharisees said, he casts out devils by the prince of the devils. 35 Now Jesus went round to all the cities, and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, and healing every disease, and every malady among the people. 36 And when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion towards them; because they were dispersed

and scattered like sheep that have no shepherd: **37** upon which He saith to his disciples, The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers few: **38** therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send out laborers into his harvest.

 $\mathbf{10}$ And He called unto Him his twelve disciples, and gave them power over impure spirits, even to cast them out; and to cure all diseases and every malady whatsoever. 2 Now these are the names of the twelve apostles: first Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; 3 Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus, and Lebbeus who was surnamed Thaddeus; 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, even he that betrayed Him. 5 These twelve did Jesus send forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not among the gentiles, neither enter into any city of the Samaritans: 6 but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand: and in confirmation of your doctrine heal the sick, a cleanse the leprous, raise the dead, cast out demons; and as ye have received freely, freely give. 9 Take not gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses: take no bag for your journey, 10 nor two coats, nor shoes, nor weapons; for the laborer is worthy of his food. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye enter, inquire who in it is a worthy person, and there remain till ye leave the place. 12 And when ye come into the house, salute them: **13** and if the family be worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if they be not worthy, your salutation shall return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hearken to your words; when ye come out of that house or city, shake off the very dust of your feet: 15 for I tell you verily, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and

Gomorrha, in the day of judgement, than for that city. 16 Behold I send you forth as sheep into the midst of wolves: be ye therefore prudent as serpents, and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of evil men; for they will deliver you up to their councils, and will scourge you in their synagogues. **18** And ye shall be brought before governors and kings on my account, for a testimony to them and to the nations: **19** but when they take you up, be not sollicitous how, or what ye shall say; for ye shall be taught in that very instant what ye shall speak: for it is not you that speak, 20 but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh by you. 21 Brother shall betray his brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death: 22 and ye shall be hated by all men for professing my name; but he that perseveres to the end shall certainly be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in one city, flee into another: for verily I tell you, ye shall not finish your commission through the cities of Israel, before the Son of man shall come. 24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord: 25 it is sufficient sure for the disciple that he be treated as his master, and the servant as his lord. If then they call the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more his domestics? 26 Be not therefore afraid of them; for there is nothing hid, that shall not be revealed; nor secret, that shall not be made known. 27 What I say to you in private, declare ye in public: and what ye hear as in the ear, preach ye as from the house-tops. 28 And be not afraid of them, who can only kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him, who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Geenna g1067) 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and not one of them shall fall to the ground without

the will of your Father: 30 and even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Therefore be not afraid, ye are of more worth than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever then shall own me before men, I also will own him before my Father, who is in heaven: 33 but whosoever shall disown me before men, him will I also disown before my Father who is in heaven. 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to bring peace but division. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: 36 and those of a man's own family shall be his enemies. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me: 38 and he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that would save his life shall lose it; and he, that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it. 40 He that receiveth you, receiveth me: and he that receiveth me, receiveth Him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet as a prophet, shall have a prophet's reward: and he that receive h a righteous man as such, shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to one of these mean persons but a cup of cold water to drink, as my disciple, I assure you, he shall not lose his reward.

11 And when Jesus had made an end of giving orders to his twelve disciples, He departed from thence to teach and preach in their cities. **2** Now when John heard in prison of the works of Christ, **3** he sent two of his disciples to ask Him, Art thou He who was to come, or are we to expect another? **4** And Jesus said to them in answer, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: **5** the blind are restored to sight, and the lame

walk; the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear; the dead are raised to life, and the poor have the gospel preached to them: 6 and happy is the man who shall not be offended at any thing in me. 7 And as they departed, Jesus took occasion to say to the people concerning John, What went ye out into the desert to see? a reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what went ye out to see? a man clad in fine attire? they that wear rich clothes are in the palaces of kings. 9 But what did ye indeed go out to see? a prophet? Yes, verily, and one superior to a prophet. 10 For this is he, of whom it is written, "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee." 11 For I assure you that in the whole human race there hath not risen a greater than John the baptist: though the lest in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he: 12 and from the days of John the baptist to this time, the kingdom of heaven is as it were forced into, and the most pressing seize upon it with eagerness. 13 For all the prophets, and the law, did no more than prophesy, till John came: 14 and, if ye are willing to receive the truth, This is that Elias who was to come. 15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 16 But to what shall I compare this generation? they are like children sitting in the market-places, **17** and calling to their companions, and saying "We have sung and ye have not danced; we have mourned, and ye have not lamented:" 18 for John came neither eating nor drinking as others do, and they say, He is beside himself: 19 the Son of man came eating and drinking like other men, and they call Him a gluttonous man, and a wine-bibber, and a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified by her children. 20 Then began He to upbraid the cities, in which most of his miracles were wrought; because they did not repent.

21 Wo unto thee, Chorazin; wo unto thee, Bethsaida: for if the miracles wrought among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes: 22 therefore I tell you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgement, than for you. 23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted even to heaven, shalt be cast down to hell: for if the miracles, which have been wrought in thee, had been wrought in Sodom, it would have remained unto this day. (Hades g86) 24 Moreover I tell you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement, than for thee. 25 And upon this occasion Jesus opened his mouth and said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and knowing, and hast revealed them to babes: 26 even so, Father, for it was thy good pleasure that so it should be." 27 All things are delivered to me by my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, but the Father; nor does any one know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom the Son is pleased to reveal Him. 28 Come unto me therefore all ye who are labouring and oppressed, and I will give you ease. 29 Take but my yoke upon you, and learn of me, (for I am meek and lowly in heart,) and ye shall find refreshment to your souls: 30 for my yoke is easy, and my burthen is light.

12 About this time as Jesus passed through the cornfields on the sabbath-day, his disciples being hungry began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat them. **2** And when the pharisees saw it they said to Him, See, thy disciples are doing what is not lawful for them to do on the sabbath. **3** But He replied, Have ye not read what David did, when he, and his attendants, were hungry? how he went into the house of God, **4** and did eat the shew-

bread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, nor those that were with him; but for the priests only? or have ye not read in the law, 5 what profane sort of work the priests do in the temple on the sabbath-days, and yet are blameless? 6 But I tell you, that a greater than the temple is here: 7 and if ye had known what that scripture means, "I desire mercy rather than sacrifice," ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath. 9 And he went away and came into their synagogue: and there being a man there who had a withered hand, 10 they asked Him, if it were lawful to heal on the sabbath-days? that they might accuse Him. 11 But He said unto them, What man of you shall have one of his sheep fall into a pit on the sabbath-day, and will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 And of how much more worth is a man than a sheep? Sure then it is lawful to do good on the sabbath-days. 13 Then saith He to the man, Stretch out thine hand: and he stretched it out, and it was made sound like the other. 14 But the pharisees went out of the synagogue and took counsel together against Him, how they might destroy Him: 15 but Jesus knew it, and withdrew from thence; and great multitudes followed Him with their sick, 16 and he healed them all, charging them not to make Him known: 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant whom I have chosen, 18 my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon Him, and He shall declare judgement to the nations: He shall not contend, 19 nor cry aloud, nor shall any one hear his voice in the streets: 20 a bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax he will not extinguish, till He send forth judgement victorious. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles hope. 22 Then was brought

to Him a demoniac, who was blind and dumb; and he healed Him, so that the blind and dumb man both spake and saw: 23 and all the multitudes were amazed, and said, "Is not this the Son of David?" 24 which the pharisees hearing, said, "He only casts out demons by the help of Beelzebub the prince of the devils." 25 But Jesus, who well knew their thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself becomes desolate; and no city, or family, divided against itself can stand: 26 if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub, by whom do your own people cast them out? wherefore they shall be your judges: 28 but if I by the Spirit of God cast out devils, then certainly the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or, how can any one enter into the house of a strong man, and take away his goods, unless he first overpower the strong man? and then indeed he may strip his house. 30 He that is not with me, is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth. 31 Wherefore, I tell you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men; but the blasphemy against the holy Spirit shall not be forgiven them: 32 and if any one speak against the Son of man, it may be forgiven him: but if any one speak against the holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this life, nor in that to come. (aion g165) 33 Either allow the tree to be good, and it's fruit good; or shew the tree to be corrupt, and it's fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by it's fruit. 34 O race of vipers, how can ye speak good things, who are yourselves so wicked? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart produceth good things; and a wicked man out of the

wicked treasure uttereth wicked things: 36 but I tell you, that of every idle word, which men shall speak, they shall give an account in the day of judgement; for by thy words thou shalt be justified, 37 and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. 38 Then some of the scribes and pharisees answered Him, saying, Master, we should be glad to see a sign from thee: 39 but He replied and said unto them, This wicked and degenerate race demand a sign; but no sign shall be given them, except that of the prophet Jonah: 40 for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 So that the men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgement against this generation, and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold a greater than Jonas is here. 42 The queen of the South too, shall rise up in the day of judgement against this generation, and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold a greater than Solomon is here. 43 Now when an impure spirit is gone out of a man, he wanders through dry desert places, seeking rest, and findeth none: 44 then saith he, I will return into my house, that I came out of; and when he cometh, he findeth it empty, swept, and set off to advantage: 45 then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and so the last state of that man is worse than the first. And thus shall it be to this wicked generation. 46 Now as He was yet discoursing to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, and desired to speak to Him: 47 and somebody said to Him, "Here are thy mother and thy brethren standing without, desiring to speak to thee." 48 But in answer to

him that told Him, He said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" **49** and stretching out his hand towards his disciples, He said, "Behold my mother and my brethren:" **50** for whosoever doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is to me as my brother and sister and mother.

13 Now on the same day, Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the sea-side: 2 and many people were gathered together to bear Him, so that He went into a ship and sat down, and all the multitude stood upon the shore; and He spake to them many things in parables, 3 saying, "Behold a sower went out to sow; 4 and as he was sowing, some seeds fell by the way-side, and the birds came and ate them up: 5 some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and they soon sprung up indeed, because they had no depth of earth; 6 but when the sun rose, they were burnt up, and withered; because they had no root: 7 and others fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: 8 but others fell on good ground, and yielded fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." 10 And the disciples came to Him and said, Why dost thou speak to them in parables? 11 And He answered them, saying, Because it is granted unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not granted: 12 for whosoever really hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundantly; but whosoever thus hath not, even that which he hath, shall be taken away from him: 13 for this reason I speak to them in parables; because though they see, they will not see; and though they hear, they will not hear, nor understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, Ye shall hear by the hearing of the ear, and not

understand; and in seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: for the heart of this people is grown stupid, 15 and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes; least they should see at all with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear: 17 for indeed I tell you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see the things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear what ye hear, and have not heard them. 18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the gospel-kingdom, 19 and regardeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and snatcheth away that which was sown in his heart: this is he who received the seed as by the way-side. 20 And he who received the seed as upon stony grounds, is one that heareth the word and immediately receiveth it with joy: **21** yet hath he no root in himself, and therefore is but for a short season; and when affliction cometh, or persecution on account of the word, he is as soon disgusted. 22 And he that received the seed among the thorns, is one that likewise heareth the word; but the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches choketh the word, and so it becometh unfruitful. (aion g165) 23 But he who received the seed into good ground, is one that heareth and understandeth the word, who indeed beareth fruit, and yieldeth, like fertile lands, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. 24 Another parable propounded He unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man, who sowed good grain in his ground: 25 but while men were asleep, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. 26 Now when the blade shot forth, and produced the corn, then the

tares also appeared. 27 So the servants came to their master, and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? whence then are the tares? 28 And he said unto them, Some enemy hath done this. The servants therefore said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, No: least in plucking up the tares ye root up the corn along with them. 30 Let both grow together till harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather the weeds together, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but carry the wheat into my barn. 31 Another parable delivered He unto them, saying, The gospel-kingdom is like a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. 32 Which is indeed one of the lest of all seeds: but when it is grown, is the greatest among herbs, and even becometh a tree; so that the birds of the air come and lodge in it's branches. 33 Another parable spake He unto them, saying, The gospel-kingdom is like leaven, which a woman took and put into a large quantity of dough, till the whole was leavened. 34 All these things spake Jesus in parables to the multitudes; and at this time He spake nothing to them without a parable: 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables, I will publish things which have been concealed from the foundation of the world. 36 Then Jesus leaving the multitude went into the house; and his disciples came to Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field: 37 and He answered them, and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 the field is the world; the good seed are the children of my kingdom; and the tares are the children of the wicked one. **39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world;

and the reapers are the angels. (aion g165) 40 As therefore the tares are gathered together, and burnt in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world: (aion g165) 41 the Son of man will send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all that commit offences, and those who do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire, 42 and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 But the righteous shall then shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hid in a field, which a man having found conceals, and being rejoiced at it goes and sells all that he has, and purchases that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking precious pearls, 46 who, having found one of great value, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net, that was cast into the sea, and inclosed fishes of various sorts; 48 which, when it was full, they dragged to the shore, and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, and threw out the bad. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and separate the wicked from among the righteous; (aion g165) 50 and shall cast them into the fiery furnace, and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 51 Then saith Jesus unto them, Did ye understand all these? they say unto Him, Yes, Lord: and He said unto them, 52 Therefore every teacher, who has been thus instructed in the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven, is like a master of a family, who brings forth out of his store things new and old. 53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence: 54 and came into his own country, and taught them in their synagogues; so that they were amazed and said, Whence

hath this man this wisdom and these powers? **55** Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? **56** and his sisters, are they not all here among us? from whence then hath this man all these things? **57** So they were prejudiced against Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is no where less honoured than in his own country, and in his own family. **58** And he did not many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

 $\mathbf{14}_{At}$ that time Herod the tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus, 2 and said to his servants, This is John the baptist, he is certainly risen from the dead, and therefore miraculous things are done by him: 3 for Herod had apprehended John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; 4 for John said to Him, It is not lawful for thee to have her: and he would have put him to death, 5 but that he was afraid of the people; for they esteemed him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birth-day was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod, so 7 that he promised her with an oath to give her whatever she would ask: 8 and she, being before instructed by her mother, said, Give me here in a dish the head of John the baptist: 9 at which the king was distressed, but because of his oath, and of those who sat at table with him, he ordered it to be given her; 10 and he sent and beheaded John in the prison, 11 and his head was brought in a dish, and given to the young princess, who carried it to her mother: 12 and his disciples came and took up the body and buried it, and then went and told Jesus. 13 And when Jesus heard it, He departed from thence in a ship to a solitary place of retirement: but the people hearing where He was followed Him on foot from the

cities: 14 and when Jesus came out of the ship, He saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them; and He healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening his disciples came to Him and said, This is a desert place, and meal-time is now past; dismiss the people, that they may go away to the towns, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said to them, they have no need to go away, do ye give them something to eat. 17 And they said, we have nothing here but five loaves and two fishes: 18 and He said, bring them hither to me. 19 And having ordered the multitudes to sit down upon the grass, and taken the five loaves and the two fishes. He looked up to heaven and blessed them; and He brake the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the people: and they did all eat, and were satisfied; 20 and they took up what was left even of fragments twelve baskets full. 21 Now they that had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. 22 And presently after Jesus obliged the disciples to get into the ship, and to go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the multitudes: 23 and when He had dismissed them, He went up to a hill in private to pray. 24 And in the evening He was there alone. Now the ship was by this time in the midst of the sea, and violently tossed by the waves; for the wind was contrary: 25 but in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them walking on the sea: 26 and when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were affrighted and said, It is an apparition; 27 and they cried out for fear: but Jesus immediately spake to them, saying, Take courage, it is I, be not afraid. 28 Then Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be thou, command me to come unto thee upon the waters. 29 And He said, Come. 30 And Peter went

down from the ship and walked upon the waters to go to Jesus: but seeing the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink cried out, Lord, save me. **31** And Jesus, immediately stretching forth his hand, laid hold of him, and saith to him, O man of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? **32** So they got into the ship, and the wind ceased. **33** Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Thou art indeed the Son of God. **34** And they passed over and came into the country of Gennesaret. **35** And the men of that place getting knowledge of Him, sent into all that country about; and they brought to Him all that were ill; **36** and intreated Him that they might but touch the border of his garment; and as many as touched Him were made perfectly well.

 $\mathbf{15}_{\mathsf{Then}}$ came to Jesus the scribes and pharisees from Jerusalem saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat. 3 But He answered and said unto them, And why do ye transgress the commandment of God for your tradition? 4 For God commanded saying, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, He that revileth father or mother, let him be put to death: 5 but ye say, If any man say to his father or mother, "that which thou mightest be profited by from me is a gift to the temple," 6 and so honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. And thus have ye made void the commandment of God by your tradition. 7 Well did Esaias prophecy concerning you, 8 saying, This people approach me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me: 9 but in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the injunctions of men. 10 And He called the multitude to Him, and said unto them, Hear and understand

it: **11** not that which goeth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this polluteth the man. 12 Whereupon his disciples came and said to Him, Dost thou know that the pharisees, when they heard this assertion, were offended at it? 13 But He answered and said, Every plantation which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up. 14 Regard them not; for they are blind guides of the blind: and if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch. 15 Then Peter answered, and said unto Him, Explain to us this parable. 16 And Jesus replied, Are ye also still void of understanding? 17 Do ye not yet know, that whatever goeth into the mouth passeth to the belly and is discharged downwards? 18 But the things, which proceed out of the mouth, come from the heart, and those defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed wicked disputings, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, falsewitnessings, slanders: 20 these defile a man, but to eat without washing the hands doth not defile him. 21 And Jesus went from thence, and retired into the parts adjacent to Tyre and Sidon. 22 And there came out of those quarters a Canaanitish woman, and cried to Him saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; for my daughter is grievously tormented by a demon. 23 But he answered her not a word: and his disciples came and intreated Him, saying, Send her away, for she crieth importunately after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 However, she came and worshipped Him, saying, Lord help me. 26 But he answered, It is not fit to take the children's bread and throw it to dogs: and she said, True, Lord; 27 yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the table of their masters. 28 Then

Jesus answering, said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it therefore unto thee as thou desirest. And her daughter was cured from that very hour. 29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came near to the sea of Galilee; and going up to a mountain He sat down there. 30 And great multitudes came to Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others; and laid them at the feet of Jesus, and He healed them. 31 So that the people wondered when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed become sound, the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Israel. 32 Then Jesus called his disciples to Him and said, I am moved with compassion to the multitude, for they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: I will not let them go away fasting, least they faint in the way. 33 And his disciples replied, Whence can we have so much bread in this desert place as to satisfy so great a multitude? 34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? and they said, Seven, and a few small fishes. 35 Then He bid the people sit down on the ground; 36 and taking the seven loaves and the fishes, when He had given thanks, He brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 37 And they did all eat, and were satisfied: and they took up what was left even of fragments seven baskets full. 38 Now they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. 39 Then he dismissed the multitudes, and went into a ship, and came to the coasts of Magdala.

16 And the pharisees and sadducees came to Him, and captiously asked Him to shew them a sign from heaven. **2** But He answered them, In the evening ye say, It will be fair weather,

for the sky is red: 3 and in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day, for the sky is red and lowring. Ye hypocrites, can ye distinguish the appearance of the sky, and not discern the signs of these times? 4 This wicked and degenerate race demand a sign; but no sign shall be given them, except that of the prophet Jonah. And so He left them and went away. 5 Now when his disciples departed to the other side, they forgot to take bread with them: 6 and therefore when Jesus said to them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the pharisees and of the sadducees, 7 they said one to another, It is because we have taken no bread. 8 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said to them, O ye of little faith, why do ye argue among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye not yet understand, nor remember the five loaves divided among five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 10 nor the seven loaves among four thousand, and how many baskets-full ye took away? 11 How is it then that ye do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread, when I bid you to beware of the leaven of the pharisees and of the sadducees? 12 Then they understood, that He did not bid them beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the pharisees and of the sadducees. 13 And when Jesus came into the parts of Cesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am? 14 And they answered, Some say thou art John the Baptist, others Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 But, saith He unto them, whom do ye say that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus replied and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon son of Jonas, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it

unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say unto thee, as thou art called Peter, so upon this rock, which thou hast confessed, will I build my church, and the gates of death shall not prevail against it. (Hades g86) 19 And I will give 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. 20 Then charged He his disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Messiah. 21 And from that time began Jesus to acquaint his disciples, that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, and chief priests, and scribes; and be put to death, and be raised again on the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him and began to expostulate with Him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: may this never be unto thee. 23 But He turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan, thou art an offence to me; for thou regardest not the things of God, but those that be of men. 24 Then said Jesus to his disciples, If any one is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me: 25 for he that would save his life shall lose it; but he that would lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give as a ransom for his soul? 27 For the Son of man will come in the glory of his father, with his angels, and then he will recompense every one according to his practice. 28 And I tell you of a truth, there be some of those standing here, who shall not taste of death, till they have seen the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17 And after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up to a high mountain apart;

2 and was transfigured before them: and his face shone like the sun, and his raiment became white as the light. **3** And they saw Moses and Elias talking with Him. 4 Then Peter said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou pleasest, let us make three tabernacles here, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 And as he was speaking, lo a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, Rise up and be not afraid. 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw none but Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of man be risen from the dead. 10 And his disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say, that Elias must first come? 11 Jesus said unto them, Elias doth indeed come first, and shall set all things right. 12 But I tell you that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but did what they pleased to him: and so is the Son of man to suffer by them. 13 Then the disciples understood that He spake to them of John the baptist. 14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a man kneeling down and saying, 15 Lord, have compassion upon my son, for he is lunatic and grievously afflicted; for he often falleth into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not heal him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? 18 Bring him here to me. And when Jesus rebuked him, the demon departed out of him, and the

child was cured from that time. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus in private, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, because of your unbelief: for verily I tell you, if ye had but faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye might say to this mountain, Remove from hence thither, and it shall remove: and nothing would be impossible to you. 21 But this kind is not to be cast out but by prayer and fasting. 22 And while they were in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, the Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men: 23 and they will put Him to death, and the third day He shall be raised again. And they were exceedingly grieved. 24 And when they were come to Capernaum, the receivers of the tribute-money came to Peter and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? Yes, saith he. 25 And when he came into the house, Jesus prevented him and said, What thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of other people? 26 Peter saith unto Him, Of others. Jesus answered him, Then are the children free: 27 but that we may not give them offence, go to the sea-side and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and open its mouth, and thou shalt find a piece of money: that take and give them for me and thee.

18 At that time came the disciples to Jesus, saying, Who is to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? **2** And Jesus calling to Him a little child, set it in the midst of them, **3** and said, Verily I declare unto you, unless ye be converted, and become like little children, ye shall never enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, he shall be greatest in the kingdom of heaven: **5** and whoever shall receive one such little child for my sake, receiveth me: **6**

but whosoever shall lay a stumbling-block in the way of one of these little ones, who believe in me, it were better for him that a milstone were hung on his neck, and that he were thrown into the sea. 7 Wo will be to the world from such offenses; for it is of necessity that offenses come: but wo to that man by whom the offense cometh. 8 If then thy hand or thy foot cause thee to offend, cut them off and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire: (aionios g166) 9 and if thine eye cause thee to offend, pluck it out and cast it from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life with but one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell-fire. (Geenna g1067) 10 See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I tell you, that their angels in heaven do continually appear in the presence of my father, who is in heaven: 11 for the Son of man came from thence to save that which was lost. **12** What think ye? if any man had an hundred sheep, and one of them should go astray, would he not leave the ninety and nine, and go upon the hills, and seek that which is gone astray? 13 And if he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more on account of that, than of the ninety nine which went not astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your heavenly Father, that any one of these little ones should be lost. 15 And if thy brother trespass against thee, go and expostulate with him alone; if he hearken to thee, thou hast gained thy brother: 16 but if he regard thee not, take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he disregard them, tell it to the church: but if he disregard the church too, let him be unto thee as an heathen and a publican. 18 Verily I say

unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. 19 And I tell you moreover, that if but two of you shall agree on earth concerning any thing which they would ask for, it shall be granted them by my Father who is in heaven: 20 for where two or three are assembled together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. 21 Then Peter came to Him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother offend against me, and I forgive him? to seven times? 22 Jesus answereth him, I tell thee not, to seven times, but to seventy times seven. 23 And therefore the gospel-kingdom is like unto a king, who had a mind to settle accounts with his servants: 24 and when he began to reckon, there was brought to him one, who was debtor in ten thousand talents: 25 and not having it to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children and all that he had; and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell prostrate before him, saying, Lord, bear with me a while, and I will pay thee all: 27 and his lord had compassion on him, and discharged him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same servant, as he was going out, met with one of his fellow-servants, who owed him but an hundred pence; and he laid hold on him and seized him by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest me: 29 and his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and intreated him, saying, Bear with me a while, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went away and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 Now when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very much grieved, and came and acquainted their lord with all that had passed. 32 Then his lord called for him again, and said to him, Thou wicked slave, I forgave thee all that

vast debt at thy request, **33** and oughtest not thou to have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had on thee? **34** And his lord being highly provoked delivered him to the officers, till he should pay all that was owing to him. **35** Thus will my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts their trespasses.

19 And when Jesus had finished these discourses, He departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea, beyond Jordan: 2 and great multitudes followed Him, and there He healed them. 3 And the pharisees came to Him to ensnare Him, and asked Him, whether it was lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He, who made them at first, made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, 5 and be joined to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh: 6 so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. And therefore what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto Him, Why then did Moses order a bill of divorce to be given, and so to put her away? 8 He answered them, Moses because of your hardheartedness, permitted you to put away your wives; but it was not so from the beginning: 9 and I tell you, that whosoever putteth away his wife, except for whoredom, and marrieth another, committeth adultery; and he that marrieth her so put away committeth adultery. 10 His disciples say unto Him, if the case of a man with his wife be thus, it is not adviseable to marry: 11 but He said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying of yours, but those only who have the gift of continence: 12 for there are some eunuchs, who were born so from their mother's womb; and there be some,

who were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He that can receive this saying, let him receive it. 13 Then were brought to Him little children, that He might put his hands upon them, and bless them: and the disciples rebuked them; 14 but Jesus said, Suffer the children to come to me, and do not hinder them: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. 15 And when He had laid his hands on them, he departed thence. 16 And behold, there came one to Him, and said, Good master, what good shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (aionios g166) 17 And He said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou desirest to enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto Him, Which? And Jesus answered, Thou shalt do no murther, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and mother; 19 and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self. 20 The young man saith unto Him, All these have I kept from my youth: wherein am I yet deficient? 21 Jesus replied, If thou wouldst be perfect, go, sell thy estate, and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that, he went away sorrowful; for he had large possessions. 23 Then said Jesus to his disciples, Verily I tell you, that a rich man shall with difficulty enter into the kingdom of heaven: 24 and again I tell you, It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 His disciples, when they heard this, were exceedingly struck, and said, Who then can be saved? 26 But Jesus looking upon them said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God

all things are possible. **27** Then Peter replied and said unto Him, Behold we have quitted all and have followed thee; what then shall we have? **28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I tell you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration, when the son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel: **29** yea and every one who hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit eternal life. **(aiōnios g166) 30** But many that are first shall be last, and the last first.

20 For the gospel-kingdom is like the master of a family, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard: 2 and agreeing with the men for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard: 3 and going out about the third hour he saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing, 4 and said to them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and what is reasonable I will give you: so they went. 5 And going out again about the sixth and ninth hour he did in like manner. 6 And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing without work, and saith to them, Why stand ye here all the day doing nothing? 7 They say unto him, because no one hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatever is reasonable ye shall receive. 8 Now when evening was come, the owner of the vineyard saith to his steward, Call the work-men and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every one a penny: 10 but when the first came, they thought that they should receive more; and they also received every one a penny. 11 And after they had received

it they murmured against the master of the house, **12** saying, These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us, who have borne the burthen and heat of the day. 13 But he answered, and said to one of them, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a penny? 14 Take what is thine, and be gone: it is my pleasure to give to this last as I do to thee; 15 and may I not do what I will with my own? 16 Is thine eye evil because I am good? Thus the last shall be first, and the first last; for there are many called, but few chosen. 17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold we are going up to Jerusalem, 18 and the son of man shall be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him up to the gentiles, to insult, and to scourge, and to crucify Him. But on the third day He shall rise again. 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him, together with her two sons, falling down before Him, and presenting a petition to Him. 21 And He said unto her, What dost thou desire? She saith unto Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on the left in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask: are ye able to drink of the cup which I am going to drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 23 They replied, We are able. And He saith unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of my cup, and shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but to those for whom it is prepared by my Father. 24 And when the other ten heard it, they were provoked at the two brethren: 25 but Jesus called them to Him and said, Ye

know that the princes of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority upon them: 26 it shall not be so among you; but whosoever would be great among you, let him be your minister, and whoever would be chief among you, 27 let him be your servant: 28 as the Son of man came not to be ministred unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. 29 And as they were going from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him: 30 and behold, two blind men siting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. 31 And the people rebuked them, that they might hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. 32 And Jesus stopt and called them, and said, What do ye desire me to do for you? 33 They answered Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 And Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes; and straightway their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

21 And when they drew nigh to Jerusalem and were come to Bethphage at the mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, **2** saying unto them, Go into the village over-against you, and ye will find directly an ass tied and a colt with her: loose them and bring them to me: **3** and if any one say any thing to you, tell him the Lord hath need of them, and he will immediately send them. **4** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **5** behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, even a colt the fole of an ass. **6** And the disciples went, and did as Jesus ordered them, **7** and brought the ass and the colt, and threw their clothes over them, and set

Him upon them. 8 And great numbers spread their garments in the way, and others cut off boughs from the trees, and strewed them in the way: 9 and the multitudes, that went before and that followed, cried saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed be He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 10 And when He came into Jerusalem, all the city was in a commotion, saying, Who is this? 11 And the people answered, This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee. 12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and drove out all that were selling and buying in the court of the temple, and threw down the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves: 13 and said to them, It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer," but ye have made it a den of thieves. 14 And there came to Him in the temple both blind and lame, and He healed them: 15 but when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonders that He wrought, and the children crying out in the temple, Hosanna to the Son of David, they were vexed to the heart, and said to Him, Dost thou hear what these say? 16 And Jesus saith unto them, Yes, have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast procured praise? 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there. 18 Now in the morning as He was returning to the city, He was hungry; 19 and seeing a fig-tree by the way, He went up to it, and finding nothing upon it but leaves. He saith to it, Let no fruit ever hereafter grow out of thee: and the fig-tree withered immediately. (aion g165) 20 And the disciples seeing it were amazed and said, How suddenly is the fig-tree withered! 21 but Jesus answering said unto them, Verily I tell you, if ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only be able to do this to

a fig-tree, but also if ye shall say to this mountain, "Be thou removed and cast into the sea," it shall be done. 22 And all things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. 23 And when He was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority dost thou these things, and who gave thee this authority? 24 but Jesus answered them, I also will ask you one question, which if ye tell me, I will likewise tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves saying, If we say, from heaven, He will reply, Why then did ye not believe him? 26 But if we say, of men, we fear the people, for they all esteem John as a prophet. 27 And therefore in answer to Jesus, they said, We do not know: and He said unto them, Neither do I tell you, by what authority I do these things. 28 But what think ye of this? There was a man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go, work to day in my vineyard: 29 and he answered I will not; but afterwards repenting, he went. 30 And coming to the second, he spake in like manner: and he answered, Yes, Sir; and went not. 31 Now which of the two did the will of his father? They say unto Him, The first. Jesus replied, Verily I say unto you, that publicans and prostitutes enter into the kingdom of God before you: 32 for John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye did not believe him; but publicans and harlots believed him; and though ye saw that, ye did not repent afterwards, to believe him. 33 Hear another parable, There was a certain man, a master of a family, that planted a vineyard, and made a fence about it, and put a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen,

and travelled abroad. **34** And when the fruit-season drew near. he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive the fruits of it: 35 and the husbandmen took his servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36 And he sent again other servants more than the first: and they did the like to them. 37 At last he sent unto them his Son, saying, They will reverence my Son. 38 But when the husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, This is the heir, come, let us kill him, and seize on his inheritance: 39 so they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and slew him. 40 When therefore the lord of the vineyard cometh, what will he do to those husbandmen? 41 They answer, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out the vineyard to other husbandmen, who will render him the fruits in their seasons. 42 Then saith Jesus to them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, "The stone which the builders refused, is made the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?" 43 Therefore I tell you, that the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation, that will bring forth the fruits thereof. 44 And he that stumbleth at this stone shall be bruised, but on whomsoever it falls, it will crush him to pieces. 45 And when the chief priests and pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that He spake of them: 46 and would have seized Him, but that they were afraid of the people; because they took Him for a prophet.

22 And Jesus resuming his discourse spake unto them again in parables, **2** saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a wedding-feast for his son; **3** and sent his servants to call those that were invited to the wedding: and they would not come. **4** Then he sent other servants, saying, Tell them that are

invited, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come to the wedding. 5 But they slighted him, and went away, one to his field and another to his merchandize: 6 and others seized his servants, and shamefully abused them, and slew them. 7 And when the king heard of it, he was highly provoked, and sent his troops, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The feast is ready, but they that were invited were not worthy of it: 9 go therefore into the public streets, and as many as ye meet with invite to the wedding. 10 And those servants went out into the high-ways, and brought in all they met with, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man that had not put on a wedding-garment, and saith to him, 12 Friend, how camest thou in here without a wedding-garment? and he was struck speechless. 13 Then said the king to his attendants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him up, and throw him out into the darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth: 14 for there are many called, but few approved. 15 Then the pharisees went and consulted how they might insnare Him in his discourse. **16** And they send to Him their disciples along with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art a man of truth, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest for any man; for thou regardest not the person of men: Tell us therefore what thou thinkest, 17 Is it lawful to give tribute to Cesar, or not? 18 But Jesus knew their malice, and said, Why do ye tempt me, ye hypocrites? **19** Shew me the tribute-money. And they brought Him a Roman Penny. 20 And He saith unto them, Whose image and inscription is this? 21 They answered,

Cesar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore to Cesar the things that are Cesar's; and to God the things that are God's. 22 And when they heard this, they marvelled, and left Him and went away. 23 On the same day came the sadducees to Him, who say there is no resurrection, 24 and asked Him, saying, Master, Moses said, If any man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed unto his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brothers, and the first married and died, and having no issue left his wife to his brother; 26 likewise the second also, and the third, even to seven; 27 and last of all the woman died also; 28 therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. 29 But Jesus answered them, Ye are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God: **30** for in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels of God in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read what is spoken to you by God, 32 saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. 33 And when the people heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine. 34 But when the pharisees heard that He had silenced the sadducees, **35** they gathered together again, and one of them, an interpreter of the law, propounded a question, to try Him, 36 and said, Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: this is the first and great command. 38 And the second is like it, 39 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two precepts depend all the law and the prophets. 41 Now while the

pharisees were thus gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 saying, What think ye of the Messiah? whose son is He? They say unto Him, David's. 43 He saith unto them, How then does David by inspiration call Him Lord, 44 saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, "Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?" 45 therefore if David call Him Lord, how is He his son? 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did any dare, from that day, to ask Him any more such questions.

23 Then spake Jesus to the people and to his disciples, saying, 2 The scribes and pharisees sit in the seat of Moses: 3 observe therefore and do all things whatsoever they tell you to observe; but do not ye according to their works, for they say and do not: 4 for they bind grievous and intolerable burthens, and impose them upon men; but they themselves will not put a finger to them: **5** but they do all their works to be seen by men; they make their phylacteries broad, and enlarge the fringes of their garments, 6 and love the uppermost places at feasts, 7 and the chief seats in the synagogues, and salutations in public assemblies, and to be called by men Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your instructor even Christ, and ye are all brethren. 9 Neither call any man upon earth Father; for one is your Father, who is in heaven: 10 neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, even Christ. 11 But let him that is greatest among you be your minister: and whosoever will exalt himself shall be abased, 12 and whosoever will humble himself shall be exalted. 13 But wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites, who shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, nor suffer those that are entering to go in. 14 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites; for

ye devour widows houses, and for a cover make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive the heavier judgement. 15 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites: for ye compass sea and land to make a proselyte, and when he is gained, ye make him more the child of hell than yourselves. (Geenna g1067) 16 Wo unto you, ye blind guides, who say, If any one swear by the temple, it is nothing; 17 but if any man swear by the gold of the temple, the oath is binding. Foolish and blind creatures! for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? 18 And, If any one swear by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swear by the gift upon it, he is bound. 19 O foolish and blind! for which is greater, the gift, or the altar which sanctifieth the gift? 20 He then, that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it and by all things upon it: 21 and he, that sweareth by the temple, sweareth by it, and by Him that dwelleth in it: 22 and he, that sweareth by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by Him that sitteth upon it. 23 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites, who tithe even your mint, and anise, and cummin, but neglect the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and fidelity: these ye ought undoubtedly to practise, and not to omit the others. 24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel! 25 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites; for ye clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within they are full of rapine and intemperance: 26 thou blind pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside of them may be also clean. 27 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites; who are like whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful without, but within are full of the bones of the dead, and all manner of filthiness; 28 so do ye likewise outwardly appear to

men to be righteous, but within are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. 29 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites; who build the tombs of the prophets, and adorn the monuments of the just, 30 and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been concerned with them in shedding the blood of the prophets: 31 so that ye are witnesses yourselves, that ye are the children of those who killed the prophets: 32 fill up then the measure of your fathers, ye serpents, ye brood of vipers: 33 how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (Geenna g1067) 34 For behold I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and some of them ye will kill and crucify, and some of them ye will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel, to the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I tell you, all these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold your house shall be left you desolate: **39** for I tell you, ye shall not see me after this, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

24 And as Jesus went out, and was departing from the temple, his disciples came to observe to Him the magnificent buildings.
2 But Jesus said unto them, Do ye see all these things? Verily I tell you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be demolished.
3 And when He was got to the mount of olives, the disciples came to Him in private and said, Tell us

when these things shall be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world. (aion g165) 4 And Jesus answered them, See that no one deceive you: 5 for many shall come in my name saying, I am the Christ, and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, but be not troubled; for all these must indeed come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in several places: 8 all which are but the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they afflict you, and kill you; and ye shall be hated by all nations for my name: 10 and then will many take offense, and betray one another, and hate one another: and many false prophets will rise up and deceive many: 11 and because iniquity shall abound, 12 the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he that endures to the end, shall be saved: 14 and this gospel of the kingdom of heaven shall be preached in all the world, for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end come. 15 When therefore ye shall see the desolating abomination, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing at the holy place, (let him, that readeth, attend) then let those in Judea flee to the mountains: **16** let not him that is at the top of the house come down into it, **17** to take any thing out of his house; 18 nor let him that is in the field return back to take his clothes. **19** But wo to them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days. 20 Pray that your flight be not in the winter, nor on the sabbath: 21 for there shall be then great affliction, such as has not been from the beginning of the world unto this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days be shortened, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days

shall be shortened. 23 Then if any shall say to you, Behold here is the Messiah, or there; believe it not: 24 for there shall rise up false Christs, and false prophets, who shall shew great signs and prodigies, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 Lo, I have told you before-hand: and therefore if they say to you, 26 Behold, he is in the desert, go not out: behold, he is the secret chambers, believe them not: 27 for as the lightning cometh from the east, and flashes in an instant even to the west, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 And immediately after the affliction of those days, the fun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give it's light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the land mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming as on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory: 31 and He will send forth his messengers with a trumpet of a loud voice, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 Now learn a parable from the fig-tree: when it's branch is tender and bringeth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; 33 so ye also, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near even at the doors. 34 Verily I tell you, this generation shall not pass away, till all these be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of THAT day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only: 37 for as the days of Noah were, so shall be also the coming of the Son of man; 38 for as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and

giving in marriage, till the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 and knew not of it till the deluge came and took them all away; so shall be also the coming of the Son of man. 40 Then there shall be two in the field, the one shall be taken and the other left: 41 and two women grinding at the mill, one taken and one left. 42 Watch therefore, for ye know not at what hour your Lord cometh: 43 but this ye know, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broke open: therefore be ye also ready; 44 for the Son of man cometh at a time that ye think not of. 45 Who then is the faithful and prudent servant, whom his lord hath set over his family to give them food in due season? 46 blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so employed: 47 verily I tell you, that he will set him over his whole estate. 48 But if that servant be wicked and say in his heart, my master delayeth his coming, 49 and begin to beat his fellow-servants, and to revel with drunkards: 50 the lord of that servant will come in a day when he doth not expect him, and in an hour which he knows not, 51 and will cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with hypocrites: where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25 Then will the kingdom of heaven be like ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom: and five of them were wise, **2** and five were foolish. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps, and took no oil with them: **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels as well as in their lamps. **5** Now while the bridegroom stayed, they were all drowsy and fell asleep: **6** and in the middle of the night there was a cry, The bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him. **7** Then all the virgins rose up and

trimmed their lamps: 8 and the foolish ones said to the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out: 9 but the wise answered them, saying, Least there should not be enough for us and you, go rather to them that sell it, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the wedding-feast, and then the door was shut. 11 Afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us: 12 but he answered them, Verily I declare unto you, I do not know you. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know not the day, nor the season in which the Son of man cometh. 14 For as a man, who was going to travel abroad, called his servants, and delivered to them his stock: and to one he gave five talents, 15 to another two, and to another one; to each according to his ability: and then he took his journey. 16 Now he that had received the five talents, went and traded with them, and gained other five talents: 17 and likewise he that had the two, he also gained two more: 18 but he who had received the one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his master's money: 19 and after some time the lord of those servants cometh and settleth his account with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came and brought to him five talents more, saying, Sir, thou deliveredst to me five talents, behold I have gained other five talents to them: 21 and his lord said to him, Well done, my good and trusty servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will set thee over many, enter into thy master's joy. 22 And he also who had received the two talents came to him and said, Lord, thou deliveredst to me two talents, behold I have gained two other talents with them: 23 his lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few

things, I will set thee over many, enter into the joy of thy lord. 24 And he also who received the one talent came to him and said, Sir, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou sowedst not, and gathering where thou hast not strewed; 25 and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the ground; behold, there is thine own: 26 but his lord answered and said to him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed; 27 thou oughtest then to have put my money to the bankers, and when I came I should have received my own with interest. 28 Take ye therefore the talent from him, and give it to him that hath the ten talents; 29 (for to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him that hath not, even what he hath, or seemeth to have, shall be taken away:) 30 and cast out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31 So when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon his glorious throne: 32 and all nations shall be assembled before Him; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats: 33 and He shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. 34 Then will the king say to them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was famishing, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; 36 I was naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye took care of me; I was in prison, and ye visited me. 37 Then will the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave

thee drink? **38** and when did we see thee a stranger, and took thee in? 39 or naked, and clothed thee? and when did we see thee sick, or in prison, and visited thee? 40 And the king replying will say unto them, Verily I declare unto you, inasmuch as ye did it to one of the lest of these my brethren, ye did it to me. 41 Then will He say also to those on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (aionios g166) 42 for I was famishing, and ye gave me nothing to eat; I was a-thirst, and ye gave me no drink; 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye took no care of me. 44 Then will they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee famishing, or a-thirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not relieve thee? 45 Then will He reply to them, saying, Verily I tell you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the lest of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life everlasting. (aionios g166)

26 And when Jesus had finished these discourses, He said to his disciples, **2** Ye know that after two days the passover is to be kept, ---and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. **3** Now the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people were then assembled together into the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas: **4** and were consulting how they might take Jesus by treachery and put Him to death. **5** But they said, Not on the feast-day, least there should be a tumult among the people. **6** And when Jesus was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, **7** there came to Him a woman with an alabaster-box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head as He was at table: **8** but when his disciples saw it, they

were some of them provoked at it, and said, Wherefore is this waste? 9 for this ointment might have been sold for a great deal of money, and given to the poor. 10 But Jesus, knowing what passed, said to them, Why do ye give the woman uneasiness? for she has done a good office to me: 11 (seeing ye have the poor always with you, but me ye have not always:) for in pouring this ointment on my body, 12 she has embalmed me for my burial. 13 Verily I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached, in the whole world, what she hath done shall also be spoken of for a memorial of her. 14 About this time went one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, 15 to the chief priests, and said, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him to you? and they promised him thirty pieces of silver: 16 and from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. 17 Now upon the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, came the disciples to Jesus, saying, where wouldest thou have us make preparation for thee to eat the passover? 18 And He said, Go into the city, to such a man, and tell him, The master saith, my time is near, I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples: and the disciples did as Jesus ordered them, 19 and prepared the passover. 20 And when the evening was come, He sat down with the twelve: 21 and as they were eating, He said, Verily I tell you, that one of you will betray me. 22 And they were exceedingly grieved, and said to Him, every one of them, Lord, is it I? 23 and He answered, he that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, even he will betray me. 24 The Son of man is going indeed as it is written concerning Him: but wo to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed; it had been good for him, if that man had never been born. 25 And Judas, who betrayed Him, answered and said,

Master, is it I? and He said unto him, It is. 26 Now as they were at table, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body: 27 and He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: 28 for this is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, which is to be shed for many for the remission of sins: 29 but I tell you, that from henceforth I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out to the mount of Olives. 31 Then saith Jesus unto them, Ye will all take offence at me this night; for it is written, "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered:" 32 but after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 But Peter answered and said to Him, though they should all be offended in thee, yet will I never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I tell thee that this night, before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. 35 Peter replied, though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. And so likewise said all the disciples. 36 Then went Jesus with them to a place called Gethsemane, and saith to the disciples, Sit here, while I go there and pray: 37 and having taken with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and much distressed; 38 and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death, stay here and watch with me. **39** And going a little farther, He prostrated himself, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And coming to the disciples, he findeth them asleep, and saith to Peter, what! could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the

spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 And going away again, the second time He prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me, unless I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, to the same effect. 45 Then He cometh to his disciples and saith, Are ye sleeping still and taking your rest? behold, the hour is come, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go, see the traitor is at hand. 47 And while He was yet speaking, behold, Judas one of the twelve came, and with him a great number, with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people: 48 (now he that betrayed Him, had given them a signal, saying, The man whom I shall kiss is He, lay hold of Him:) 49 and going directly up to Jesus, he said, Hail master, and kissed Him. 50 And Jesus said to him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? then they came up and laid hands on Jesus, and apprehended Him. 51 And one of them that were with Jesus, stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and striking at the high priest's servant took off his ear. 52 Then said Jesus to him, Put up thy sword into it's place; for they that take the sword shall perish by the sword: 53 dost thou think that I cannot now apply to my Father, and He will send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 but how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, which say that thus it must be? 55 Then said Jesus to the multitudes, Ye are come out as against a thief with swords and clubs to take me, whereas I sat with you day after day teaching in the temple, and ye did not seize me: but all this is done, 56 that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. 57 Then all the disciples deserted

Him and fled. And they, that apprehended Jesus, led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled: 58 and Peter followed Him at a distance, to the high-priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, that he might see the issue. **59** Now the chief priests and elders, and the whole council sought false-witness against Jesus, that they might put Him to death: but found none. 60 And tho' many false witnesses came, they found none to their purpose. But at last came two false witnesses and said, 61 This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. 62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, Dost thou make no answer? what do these men testify against thee? but Jesus made no reply. 63 Then the high priest said to Him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us, if thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, It is as thou hast said: and I tell you, hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy, what need have we more of witnesses? now ye have heard his blasphemy, what think ye? 66 and they answered, He ought to be put to death. 67 Then did they spit in his face, and beat Him about the head; and some struck Him with rods, 68 saying, Divine to us, thou Christ, who it is that smote thee. 69 Now Peter was sitting without in the hall, and one of the maids came to him and said, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee: 70 but he denied it before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. 71 And he went out into the porch; after which another maid saw him, and said to them that were there, This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth: 72 and he denied a second time,

and that with an oath, saying, I know not the man. And a little after, they that stood by came to Peter and said, **73** Verily thou also art one of them, for thy speech discovers thee: **74** then he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. **75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, who had said to him, before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

 $\mathbf{27}_{And}$ as soon as it was morning all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, how to get Him executed: 2 so they bound Him and led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the Roman governor. 3 Then Judas, who had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, being struck with remorse, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, 4 saying, I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood: but they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. 5 And he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests took up the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury of the temple, because it is the price of blood: 7 so they consulted together, and bought with them the potter's field for a burying-ground for strangers: 8 and therefore that field is called the field of blood to this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was estimated, on whom the children of Israel set the price, 10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. 11 And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, saying, Art thou the king of the Jews? And Jesus answered him, It is as thou sayest. 12 And when he was accused by the

chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. 13 Then saith Pilate to Him, Dost thou not hear how many things they witness against thee? 14 but He answered him not one word: so that the governor was much astonished. 15 Now the governor used at the feast to release a prisoner to the people, whomsoever they desired: 16 and they had then a notorious malefactor named Barabbas. 17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? 18 Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ? for he knew that out of envy they had delivered Him up. 19 (And while he was sitting on the tribunal, his wife sent to him, saying, Have nothing to do with that righteous man: for I have suffered much in a dream to day on his account.) 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the common people to ask for Barabbas, and so to destroy Jesus. 21 And the governor said to them, Which of the two would you have me release to you? and they said, Barabbas. 22 What shall I do then, saith Pilate, with Jesus, who is called Christ? They all cried out, Let Him be crucified. 23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath He done? but they cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified. 24 Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just man, look ye to it: 25 and all the people answered and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. 26 Then he released to them Barabbas: but he ordered Jesus to be scourged, and delivered Him to be crucified. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the hall, and gathered the whole band about Him: **28** and when they had stript Him, they covered Him with a scarlet robe; 29 and

having platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him in derision, saying, Hail king of the Jews: 30 and they spit upon Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. 31 And after they had thus abused Him, they took off the scarlet robe from Him, and put on Him his own clothes, and led Him away to be crucified. 32 And as they were going along they met with a man of Cyrene, whose name was Simon; and forced him to carry the cross. 33 And when they were come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, 34 the place of a skull, they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: but when He had tasted it, He would not drink. 35 And after they had fixed Him to the cross, they parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. 36 And they sat down and watched Him there: and put up over his head his accusation in writing, 37 THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 And there were two thieves crucified with Him: one on his right hand, and one on the left. 39 And they that passed by reviled Him, shaking their heads, 40 and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it again in three days, save thyself: if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 And in like manner the chief priests also insulting Him, with the scribes and elders, 42 said, He saved others, himself He cannot save: if He be the king of Israel, let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe Him: 43 He trusted in God, let Him deliver Him now, if He will own Him; for He said, I am the Son of God. 44 And one of the thieves also, that were crucified with Him, cast the same reproach upon Him. 45 Now from the sixth hour to the ninth

there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani," that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 And some of them that stood by, hearing Him, said, He calls upon Elias: 48 and immediately one of them ran, and took a spunge, and having filled it with vinegar put it upon a reed, and offered it Him to drink; 49 the rest said, Stay, let us see whether Elias will come and save Him. 50 But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice; and then gave up the ghost. 51 And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split: 52 and the graves opened, and many bodies of departed saints arose, 53 and coming out of the graves, after his resurrection, went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 54 And when the centurion, and they that were with him guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake, and what was done, they were sore afraid, and said, This was indeed the Son of God. 55 And several women were there looking on at a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministring unto Him: 56 among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. 57 And in the evening, there came a rich man of Arimathea, whose name was Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus, and went to Pilate, 58 and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the body to be delivered to him; 59 and Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had had cut out in the rock; and when he had rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, he went away: 61 but there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary sitting over against the

sepulchre. **62** Now the next day after the preparation, the chief priests and pharisees went together to Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that this impostor, **63** when He was alive, said, After three days I will rise again: **64** order therefore the sepulchre to be secured till the third day, least his disciples should come and steal Him away, and tell the people, He is risen from the dead: and so the last error will be worse than the first. **65** But Pilate said to them, Ye have a guard of your own, go and make it as secure as ye will. **66** So they went and made the sepulchre safe, sealing the stone, and setting a guard to watch it.

 $\mathbf{28}_{\mathrm{Now}}$ after the sabbath, in the dawning towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, to look at the sepulchre: 2 and behold, there had been a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descending from heaven, had come and rolled away the stone from the door, and was sitting upon it: 3 (and his countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men:) 5 and the angel said to the women, Be not ye afraid: for I know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay: 7 and go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you into Galilee; there ye shall see Him; lo, I have told you. 8 And they went immediately from the sepulchre, with fear, and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And as they were going to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them and said, God save you. And they drew near and embraced his feet, and worshipped Him. 10 Then saith Jesus unto them, Be not afraid, go tell my brethren to repair into Galilee, and there they shall

see me. 11 Now while they were going, behold some of the guard came into the city, and told the chief priests all that had happened: 12 and they assembled with the elders, and taking counsel together gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 saying, Do you say, that his disciples came by night, and stole Him away, while we were asleep. 14 And if this should come to a hearing before the governor, we will satisfy him, and indemnify you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were instructed: and this is commonly reported among the Jews to this day. 16 And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me both in heaven and on earth. 19 Go ye therefore and instruct all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, 20 and of the holy Ghost, and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen. (aion g165)

Mark

 ${f 1}$ The beginning of the gospel of JESUS CHRIST the Son of GOD. 2 As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee:" 3 and again, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight:" accordingly John came baptizing in the wilderness, 4 and preaching the baptism of repentance in order to the remission of sins; 5 and all the country of Judea, and those of Jerusalem, went out to him, and were all baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camels hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins, and he lived upon locusts and wild honey: and he preached, 7 saying, There cometh after me one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop and unloose. 8 I indeed have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the holy Spirit. 9 And in those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in Jordan: 10 and as soon as He came up from the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him. 11 And there was a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 12 And immediately the Spirit taketh Him out into the wilderness: 13 and He was there in the wilderness forty days tempted by Satan, and among the wild beasts: and angels ministred unto Him. 14 Now after John was cast into prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel. 16 And as He was walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, 17 (for they were fishermen,) and Jesus said unto them, Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men: 18 and immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 19 And going a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship, mending their nets, and immediately called them likewise: 20 and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the men he had hired, and went along with Him. 21 And they went into Capernaum: and going directly into the synagogue on the sabbath, He taught the people: and they were astonished at his doctrine; 22 for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an impure spirit, 24 and he cried out, saying, Let us alone, what have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee, who thou art, the holy one of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come out of him: and the impure spirit threw him into convulsions, 26 and roaring with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they inquired of each other, saying, What is this, what new kind of doctrine is this? for He commands with authority even the impure spirits, and they obey Him. **28** And straitway his fame spread into all the country round about Galilee. 29 And as soon as they came out of the synagogue, they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, together with James and John. 30 And Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever: and they immediately told Him of her: 31 and He came to her, and taking her by the hand raised her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she waited upon them. 32 And in the evening, when the sun set, they brought to Him all that were ill, and demoniacs: 33 and the whole city was gathered

together at the door; 34 and He healed many that were ill of various diseases, and cast out many devils, and suffered not the devils to say that they knew Him. 35 And in the morning, before it was light, He rose up and went out, and retired into a solitary place, and there prayed. 36 And Simon, and they that were with him, went in guest of Him: **37** and when they found Him, they said to Him, all the people are seeking for thee. 38 And He saith unto them, Let us go into the neighbouring towns, that I may preach there also; for this was the end of my coming. 39 And He went preaching in their synagogues, through all Galilee, and casting out devils. 40 And there came to Him a leper, beseeching Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying unto Him, If thou wilt, thou canst cleanse me: 41 and Jesus, being moved with compassion, stretched out his hand and touched him, and saith unto Him, I will; 42 be thou healed: and as soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was healed. 43 And he gave him a strict charge, and immediately dismissed him, 44 and saith unto him, See thou tell no man: but go, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy purification what Moses has commanded, for a testimony to them. 45 But when he was gone he began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the report: so that Jesus could no more go openly into the city, but kept out in country places: and they came to Him from all parts.

2 And after some days He went again into Capernaum; and it being heard that He was in the house, **2** great numbers were immediately gathered together, so that there was no more room to contain them, not even about the door: and as he was preaching the word unto them, **3** there came some to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men: **4** and not

being able to come near to Him for the croud, they uncovered the roof where He was, and when they had made an openning, they let down the couch on which the paralytic was laid. 5 And Jesus, seeing their faith, saith to him that had the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven thee. 6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God? 8 And Jesus, who knew immediately in his spirit that they were thus reasoning within themselves, said unto them, Why do ye dispute these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Rise, take up thy couch, and walk? 10 But that ye may know, that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, 11 I say unto thee (saith He to the paralytic,) Arise, and take up thy couch, and go thy way to thine own house. 12 And he instantly arose, and taking up his couch, went out before them all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, we never saw the like. 13 And He went out again towards the sea-side, and all the people resorted to Him, and He taught them. 14 And as He went along, He saw Levi the son of Alpheus, sitting at the receit of custom, and saith unto him, Follow me: and he rose up and followed Him. 15 And as He sat at table in his house, many publicans and sinners also sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed Him. 16 And the scribes and pharisees, when they saw Him eating with publicans and sinners, said to his disciples, What is the meaning that He eateth with publicans and sinners? 17 Which Jesus hearing, saith unto them, They that are in health have no need of a physician, but they that are ill: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. 18 And as the disciples of John,

and of the pharisees used to fast, they came to Him, saying, Why do the disciples of John and of the pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? 19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the bridemen fast, when the bridegroom is with them? while the bridegroom is with them, they cannot fast: 20 but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them; and then shall they fast. 21 No man seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; otherwise, it's new patch teareth from the old, and the rent is made worse: 22 nor does any one put new wine into old vessels; otherwise the new wine bursteth the vessels, and the wine is spilt, and the vessels are destroyed: but new wine should be put into new vessels. 23 And as He was going thro' the corn-fields on the sabbath-day, his disciples began as they went along to pluck the ears of corn. 24 And the pharisees said to Him, See, why do they what is not lawful to be done on the sabbath-day? 25 And He said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, in his necessity, when he was hungry, himself and those that were with him? 26 how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar, who was afterwards the high priest, and did eat the shew-bread, which it is not lawful for any to eat, but the priests, and gave also to them that were with him! 27 And He said moreover unto them, The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath: 28 and therefore the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath.

3 And He went another time into a synagogue, where there was a man that had a withered hand: **2** and they watched Him, whether He would heal him on the sabbath-day, that they might accuse Him. **3** And He said to the man, that had the withered hand, Rise up into the midst: **4** then saith He to them, Is it lawful

to do good on the sabbath, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? but they were silent. 5 And when He had looked round upon them with indignation, being grieved at the hardness of their hearts, He saith to the man, Stretch out thine hand: and he stretched it out, and his hand was made as sound as the other. 6 And the pharisees went out, and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how to destroy Him: 7 but Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea. 8 And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and from beyond Jordan; and those about Tyre and Sidon, a great number, hearing how great things He did, came unto Him. 9 Therefore He spake to his disciples, that there might be a small vessel attending Him, because of the multitude, least they should throng Him: for He had healed many, 10 so that whoever had any maladies, crouded upon Him to touch Him. 11 And impure spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him, and cried out, saying, Thou art the Son of God: 12 but He strictly charged them not to make Him known. 13 Then going up into a mountain, He calleth for such as He saw fit, and they came to Him: 14 and He appointed twelve to be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach the gospel, 15 and to have power to heal diseases, and to cast out demons; 16 even Simon, whom He surnamed Peter, 17 and James the Son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, (and He surnamed them Boanerges, which is to say, Sons of thunder,) and Andrew, 18 and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alpheus, and Thaddeus, 19 and Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, even him who betrayed Him. 20 And they went into a house, and the multitude came together

again, so that they could not so much as eat. 21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on Him; for they said He spends Himself too much. 22 And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He is in league with Beelzebub, and casts out demons by the help of the prince of demons. 23 So He called them to Him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand: 25 and if a family be divided against itself, that family cannot stand: and if Satan oppose himself and be divided, 26 he cannot stand, but his kingdom is at an end. 27 No one can enter into the house of a strong man, and plunder his goods; unless he first bind the strong man, and then he may pillage his house. 28 Verily I tell you, that all sins shall be forgiven to the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith they may blaspheme: 29 but whosoever blasphemeth against the holy Ghost never hath forgiveness, but is liable to eternal damnation: (aion g165, aionios g166) 30 for they said, He hath an impure spirit. 31 So his brethren and his mother came, and standing without sent to Him to call Him to them: 32 and there was a multitude sitting about Him, and they said to Him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren are without inquiring for thee. 33 And He answered them, and said, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And looking round on those that sat about Him, He said, Behold my mother, and my brethren: 35 for whosoever doth the will of God, he is to me as my brother, my sister, and mother.

4 And He began to teach again by the sea-side, and there was gathered unto Him a great multitude; so that He went into a ship, and sat on board, and all the people were by the sea, upon the shore. **2** And He taught them many things by similitudes, and

said to them in his instruction, 3 hearken, Behold a sower went out to sow: 4 and in sowing, some fell by the way-side, and the birds came and ate it up: 5 and some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth, and it sprang up immediately, because it had not depth of earth; 6 but when the sun rose, it was burnt up, and withered because it had no root: 7 and some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit: 8 and other fell on good ground, and yielded fruit springing up and increasing; and produced some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred-fold. 9 And He said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And when He was apart from the multitude, those that were about Him with the twelve asked Him concerning the parable. 11 And he said unto them, To you it is granted to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto them that are without all things are delivered in parables: 12 that in seeing they may see and not perceive, and in hearing they may hear and not understand, least they should be converted, and their sins be forgiven them. 13 Then saith He unto them, Do ye not understand this parable? how then will ye understand all my other parables. 14 The sower is he that soweth the word. And these are they by the way-side: 15 where the word is sown; but when they have heard it, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And in like manner, they that are sown as on stony grounds are such, as when they hear the word, 17 immediately receive it with joy, but have no root in themselves, and so continue but for a short season: and then, when affliction cometh, or persecution on account of the word, they are as soon offended. 18 And those that are sown as among thorns, are

these: such as hear the word indeed, 19 but the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and inordinate desires after other things entering in choke the word, and so it becometh unfruitful. (aion g165) 20 And these are they who are like seed sown on good ground: such as hear the word, and receive it; and bring forth fruit, some thirty-fold, and some sixty, and some an hundred. 21 And He said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or a bed, and not to be set on a candlestick? 22 for there is nothing hidden, which may not be revealed; nor was there any thing concealed, but in order to become manifest. 23 If any one hath ears to hear, let him hear. 24 And mind what ye hear: for with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you; and more shall be imparted to you that are observant: 25 for whosoever hath, to him more shall be given; and he that hath not, even what he hath, or seemeth to have, shall be taken from him. 26 And He said, The kingdom of God is as if a man should cast seed into the ground, 27 and sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up, and increase; he knows not how. 28 For the earth produces fruit of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear: 29 but when the fruit is ripe, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come. 30 And He said, To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or by what similitude shall we represent it? 31 It is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which when it is sown in the ground, is one of the lest of all the seeds on the earth: 32 but after it is sown, it grows up, and becomes greater than all herbs, and produces large branches, so that the birds of the air may lodge under it's shadow. 33 And in many such parables spake He the word to them, as they had ability to hear it: but spake not to them without

a parable. **34** And He explained all to his disciples in private. **35** And the same day, in the evening, He saith to them, Let us go over to the other side. **36** So they dismissed the multitude, and took Him as He was in the ship. But there were other small vessels likewise with Him. **37** And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now almost full. **38** And He was in the stern asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, art thou under no concern that we are perishing? **39** And He rose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still; and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how! have ye no faith? **41** And they were exceedingly afraid, and said to one another, Who is this? that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. **2** And when He was come out of the ship, immediately there met Him from the tombs, **3** a man with an impure spirit, who kept among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains: **4** for he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been pulled asunder by him, and the fetters broken; and no man could tame him: **5** and he was always night and day upon the hills and among the sepulchres bawling, and gashing himself with stones. **6** But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him, **7** and crying out with a loud voice said, Jesus thou Son of the most high God, what have I to do with thee? I adjure thee by God, that thou wouldst not torment me: **8** (for He said to him, Thou impure spirit, come out of the man.) **9** And He asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are

many. 10 And he earnestly intreated Him, that He would not send them out of that country. 11 Now there was a great herd of swine feeding upon the mountains: 12 and all the demons intreated Him, saying, Send us to the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And immediately Jesus permitted them: and the impure spirits went out of the man, and entered into the swine; and the herd (which were about two thousand,) ran violently down a precipice into the sea, and were suffocated. 14 And they that were feeding the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what was done: 15 and they come to Jesus, and see the demoniac, who had been possessed by the legion, sitting and clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 And when those that saw it told them what had happened to the demoniac, 17 and concerning the swine, they intreated Him to depart from their borders. 18 And as He went into the ship, the demoniac intreated Him that he might be with Him: 19 but Jesus did not permit him; but saith to him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee: 20 and he departed, and published in Decapolis, how great things Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed. 21 And when Jesus passed over again in the ship to the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto Him, nigh unto the sea. 22 And behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, named Jairus; and as soon as he saw Him, he fell at his feet, 23 and earnestly intreated Him, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death, I beseech thee that thou wouldst come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live. 24 So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him, and pressed about

Him. 25 And a woman who had been in a flux twelve years, 26 and had suffered a great deal from many physicians, and spent all that she had, and received no benefit, but rather grew worse, 27 when she heard of Jesus, came behind Him in the croud, and touched his garment; for she said, 28 If I can but touch his clothes, I shall be cured. 29 And immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt within herself that she was healed of the disorder. 30 And immediately Jesus, knowing in Himself that power was gone out of Him, turned about in the croud and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto Him, Thou seest the multitude crouding about thee, and dost thou ask, Who touched me? 32 and He looked round about to see who had done it. 33 But the woman being afraid and trembling, as knowing what had been done in her, came and prostrated herself to Him, and told Him all the truth: 34 and He said to her, Daughter, thy faith has saved thee; go in peace, and be healed of thy disorder. 35 While He was yet speaking, there came some from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead, why dost thou trouble the Master any more? 36 But Jesus hearing the word that was spoken, immediately saith to the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe: 37 and He suffered none to go along with Him, but Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth a tumult, people weeping and lamenting greatly: 39 and when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why do ye take on thus and weep? the child is not dead, but asleep. 40 And they laughed at Him: but when He had turned them all out, He taketh the father, and the mother of the child, and those three that were with Him, and goes in

where the child was laid: **41** and taking hold of her hand, He saith unto her, Talitha, cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel, (I say unto thee) arise: **42** and immediately the damsel rose up and walked; for she was twelve years old; and they were struck with great astonishment. **43** And He strictly charged them, that no one should know it: and bid them give her something to eat.

6 And He went out from thence, and came into his own country, and his disciples attended Him: 2 and when the sabbath was come, He began to teach in the synagogue: and many that heard Him were astonished, and said, From whence hath He these things? and what is this wisdom which is given unto Him, that even such mighty things are done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here among us? and they were prejudiced against Him. 4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is nowhere less honoured, than in his own country, and among his relations, and his own family. 5 And He could do no miracle there, only laying his hands on a few sick people He healed them; 6 and He was amazed at their unbelief. But he went about all the villages round, teaching. 7 And He calleth unto Him the twelve, and sent them forth two and two, and gave them power over impure spirits; 8 and ordered them to take nothing for their journey, but a staff only; no bag, nor bread, nor money in their purse: 9 but to tie on their sandals, and not to put on two coats. 10 And He said unto them, wheresoever ye enter into a house, there stay till ye leave that place. 11 And whosoever will not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for

Sodom or Gomorrah in the day of judgement, than for that city. 12 And they went forth, and preached that men should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. 14 And king Herod heard of Him, (for his name was spread abroad,) and he said, John the baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore miraculous powers appear in him. 15 Others said, it is Elias: and others said, it is a prophet, or like one of the prophets. 16 But when Herod heard of Him, he said, it is John whom I beheaded, he is risen from the dead. 17 For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her: 18 For John had said to Herod, it is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. 19 Wherefore Herodias persecuted him, and would have taken away his life: 20 but could not; for Herod revered John, knowing him to be a just and holy man, and protected him: and when he heard him he did many things according to John's instructions, and heard him willingly. 21 But a convenient day happening, when Herod on his birth-night gave a supper to his lords, and chief officers, and persons of distinction in Galilee; and the daughter of Herodias coming in, 22 and dancing, and having pleased Herod and his quests, the king said to the young princess, Ask of me whatever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. 23 And he gave her his oath too, whatever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, even to the half of my kingdom. 24 And she withdrew and consulted her mother, what to ask: and she said, The head of John the baptist. 25 And immediately she came in again with eagerness to the king, and said, I desire that thou wouldst give me directly the head of John the baptist in a dish. **26** And the king was exceedingly

grieved, but on account of his oath, and those who were at table with him, he would not refuse her: but immediately sent one of his guard, 27 and ordered his head to be brought: 28 and he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a dish, and gave it to the damsel, and the damsel carried it to her mother. 29 And his disciples hearing of it, came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a sepulchre. 30 And the apostles came together to Jesus, and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. 31 And He said to them, Come ye yourselves apart into a retired place, and rest a little: for there were many coming and going, and they had not time even to eat. 32 And they went away privately in a ship into a desert place. 33 And the people saw them departing, and many took notice of them, and ran thither on foot from all the cities, and got before them, and came together unto Him. 34 And when Jesus came out of the ship, He saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion towards them; because they were as sheep without a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things. 35 And when it was now late in the day, his disciples came to Him, and said, this is a desert place, and it is now late: 36 dismiss them, that they may go into the country-places and villages round about, and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat. 37 But He answered them, Do ye give them something to eat. And they say to Him, shall we go and buy two hundred penny-worth of bread, and give them to eat? 38 But He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they had examined, they said, Five, and two fishes. 39 And He ordered them to cause all the people to sit down by companies upon the grass: 40 and they sat down in an oblong

square, an hundred by fifty. 41 And when He had taken the five loaves, and the two fishes, He looked up to heaven, and gave thanks; then He brake the loaves and gave them to his disciples, to set before them; the two fishes likewise He divided among them all. 42 And they did all eat and were fully satisfied. 43 And they took up of the fragments of the bread, and of the fishes, twelve baskets full. 44 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men. 45 And immediately He obliged his disciples to get into the ship, and to go before Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the people: 46 and when He had sent them away, He retired into a mountain to pray. 47 And when the evening was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and He alone upon the land: 48 and He saw them labouring in rowing; (for the wind was contrary:) and about the fourth watch of the night He cometh to them walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. 49 But they seeing Him walking upon the water, thought it was an apparition, and cried out: for they all saw Him and were frighted. **50** And He immediately spake to them, and saith, Be of good courage, it is I, be not afraid. 51 And He went up into the ship to them, and the wind ceased, and they were exceedingly amazed in themselves, and wondered: not considering the miracle of the loaves, 52 for their heart was stupified. 53 And they passed over and came to the country of Gennesaret, and put to shore: 54 and when they came out of the ship, immediately the people knew Him, and ran through all the country, 55 and carried about in beds those that were sick, where they heard He was. 56 And wherever He came into their towns, or cities, or villages, they laid the sick in the

streets, and intreated Him that they might but touch the border of his garment, and as many as touched it were healed.

 $\mathbf{7}$ And there were gathered unto Him the pharisees, and some of the scribes, from Jerusalem; 2 and when they saw some of his disciples eating with impure (that is, unwashed) hands, they found fault: 3 for the pharisees, and indeed all the Jews, do not eat till they have washed their hands thoroughly, observing the tradition of the ancients. 4 And when they come from the market, they do not eat till they have washed. And there are many other things, which they have received to observe, as the washing of cups, and pots, and brass-vessels, and seats. 5 Then the pharisees and the scribes ask Him, Why do not thy disciples walk according to the tradition of the ancients, but eat without washing their hands? 6 But He answered them, Well did Esaias prophesy concerning you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me: 7 and in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the injunctions of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye retain the tradition of men, as the washings of pots and cups, and many other such like things. 9 And ye expressly annul the commandment of God, that ye may retain your own tradition; 10 for Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, He that revileth father or mother, let him be put to death: 11 but ye say, If a man tell his father or mother, That which thou mightest be profited by from me is Corban, (that is, a gift to the temple) it sufficeth: 12 and so ye allow him to do nothing more for his father or his mother: 13 making void the word of God by your tradition, And many such like things ye do. 14 And calling all the people to Him, He said unto them, 15 Hear me all of

you, and understand, There is nothing without a man, which entring into him can defile him: but the things proceeding from him are those which defile a man. 16 If any one hath ears to hear, let him hear. 17 And when He was come into the house, away from the multitude, his disciples asked Him concerning the meaning of the parable. 18 And He saith unto them, Are ye so void of understanding also? Do ye not know, that whatsoever from without entreth into a man cannot defile him? 19 because it entreth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all his food. 20 But said He, What cometh out of a man, that defileth the man; 21 for out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, 22 adulteries, fornications, murthers, thefts, avarice, malice, deceit, lasciviousness, envy, slander, pride, folly; 23 all these evils come from within and defile the man. 24 And He arose and went from thence to the borders of Tyre and Sidon; and going into a house He would have had no body know it, but He could not be concealed: for a woman, 25 whose child was possessed by an evil spirit, having heard of Him, came and fell at his feet, 26 (now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation,) and she besought Him to cast out the demon from her daughter. 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be satisfied: for it is not fit to take the children's bread, and throw it to the dogs. 28 And she answered and said unto Him, True, Lord, yet the dogs under the table, eat of the children's crumbs. 29 And He said unto her, For this saying, go thy way, the demon is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And she went away to her house, and found the demon gone out, and her daughter laid on the bed. 31 And departing again out of the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the sea of Galilee thro' the

midst of the coasts of Decapolis. **32** And they brought to Him a deaf man, who had likewise an impediment in his speech, and pray Him to put his hand upon him. **33** And He took him aside out of the croud, and He spit and put his fingers into his ears, and touched his tongue: **34** and looking up to heaven He sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, be opened: **35** and immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake distinctly. **36** And He charged them to tell no one, but the more He charged them, the more they published it: **37** and were exceedingly astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

 ${f 8}$ In those days, there being again a very great multitude, and they having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to Him, 2 and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, for they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 and if I send them away fasting to their own home, they will faint by the way; for some of them are come from far. 4 And his disciples answered Him, From whence can one satisfy these people with bread here in a desert? 5 And He asked them, How many loaves have ye? and they said, Seven. 6 And He ordered the people to sit down upon the ground: and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and brake them, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the multitude. 7 And they had a few small fishes: and He blessed them, and bid them set them also before the people. 8 And they did eat and were satisfied: and they took up what were left, to wit of fragments seven baskets: 9 and they that had eaten were about four thousand. And then He dismissed them. 10 And

going directly on board a ship with his disciples. He came into the parts of Dalmanutha: 11 and the pharirisees came forth, and began to dispute with Him, desiring of Him a sign from heaven, tempting Him. 12 And He sighing deeply in his spirit, saith, Why doth this generation require a sign? Verily I tell you, There shall no sign be given to this generation. 13 So He left them, and went on board the ship again, and departed to the other side. 14 And his disciples had forgot to take bread, neither had they any more than one loaf with them in the ship. 15 And therefore as He was giving them a charge, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod, 16 they argued one with another, saying, It is because we have no bread. 17 And Jesus knowing it saith unto them, What are ye reasoning about? because ye have no bread? Do ye not yet discern nor understand? have ye your heart still hardened? 18 Have ye eyes, and do not see? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did ye take up? They answer, Twelve. 20 And when I divided the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? and they said, Seven. 21 And He said unto them, How is it then that ye do not understand? 22 Then He cometh to Bethsaida, where they brought to Him a blind man, and begged of Him that He would touch him. 23 And He took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and having spit on his eyes, He laid his hands upon him, and asked him, If he saw any thing. 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men (as it were trees) walking. 25 Then He put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored to sight, and saw them all plainly. 26

And He sent him away to his house, and said, Neither go into the town, nor tell any one in the town. 27 Then Jesus and his disciples went out into the towns of Cesarea Philippi: and by the way He asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I am? 28 And they answered, Some say, John the baptist; and others, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. 29 And He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answered and saith, Thou art the Christ. 30 And He charged them, that they should say this to no one concerning Him: 31 and began to tell them, that the Son of man must suffer much; and be rejected by the elders, and chief priests, and scribes; and be put to death: and after three days rise again. 32 And this He spake plainly and openly. Upon which Peter began to rebuke Him. 33 But He turned about and looking on his disciples reproved Peter, saying, Get thee behind me Satan; for thou savourest not the things of God, but the things that be of men. 34 And calling the people and his disciples to Him, He said unto them, Whosoever is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me: 35 for he that would save his life, shall lose it; but he that would lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 or what shall a man give as a ransom for his soul? 38 for whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this degenerate and sinful age, of him will the Son of man be also ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels.

9 And He said unto them, Verily I tell you, that there are some of those who stand here, that shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. **2** And after six

days Jesus taketh with Him Peter, and James, and John, and bringeth them up by themselves to a high mountain apart; and was transfigured before them: 3 and his raiment shone, being exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can whiten. 4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Then said Peter to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: let us make three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: 6 for he knew not what to say, for they were sore afraid. 7 And there was a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him. 8 And immediately looking round about, they saw no more of any one, but Jesus alone with them. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, He charged them to tell no one what they had seen, till after the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they laid hold on that expression, querying among themselves, what means the rising from the dead? 11 Then they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say, that Elias must come first? 12 And He answered and told them, Elias doth indeed come first, and settle all things: He told them likewise how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things and be used contemptuously. 13 But I tell you, that Elias is come, and they have done to him whatever they would, as it is written of him. 14 And when He came to the other disciples. He saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes disputing with them. 15 And immediately all the people, when they saw Him, were astonished; and running to Him, saluted Him. 16 And he asked the scribes, What are ye disputing about? 17 And one of the multitude answered, and said, Master I have brought unto thee my son, who is possessed

by a dumb spirit: 18 and wherever it seizeth him, it convulseth him; and he fometh, and gnasheth his teeth, and thus he pineth away: and I desired thy disciples to cast him out, and they could not. 19 And He answered and said, O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him to me. 20 And they brought him to Him: and as soon as he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into convulsions: and he fell upon the ground, and rolled about foming. 21 And He asked his father, How long is it since this befel him? And he said, From a child. 22 And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. But if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us and help us. 23 And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 And the father of the child immediately cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief. 25 when Jesus saw the people flock together, He rebuked the impure spirit, and said to him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, Come out of him, and enter no more into him. 26 And when he had rored and vehemently convulsed him, he came out of him: and the child was as one dead, so that many said, that he was dead. 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when He was come into the house, his disciples asked Him in private, Why could not we cast him out? 29 And He said unto them, This kind cannot be cast out, but by prayer and fasting. 30 And they departed from thence and passed through Galilee, and He was not willing that any should know it; 31 for He was instructing his disciples, and told them, the Son of man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will put Him to death; and on the third day, after

his being put to death, He will rise again. 32 But they knew not his meaning, and were afraid to ask Him. 33 And he came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He asked them, What were ye disputing about among yourselves by the way? 34 But they held their peace; for they had been disputing with each other by the way who should be the greatest. 35 So He sat down and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any one would be first, let him be last of all, and servant of all. 36 And He took a child and set him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms He said unto them, 37 Whoever shall receive one of these little children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me only, but Him that sent me. 38 But John answered Him and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name, who doth not follow us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no one, that worketh a miracle in my name, and can presently speak evil of me: 40 for he that is not against us, is for us. 41 For whosoever shall give you but a cup of water to drink, for my sake; because ye are Christ's, I assure you, he shall not lose his reward. 42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones, that believe in me, to offend, it were better for him, if a milstone were laid upon his neck, and he were cast into the sea. 43 And if thy hand cause thee to offend, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go into hell, into the fire that will never be extinguished; (Geenna g1067) 44 where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot cause thee to offend, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life lame, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the inextinguishable fire; (Geenna g1067) 46

where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **47** And if thine eye cause thee to offend, cast it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell-fire; (Geenna g1067) **48** where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **49** For every one shall be as it were salted by fire, and every sacrifice shall be seasoned as with salt. **50** Salt is useful, but if the salt become insipid, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt therefore in yourselves, and as a proof of it be at peace one with another.

 $\mathbf{10}_{\mathsf{And}}$ He arose from thence and came into the coasts of Judea, through the country beyond Jordan: and the people resorted to Him again; and, as He was wont, He taught them again. 2 And the pharisees came to Him and asked Him, "if it were lawful for a man to put away his wife," tempting Him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses permitted a man to write a bill of divorce, and to put her away. 5 And Jesus replied, He wrote this precept on account of your cruel tempers: 6 but from the beginning of the world, God created them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, 8 and be joined to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh: so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore let not man separate what God hath joined together. 10 And when they were in the house his disciples asked Him again about it: 11 and He told them, Whoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery against her. 12 And if a woman be divorced from her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery. 13 And they brought to Him little children that He might touch them: and the disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 Which Jesus observing, was much displeased, and said to them, Let the children come to me; and hinder them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Verily I tell you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall by no means enter into it. 16 And He took them in his arms, and put his hands upon them, and blessed them. 17 And as he went out into the way, there came one running and kneeling to Him, and asked Him, Good master, what shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life? (aionios g166) 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why dost thou call me good? there is none good, but one, that is God. 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour thy father and thy mother. 20 And he answered and said unto Him, Master, all these have I kept from my youth. 21 Then Jesus looked upon him with affection, and said to him, One thing thou wantest; go, sell all that thou hast, and give it to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow me. 22 But he was sad at that saying, and went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looking round about saith to his disciples, How difficultly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus repeating it, saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them, that trust in riches, to enter into the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they were exceedingly amazed, saying one to another, Who then can be saved? 27 But Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible. 28 Then

Peter said to Him, Behold we have left all, and followed thee. 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I tell you, there is no one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, 30 or lands for my sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred-fold: now in this time indeed, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands with persecutions; but in the world to come life everlasting. (aion g165, aionios g166) 31 But many that are first shall be last, and the last first. 32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed at it, and afraid to follow Him. And again taking the twelve aside. He began to tell them what things should befal Him, 33 saying, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be delivered to the chief priests, and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will insult Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and put Him to death: but on the third day He shall rise again. 35 Then come to Him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying, Master, we desire that thou wouldest do for us what we shall request: 36 and He said to them, What do ye desire me to do for you? 37 they said unto Him, Grant that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy glory. 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Can ye drink of the cup, that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said, We can. And Jesus said unto them, The cup indeed which I drink, ye shall drink of; and with the baptism, that I am baptized with, shall ye be baptized: 40 but to sit on my right hand and on my left, is not mine to give, but for whom it is prepared. 41 And when the

other ten heard it, they were provoked at James and John. 42 But Jesus called them to Him, and said unto them, Ye know that those who rule among the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their grandees exercise authority upon them. 43 But it shall not be so among you: but whoever would be great among you shall be your minister; 44 and whoever of you would be first shall be servant of all. 45 For the Son of man came not to be ministred unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. 46 And they came to Jericho: and as He was going out of Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the way-side begging. 47 And hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 48 And many rebuked him, that he might hold his peace: but he cried out so much the more, Thou son of David, have pity on me. 49 And Jesus stopt, and ordered him to be called: so they called the blind man, and said to him, Be of good courage, rise up, He calleth thee. 50 And he threw off his outer garment, and arose, and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, What dost thou desire that I should do for thee? And the blind man said to Him, Lord, that I may recover my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way, thy faith has cured thee. And he immediately recovered his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

11 And when they came near to Jerusalem, even to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, He sendeth two of his disciples, **2** and saith to them, Go into the village over against you, and as soon as ye enter into it, ye will find a colt tied, on which no man hath yet sat; loose him, and bring him to me. **3** And if any one say to you, Why do ye so? tell him, that the Lord hath need of it, and he will immediately send it hither. 4 And they went and found the colt tied at a door abroad, where two ways met, and they untied it. 5 And some of the people that stood there, said to them, What do ye mean by untying the colt? **6** And they answered them as Jesus had ordered, and they permitted them. 7 So they brought the colt to Jesus, and laid their garments on it, and He sat upon it. 8 And many spread their clothes in the way; and others cut off branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. 9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried out, saying, Hosanna, blessed be He that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that is coming in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. 11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when He had looked round upon every thing, it being now late in the day, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. 12 And on the morrow, as they came from Bethany, He was hungry: 13 and seeing a fig-tree at a distance, with leaves, He went to see if He might find any thing upon it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; (for the time of gathering figs was not yet come:) And Jesus spake and said unto it, 14 Let no one ever eat fruit of thee hereafter. And his disciples heard it. (aion g165) 15 Then they came to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to turn out those that sold and bought in the court of the temple, and threw down the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves: 16 and suffered not any one to carry a burthen through the courts of the temple. 17 And He taught them, saying, Is it not written, my house shall be called an house of prayer for all nations? But ye have made it a den

of thieves. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how to destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were struck with his doctrine. 19 And when it was evening, He went out of the city. 20 And in the morning, as they were passing by it, they saw the fig-tree withered from the roots. 21 And Peter remembring the tree, saith unto Him, Master, behold, the fig-tree which thou cursedst, is withered. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God: for verily I tell you, 23 that whosoever shall say to this mountain, "Be thou removed and cast into the sea," and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith shall be done, he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye ask in prayer, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. 25 But when ye pray, forgive, if ye have any thing against any one, that your heavenly Father may also forgive you your trespasses: 26 but if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses. 27 And they come again to Jerusalem, and as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and scribes, and elders come to Him, 28 and ask Him, By what authority dost thou these things, and who gave thee this authority, to do thus? 29 But Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. **30** The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? answer me. 31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, from heaven; He will say, why then did ye not believe him? 32 but if we should say, from men --- they feared the people: (for they they all thought that John was a prophet indeed:) 33 and they answered and

said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus replied and said unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

 $\mathbf{12}_{And}$ He began to speak unto them in parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and made a fence about it, and digged a place for the wine-fat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and travelled abroad. 2 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that he might receive from them of the fruit of the vineyard: 3 and they took him and beat him, and sent him away empty. 4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they threw stones, and wounded him on the head, and sent him away shamefully used. 5 And again, he sent another; and him they killed: and many others, beating some, and killing others. 6 Having yet therefore one Son, his beloved, he sent him also at last unto them, saying, they will reverence my Son. 7 But the husbandmen said to one another, this is the heir, Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours. 8 And they took him, and killed Him too, casting him out of the vineyard. 9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy those husbandmen, and will let the vineyard to others. 10 And have ye not read this scripture, "The stone, which the builders refused, is become the head of the corner: 11 this was from the Lord, and it is marvellous in our eyes." 12 And they sought to lay hands on Him, but they were afraid of the people; (for they knew that He spake the parable against them) and they left Him, and went away. 13 And they send to Him some of the pharisees, and of the Herodians to insnare Him in his discourse: 14 and these, when they came, said to Him, Master, we know that thou art a man of truth, and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the person of men, but

teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to pay tribute to Cesar, or not? should we give, or should we not give? 15 But He knew their hypocrisy, and said to them, Why do ye tempt me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. 16 So they brought one: and He saith to them, Whose is this image and inscription? And they said Cesar's. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Render then unto Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at Him. 18 Then come the sadducees to Him, who say there is no resurrection; 19 and they asked Him, saying, Master, Moses, in his writings tells us, if any one's brother die, and leave a wife, and leave no children, that his brother shall take his wife, and raise up seed to his brother. 20 Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife and died and left no seed; 21 and the second took her, and died, and he left no seed neither; and the third likewise. 22 And all the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all died the woman also. 23 In the resurrection therefore, when they rise again, whose wife shall be of them; for all the seven had her to wife? 24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, nor the power of God? 25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels in heaven. 26 But as to the dead, that they are raised, have ye not read in the book of Moses, how God spake to him in the bush, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: therefore ye do greatly mistake. 28 And one of the scribes, who heard them disputing, seeing that He answered them well, came to Him and asked Him, Which is the chief commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, 30 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:" this is the first or chief commandment, **31** and the second is like it, even this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself:" there is no other commandment greater than these. 32 And the scribe said unto Him, Truly, Master, thou hast spoke exceeding well; for there is one God, and there is no other beside Him. 33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole-burnt-offerings and sacrifices. 34 And Jesus seeing that he answered discreetly, said to him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no one dared any more to put questions to Him. 35 And Jesus spake and said, as He was teaching in the temple, How do the scribes say, that the Christ is the son of David? **36** for David himself said by the holy Spirit, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 37 So that David himself calleth Him Lord: how then is He his son? And many of the people heard Him with pleasure. 38 And He said unto them as He was teaching them, Beware of the scribes, who love to walk in long robes, and salutations in public-places, 39 and the chief seats in the synagogues, and uppermost places at feasts; 40 who devour widows houses, and for a shew of religion make long prayers: these shall receive the heavier judgement. 41 And as Jesus was sitting over against the treasury, He saw how the people threw money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in much; 42 and there came a poor widow and put in two mites, that is, a farthing. **43** And He called his disciples to Him, and saith unto them, Verily I tell you, that this poor widow has given more than all those who have cast into the treasury. **44** For they all have contributed out of their abundance: but she out of her penury hath given all that she had, even her whole living.

 $\boldsymbol{13}_{\text{And}}$ as He was going out of the temple, one of his disciples saith to Him, Master, behold what fine stones are here, and what stately buildings! 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Thou seest these grand buildings: but there shall not be left one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down. 3 And as He was sitting on the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 saying, Tell us when these things shall be, and what shall be the sign when all these things are to be accomplished. 5 But Jesus answered them and said, Beware least any one deceive you: 6 for many shall come in my name saying, I am the Christ, and shall deceive many. 7 And when ye hear of wars, and rumors of wars, be not troubled; for such things must happen; but the end will not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and famines and troubles: these will be the beginnings of sorrows. 9 But look to yourselves; for they will deliver you up to councils, and synagogues: and ye shall be scourged, and set before governors and kings on my account, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published to all nations. 11 But when they shall lead you to deliver you up, be not anxiously careful beforehand what ye shall speak, neither premeditate: but whatever shall be suggested to you at that very time, this speak: for it is not you that speak, but the holy Spirit. 12 One

brother shall betray another to death, and the father the son: and children shall appear against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated by all men for my sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved. 14 Now when ye shall see the desolating abomination, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, set up where it ought not to be, (let him that readeth, attend) then let those in Judea flee to the mountains: 15 and let not him that is at the top of the house come down into the house, nor go in to fetch any thing out of his house: 16 nor let him that is in the field return back for his clothes. 17 But wo to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days. 18 But pray that your flight may not be in the winter; 19 for in those days shall be such affliction as never was from the beginning of the world, unto this day, nor ever shall be. 20 And if the Lord did not shorten those days, none could escape: but for the sake of the elect, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened those days. 21 And then if any shall say to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or, Behold, He is there, believe it not: 22 for there shall rise up false Christs, and false prophets, who shall work signs and wonders, to seduce, if possible, even the elect. 23 But do ye beware: behold, I have told you all before. 24 But in those days, after that affliction, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give it's light; and the stars of heaven shall fall, 25 and the powers in the heavens shall be shaken; 26 and then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds, with great power and glory. 27 And He will then send forth his messengers, and will gather his elect together from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven. 28 Now learn a parable from the fig-tree: when it's branch is tender and bringeth forth

leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; **29** so ye also, when ye see these things come to pass, know that He is near, even at the doors. **30** Verily I tell you, that this generation shall not pass away until all these things be fulfilled. **31** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words cannot pass away. **32** But of THAT day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. **33** Take heed therefore, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is: **34** as a man travelling abroad, who left his house, and gave charge to his servants, to each his work, and bid the porter be watchful. **35** Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh: (in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning:) **36** least coming on a sudden he should find you sleeping. **37** And what I say to you, I say to all, Watch.

14 Now the feast of the passover and unleavened bread was within two days: and the chief priests and the scribes were contriving how they might seize Him by treachery and put Him to death. **2** But they said, Not on the feast-day, least there be a tumult of the people. **3** And when He was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He was at table, there came a woman with an alabaster-box of ointment of spikenard, very valuable; and she brake the box and poured it on his head. **4** And there were some provoked at it and said, Why was this waste made of the ointment? **5** For it might have been sold for above three hundred pence, and given to the poor. And they inveighed against her. **6** But Jesus said, Let her alone, why do ye give her uneasiness? **7** She has done a kind office to me. For ye have the poor always with you, and may do them good, whenever ye will; but me ye have not always. **8** She has

done what she could: she has embalmed my body beforehand against the burial. 9 Verily I tell you, wheresoever this gospel is preached, through all the world, what she hath done shall also be told for a memorial of her. 10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, in order to betray Him unto them. 11 And they were glad, when they heard it, and engaged to give him money. And he sought to betray Him at a proper season. 12 And on the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the paschal lamb, his disciples said to Him, Where wouldst thou have us go and make preparation for thee to eat of the paschal lamb? 13 And He sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go into the city, and there will meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water: 14 follow him, and where he goes in, say to the man of the house, The master inquireth, Where is the room, in which I may eat the passover with my disciples? 15 And he will shew you a large upper room ready prepared, there make preparation for us. 16 And his disciples went out, and came into the city, and found every thing as He told them; and so prepared the passover. 17 And in the evening He cometh with the rest of the twelve. 18 And when they were sat down and eating together, Jesus said, Verily I tell you, that one of you will betray me, who is now eating with me. 19 And they were grieved, and said to Him one by one, Is it I? 20 Is it I? And He said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that is now dipping with me in the dish. 21 The Son of man is going indeed as it is written concerning Him; but wo to that man by whom He is betrayed; it had been good for him, if that man had never been born. 22 And as they were at table, Jesus took bread, and when He had blessed it He brake it, and gave it to them, and

said, Take, eat, This is my body: 23 and He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them: and they all drank of it. 24 And He said unto them, This is an emblem of my blood the seal of the new covenant, which is to be shed for many: 25 and I assure you, that I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine, till the day when I shall drink it new in the kingdom of God. 26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out to the mount of Olives. 27 And Jesus saith unto them, Ye will all of you be made to offend on my account this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: 28 but after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said to Him, though all should be made to offend, yet will not I. 30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I tell thee, that to day, even in this very night, before the cock crow twice thou wilt deny me thrice. 31 But he said with the more vehemence, Though I should die with thee, I will never disown thee. And so likewise said they all. 32 And they came to a place called Gethsemane, and He saith to his disciples, Sit here whilst I go and pray. 33 And He taketh Peter and James and John with Him, and He began to be overwhelmed with terror and anguish. 34 And He saith unto them, My Soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death, stay here and watch. 35 And going a little farther, He prostrated Himself, and prayed, if it were possible, that this hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to Thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt. 37 And He cometh and findeth them asleep, and saith to Peter, Simon, art thou sleeping? couldst thou not watch one hour? 38 Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed

is willing, but the body is weak. **39** And He went away again, and prayed, after the same manner. 40 And when He returned, He found them again sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they knew not what to say to Him. 41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Are ye sleeping still and taking your rest? It is enough, the hour is come: behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us go; see the traitor is at hand. 43 And immediately while He was yet speaking cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests, and scribes, and elders: 44 (Now the traitor had given them a sign, saying, The man, whom I shall kiss, is He; lay hold of Him and lead Him away safely:) 45 and as soon as he came, he went directly up to Him and said, Master, Master; and kissed Him. 46 And they laid their hands on Him, and apprehended Him. 47 And one of those that were present, drawing a sword, struck at the high priest's servant, and took off his ear. 48 And Jesus said unto them, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and clubs to take me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye did not seize me: but this is done that the scriptures may be fulfilled. 50 And the disciples all forsook Him and fled: but there followed Him a certain youth, 51 who had only a linen cloth wrapt about him, and the young men laid hold on him; 52 and he let go the linen cloth, and fled from them naked. 53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest, with whom were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. 54 And Peter followed Him at a distance, even into the palace of the high priest: and sat down among the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought for

evidence against Jesus, to put Him to death, and found none: 56 for many bare false witness against Him, and the evidences did not agree. 57 At last there rose up some and bare false witness against Him, 58 saying, We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands: 59 but neither was their evidence consistent. 60 Then the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus saying, Answerest thou nothing? what do these men witness against thee? 61 but he held his peace, and made him no answer. So the high priest asked Him again, and saith to Him, Art thou the Messiah the Son of the blessed God? 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 63 Then the high priest rent his clothes and said, What farther need have we of witnesses? 64 ye have heard the blasphemy; what think ye? and they all condemned Him as worthy of death. 65 And they spit upon Him, and blind-folded Him, and then buffeted Him and said to Him, prophesy who it was: and the officers struck him with their rods. 66 And Peter being in the hall below, there came one of the maid-servants of the high priest; 67 and when she saw Peter as he was warming himself, she looked earnestly upon him and said, Thou also wast with Jesus the Nazarene: 68 but he denied it, saying, I do not know Him, nor do I understand what thou meanest. And he went out into the porch, and the cock crew. 69 And the maid seeing him again said to them that stood by, This is one of them: and he denied it again. 70 And a little after, they that stood by, said to Peter again, Thou art certainly one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech is like theirs. 71 But he began to curse and swear saying, I do

not know this man of whom ye speak: And the cock crowed a second time. **72** Then Peter called to mind the word which Jesus had said to him, Before the cock crow twice thou wilt deny me thrice. And he covered his face and wept.

 15_{And} as soon as ever it was light the chief priests holding a consultation with the elders and scribes, they and the whole sanhedrim, bound Jesus, and carried Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked Him, Art thou the king of the Jews? and He answered It is as thou sayst. 3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things: but he answered nothing. 4 So Pilate asked Him again, saying, Dost thou answer nothing? See how many things they witness against thee: 5 but Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate was amazed. 6 Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired: 7 and there was one Barabbas under confinement with some of his accomplices in sedition, who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 And the people clamoured and desired him to do as he always used to do for them. 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Would ye have me release to you the king of the Jews? 10 (for he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him up to him out of envy:) 11 but the chief priests incited the people to desire that he would rather release Barabbas to them. 12 And Pilate answered, and said to them again, What then would you have me do with Him, whom ye call king of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify Him. 14 But Pilate said unto them, Why, what ill has He done? And they cried out the more vehemently, Crucify Him. 15 So Pilate being willing to ingratiate with the multitude, released Barabbas to them, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him up to be crucified. 16 And the

soldiers led Him away into the hall, which is called the Pretorium; and gathered their whole company together: 17 and they clad Him in purple, and platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head, 18 and saluted Him, saying, Hail king of the Jews; 19 and struck Him on the head with a reed, and spit upon Him, and bowed their knees, and did Him homage. 20 And when they had thus abused Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put his own clothes on Him, and brought Him out to crucify Him. 21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was passing by, coming out of the country, to carry his cross: 22 and they brought Him to a place called Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, the place of a scull. 23 And they offered Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He would not take it. 24 And when they had fastened Him to the cross, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what each of them should take. 25 And it was the third hour, when they fixed Him on the cross: **26** and the title of his charge was written over Him, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 And they crucified two thieves with Him, one on his right hand and one on his left: 28 so that the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." 29 And they that passed by reviled Him, shaking their heads and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest, the temple, 30 and buildest it in three days, save thyself and come down from the cross. 31 And the chief priests likewise scoffing at Him among themselves, with the scribes, said, He saved others, Himself He cannot save: let Christ, 32 the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe in Him. And even they that were crucified with Him, reviled Him. 33 Now at the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole land, until

the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani," which is being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by hearing it, said, Behold He calleth upon Elias. 36 And there ran one, and filled a spunge with vinegar, and putting it on a reed offered it Him to drink, saying, Let Him alone, let us see whether Elias will come to take Him down. 37 But Jesus cried with a loud voice and expired. 38 And the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom. 39 And when the centurion, that stood over against Him, saw that He expired with such a cry, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. 40 There were also women at a distance looking on: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; 41 who also when He was in Galilee, followed Him and waited on Him: and several others who came up to Jerusalem with Him. 42 And the evening being now come, (because it was the preparation, 43 or the day before the sabbath,) Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, who also was expecting the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 44 But Pilate wondered that He was dead already, and therefore calling for the centurion he asked him if He had been dead any time: 45 and when he heard it from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 And he bought fine linen, and took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen, and laid Him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock; and rolled a stone to the door of the sepulchre. 47 And Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

16 And when the sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices in order to come and embalm Him: 2 and very early in the morning of the first day of the week they come to the sepulchre at sun-rising. 3 And they said to one another, Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the sepulchre? 4 (but when they looked up, they saw that the stone was rolled away,) for it was a very great one. 5 And they went into the sepulchre and saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white robe; and they were affrighted: 6 but he said to them, Be not affrighted, ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, He is risen, He is not here, see the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell his disciples, and Peter particularly, that He is going before you into Galilee: there ye will see Him, as He told you. 8 And they hasted out and fled from the sepulchre; for they were seized with trembling and amazement: neither said they any thing to any one; for they were afraid. 9 (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) Now Jesus being risen early on the first day of the week appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven devils: 10 and she went and told those that used to be with Him, who were mourning and weeping; 11 but they, though they heard that He was indeed alive, and had been seen by her, did not believe it. 12 After this He appeared in another form to two of them as they were walking, going into the country: 13 and they went and told the rest; but they did not believe them neither. 14 At last he appeared to the eleven as they were sitting at table, and upbraided them with their unbelief, and hardness of heart; because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He was risen. 15 And He said unto them, Go

to all the world and preach the gospel to every one: **16** he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be condemned. **17** And these signs shall accompany them that believe; in my name shall they cast out demons, they shall speak with new tongues; **18** they shall take up serpents, and if they should drink any thing poisonous, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall be well. **19** Now the Lord, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **20** And they went forth and preached every where, the Lord co-operating with them, and confirming the word by miracles following upon it. Amen.

Luke

 $\mathbf{1}_{\mathsf{W}\mathsf{h}\mathsf{e}\mathsf{r}\mathsf{e}\mathsf{a}\mathsf{s}}$ many have undertaken to compose a narrative of the things, which have been fully certified among us; 2 as they delivered them to us, who were from the beginning eyewitnesses of them, and ministers of the word; 3 it seemed good to me also, having thoroughly traced them all from the very first, to write an account of them in order to thee, 4 most excellent Theophilus, that thou mayst know the certainty of the things wherein thou hast been instructed. 5 There was in the days of Herod king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia; and his wife was of the family of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, for Elisabeth was barren; and they were both far advanced in years. 8 And it came to pass, while he was in the order of his course performing the priest's office before God, 9 according to the custom of dividing the office of the priests, that it fell to his lot to burn incense, entring into the temple of the Lord: 10 and all the people were praying without at the time of offering incense. 11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right hand of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was startled and struck with fear: 13 but the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias; for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John: 14 and he shall be a joy and transport to thee, yea, many shall rejoice on account of his birth; for he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, 15 and he shall drink neither wine nor any other strong liquor; and he shall be filled with the holy Spirit even from

his birth; 16 and many of the children of Israel shall he convert unto the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers unto the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to prepare for the Lord a people well-disposed. 18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife far advanced in years. 19 And the angel answering said to him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God, and I am sent to speak to thee, and to tell thee this good news: 20 and now shalt thou be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass; because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled at their season. 21 And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and wondered at his staying so long in the temple: 22 but when he came out he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them, and continued speechless: 23 and as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. 24 And after these days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and retired five months, 25 saying, the Lord hath thus dealt with me in the days wherein he looked upon me to take away my reproach among men. 26 But in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin who was betrothed to a man, whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the name of the virgin was Mary. 28 And when the angel came in to the room to her, he said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured; the Lord is with thee; **29** blessed art thou among women! and when she saw him, she was confused at what he said, and pondered in her mind what sort of salutation this could be. 30 And the

angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God: 31 and behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS: 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give Him the throne of David his father, 33 and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (aion g165) 34 Then said Mary to the angel, How can this be, since I am a virgin? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, and therefore thine holy offspring shall be called the Son of God: and lo, 36 thy cousin Elisabeth also hath conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren; 37 for nothing is impossible with God. 38 Then Mary said, Behold the servant of the Lord, may it be unto me according to thy word. So the angel departed from her. 39 Then Mary arose and went with speed into the hill-country, to a city of Juda, 40 and came into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And as soon as Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the child leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled with the holy Spirit: 42 and she cried out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb: 43 and whence is this honor to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 for behold, as soon as the voice of thy salutation reached my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy: 45 and blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of the things that were told her from the Lord. 46 And Mary said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour; 47 for He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaid: 48 for behold, from henceforth shall all generations call me blessed: 49 for He that is mighty hath done great things for me, 50 and his name is holy, and his mercy is on them that fear Him, unto all generations. 51 He hath wrought powerfully with his arm; He hath confounded those that were proud in the imagination of their heart. 52 He hath cast down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the humble. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent away empty. 54 He hath supported Israel his servant, 55 in remembrance of his mercy (even as He promised to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed,) for ever." (aion g165) 56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her own house. 57 Now when Elisabeth's time for her delivery was fully come, she brought forth a son: 58 and her neighbours and kindred heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her, and they congratulated her; 59 and on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child: and they would have called him Zacharias, after the name of his father: **60** but his mother said, No, but he shall be called John: 61 and they said to her, There is none of thy relations of this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, what name he would have him called by. 63 And he called for a writing-tablet, and wrote upon it, His name is John: and they all wondered. 64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake and praised God. 65 And an awe fell upon all that dwelt round about them; and all these things were divulged through the whole hill-country of Judea. 66 And all that heard them, laid them up in their hearts, saying, What a child will this be? And the hand of the Lord was with him. 67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the holy Spirit, 68 and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and wrought redemption for his people, 69 and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, 70 in the house of his servant David, as He spake by the mouth of his holy prophets from the beginning, (aion g165) 71 even salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us, 72 to display his mercy towards our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant, 73 according to the oath which He sware to Abraham our father, 74 to grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, 75 all the days of our life. 76 And thou, my child, shalt be called the prophet of the most High; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, 77 to make known salvation to his people, 78 in the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the day-spring hath visited us from on high, 79 to enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct our feet into the way of peace." 80 And the child grew, and became strong in spirit: and he was in the deserts till the time of his being manifested to Israel.

2 Now in those days an edict was published by Augustus Cesar, that all the world should be enrolled or taxed, **2** (this tax was first levied when Cyrenius was governor of Syria) and they all went to be enrolled, **3** every one to his own city: **4** so Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he **5** was of the house and line of David) to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was big with child. **6** And while they were there, the days of her delivery were fulfilled, **7** and she brought forth her son, the first-born, and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and

laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night: and lo, 9 an angel of the Lord stood over them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them, and they were greatly terrified: 10 and the angel said to them, Be not affrighted; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, **11** that this day is born, in the city of David, your Saviour Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign to you, Ye shall find the child wrapped in swaddling bands lying in a manger. 13 And on a sudden there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, 14 praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. 15 And when the angels went from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go to Bethlehem, and see this which hath been told us, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with speed, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger: 17 and when they had seen it, they divulged what had been told them concerning this child: 18 and all that heard it, were amazed at the things which were related to them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, according as it had been told unto them. 21 And when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, having been so called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him before the Lord: 23 (as it is written in

the law of the Lord, That every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord:) and to offer a sacrifice, 24 according to what is required in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. 25 And there was a man at Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and he was a just and a religious man, who expected the consolation of Israel; and the holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it was revealed to him by the holy Spirit, that he should not die before he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. 27 And he came by the influence of the Spirit into the temple, as his parents brought in the child Jesus to do concerning Him according to the custom of the law: 28 and he took Him into his arms, 29 and blessed God, and said, "Now, Lord, thou dismissest thy servant in peace, according to thy word; 30 for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast provided in the sight of all people, **31** a light for the enlightening of the Gentiles, 32 and the glory of thy people Israel." 33 And Joseph and his mother were amazed at the things that were spoken concerning Him. 34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against, 35 (and a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be discovered. 36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; who was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her first marrying, 37 and had been a widow about eighty four years; who departed not from the temple; serving God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in at the very same time, gave thanks unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all that were looking for

redemption in Jerusalem. 39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. 40 And the child grew, and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. 41 Now his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover: 42 and when He was twelve years old, going up to Jerusalem, as usual at the feast, and having finished the time, 43 when they returned, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem: and Joseph and his mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to be in the company, went a day's journey, and then sought for Him among their kindred and acquaintance: 45 and not finding Him they returned to Jerusalem seeking for Him: 46 and after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, attending to them and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard Him were astonished at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when they saw Him, they were amazed. And his mother said to Him, Son, why didst thou deal thus with us? behold, thy father and I with grief have been seeking for thee. 49 And He said to them, Why did ye so seek me? Did not ye know that I ought to be in my Father's house? 50 but they did not understand the word which He spake to them. 51 Then He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, **2** and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being high priests, the word of God came unto John the Son of Zacharias in the wilderness: 3 and he went into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance in order to the remission of sins; 4 as it is written in the book of Esaias the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: 5 every valley shall be raised, and every mountain and hill shall be lowered, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth: 6 and all men shall see the salvation of God." 7 Therefore said he to the multitudes that came to be baptised by him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits becoming penitents, and do not say within yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," for I tell you that God can of these stones raise up children to Abraham. 9 And now the ax is laid to the root of the trees: every tree therefore which doth not yield good fruit, is cut down and cast into the fire. 10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? 11 And he saith unto them, Let him that hath two coats, give one to him that hath none, and let him that hath food do the like. 12 And there came publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13 And He said unto them, Exact no more than what is appointed you. 14 And the soldiers also asked him, saying, And what shall we do? and He said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely, and be content with your pay. 15 Now as the people were in suspense, and were all thinking in their hearts concerning John, whether he were the Christ or not, 16 John answered and said to them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but a mightier than I is coming, whose shoes I am not

worthy to untie: He will baptize you with the holy Spirit, and with fire; 17 whose fan is in his hand, and He will thoroughly cleanse his floor, and will gather the wheat into his granary, but will burn up the chaff in unquenchable fire. 18 And many other things by way of exhortation did he preach unto the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch being reproved by him on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the wicked things which Herod did, 20 added this likewise to all the rest, that he shut up John in prison. 21 Now, when all the people were baptized, and Jesus was baptized and praying, 22 the heaven was opened, and the holy Spirit descended in a corporeal form, like a dove upon Him, and there came a voice from heaven saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus was then about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, 25 the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Naum, the son of Esli, 26 the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Juda, 27 the son of Joanna, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, 28 the son of Addi, the son of Kosam, the son of Elmodam, 29 the son of Er, the son of Joses, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Juda, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattatha, 32 the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Booz, the son of Salmon, 33 the son of Naasson, the son of Aminadab, the son of Aram, the son of

Esrom, the son of Phares, **34** the son of Juda, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Thara, the son of Nachor, **35** the son of Saruch, the son of Ragau, the son of Phalec, the son of Heber, the son of Sala, the son of Cainan, **36** the son of Arphaxad, the son of Sem, the son of Noe, **37** the son of Lamech, the son of Mathusala, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Maleleel, the son of Cainan, **38** the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of GOD.

4 Now Jesus being full of the holy Spirit, returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted by the devil; 2 and He did eat nothing in all those days: and when they were ended, at last He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, If thou art the Son of God, command this stone to become bread. 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, that man shall not live by bread only, but on every word of God. 5 And the devil taking Him up into an high mountain, shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant, 6 and said to Him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for it is committed to me, and I give it to whomsoever I will. 7 Therefore, if thou wilt but worship me, they all shall be thine. 8 And Jesus answering him said with indignation, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. 9 And he brought Him to Jerusalem, and set him on a battlement of the temple, and said to Him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence; 10 for it is written. He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, 11 to keep thee, and they shall bear thee up in their hands, least thou dash thy foot against a stone. 12 And Jesus answered him, it is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a time. 14 And Jesus returned by the influence of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame was spread through all the country round about concerning Him: 15 and He taught in their synagogues with universal applause. 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and according to his custom He went into the synagogue on the sabbath-day, and stood up to read. 17 And there was delivered to Him the book of the prophet Esaias; and opening the book, He found the place where it was written, 18 "The spirit of the Lord is upon me to the end, for which He hath anointed me: He hath sent me to publish good tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to release them that are bruised, 19 and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 And He folded up the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. 21 And He said unto them, this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. 22 And they all bare witness to Him, and wondered at the gracefulness of the words, which proceeded from his mouth, and said, Is not this the son of Joseph? 23 And He said unto them, No doubt ye will apply to me this proverb, "Physician, cure thyself, and do here in thy own country what we have heard were done at Capernaum." 24 But, said He, indeed I must tell you, that no prophet is well received in his own country. 25 And I assure you, there were many widows in Israel, in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a great famine through all the land; 26 but Elias was sent to none of those widows, but to a widow-woman at Sarepta in the

territory of Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel, in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed; but Naaman the Syrian was. 28 And all the synagogue were filled with rage, when they heard these things, 29 and they rose up and drove Him out of the city, and dragged Him to the brow of the hill, on which their city was built, in order to throw Him down the precipice. **30** But He passed through the midst of them, and went away. 31 And He came down to Capernaum a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath-days, 32 and they were astonished at his doctrine; for He spake with authority. 33 And there was a man in the synagogue possessed by the spirit of an impure demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 saying, Let us alone, what hast thou to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know who thou art, the holy one of God: 35 but Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come out of him. And the demon threw him down in the midst of the assembly, and came out of him, having done him no hurt. 36 And they were all amazed, and said one to another, What a speech is this? for with authority and power He commandeth the impure spirits, and they come out! 37 And his fame spread all over the country round about. **38** And He rose up and went out of the synagogue, and came into the house of Simon: now Simon's wife's mother had a violent fever, and they intreated Him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever, and it left her: and immediately she arose and waited upon them. 40 And at sun-set all that had any persons sick of any diseases, brought them to Him: and He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out from many, crying out, Thou art the Messiah the Son of God. And He

rebuked them, and suffered them not to say, that they knew Him to be the Christ. **42** And when the day was coming on, He went out and retired into a solitary place; and the people sought for Him, and came to Him, and would fain have detained Him, that He might not go from them. **43** But He said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. **44** So He went on preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

 ${f 5}$ And when the people were pressing on Him to hear the word of God, as He stood by the lake of Gennesareth, seeing two vessels at the edge of the lake, 2 (but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets:) 3 He went into one of them, which was Simon's, and desired him to put off a little way from the shore: and He sat down and taught the multitudes from the ship. 4 And when He had done speaking, He said to Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answered and said unto Him, Master, we have been toiling all the night, and have caught nothing; however at thy word I will cast the net. 6 And when they had done this, they inclosed a multitude of fishes; and their net was breaking. 7 And they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, to come and help them; and they came, and filled both the ships, so that they were even sinking: and when Simon Peter saw it, 8 he fell at the knees of Jesus, saying, Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful man; 9 for he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken; 10 as were also James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Be not afraid, from henceforth thou shalt be a captor of men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they left all and followed

Him. 12 And when He was in one of the cities of that country, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus, fell prostrate to Him, and besought Him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst cleanse me. 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, I will; be thou cleansed: and immediately the leprosy departed from him. 14 And He charged him to tell no one: but go, said He, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. 15 But the fame of Him spread more and more, and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. 16 But He frequently retired into solitary places, and prayed. 17 And one day, as He was teaching, there were pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present to heal the people: 18 and behold, some men bringing on a couch a man that was paralytic; and they endeavoured to bring him in, and lay him before Him: 19 but when they could not find what way to bring him in because of the croud, they went up on the battlements of the house, and let him down from the roof with his couch, into the midst before Jesus, 20 who seeing their faith said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and pharisees began to cavil, saying, Who is this that talketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God? 22 but Jesus knowing their thoughts, answered and said unto them, What are ye disputing in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, Rise up and walk? 24 but that ye may know, that the Son of man hath power even on earth to forgive sins, (He spake to the paralytic) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go

to thine house. 25 And immediately he rose up before them, took up the bed on which he lay, and went away to his house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed and glorified God, and were filled with awe, saying, we have seen wonderful things to-day. 27 After these things He went out and saw a publican named Levi, sitting at the custom-house, and said to him, Follow me: 28 and he left all, rose up, and followed Him. 29 And Levi made Him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great number of publicans, and others at table with them. 30 And their scribes and pharisees murmured at his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? 31 And Jesus answered and said unto them, They that are in health have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I am not come to call the righteous, 32 but sinners to repentance. 33 And they said unto Him, Why do the disciples of John frequently fast and pray, and likewise those of the pharisees; but thine eat and drink? 34 And He said unto them, Can ye make those of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 35 but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, then they will fast. 36 Then He spake a parable to them, That no one putteth a piece of new cloth upon an old garment: otherwise, the new maketh a rent, and doth not match the old: 37 nor doth any one put new wine in to old vessels; otherwise, the new wine will burst the casks, and be spilled, and the vessels will be destroyed: 38 but new wine must be put into new vessels, and then both are saved. 39 And no one that has been drinking old wine, immediately desireth new; for he saith, the old is better.

6 And it came to pass on the second-sabbath after the first, that as He was passing through the corn-fields, his disciples plucked

the ears of corn, and rubbed them in their hands and ate them. 2 And some of the pharisees said to them, Why do ye do that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath-days? 3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read what David did, when he himself was hungry and those that were with him? how he went into the house of God, 4 and did take and eat the shew-bread, and gave also to his attendants, which it is not lawful for any to eat but the priests. 5 And He said unto them, the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath. 6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that He went into a synagogue and taught; and there was a man there, whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and pharisees watched Him to see if He would work a cure on the sabbath: that they might find an accusation against Him. 8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man that had the withered hand, Rise, and stand in the midst: and he rose up and stood forth. 9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing, Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to let it be lost? 10 And looking round upon them all, He said to the man, Stretch out thine hand: and he did so, and his hand was made as sound as the other. 11 And they were filled with confusion: and consulted together, what they might do to Jesus. 12 And in those days He went out to a mountain to pray, and He continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called his disciples to Him: and chose out twelve from among them, whom He also named his apostles: 14 (to wit, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, 15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James, 16 and Judas Iscariot, who was

the traitor:) 17 and He came down the hill with them, and stood in the plain; with the rest of his disciples, and a great multitude of people from all the parts of Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases, 18 even those that were tormented by impure spirits: and they were healed. 19 And all the people endeavoured to touch Him, for there went a divine virtue out of Him, and healed them all. 20 And lifting up his eyes on his disciples He said, Blessed are ye though poor; for the kingdom of God is yours. 21 Blessed are ye that hunger now; for ye shall be satisfied. Blessed are ye that weep now; for ye shall laugh. 22 Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and reject you, and reproach you, and cast out your name as infamous on account of the Son of man. 23 Rejoice in that day, and be exceeding glad; for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for thus did their fathers to the prophets. 24 But wo unto you that are rich; for ye have received your consolation. 25 Wo unto you that are full; for ye shall be hungry. Wo unto you that laugh now: for ye shall mourn and weep. 26 Wo unto you when all men speak well of you; for their fathers did the same to the false prophets. 27 But I say unto you my hearers, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, 28 bless them that curse you, and pray for them that abuse you; 29 to him that smitch thee on the one cheek, offer also the other; and let him that taketh away thy cloke, have thy coat too rather than strive with him: 30 give to him that asketh thee, and from him that taketh thy goods on loan demand nothing. **31** And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them in like manner. 32 If ye love only them that love you, what thanks are due to you? for even the wicked love

those that love them: 33 and if ye do good offices to them that do good to you, what thanks are due to you? for even wicked men do the same. 34 And if ye lend to those from whom ye expect to receive, what thanks are due to you? for sinners also lend to sinners that they may receive an equivalent. 35 But do ye love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing from it: and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the sons of the most High; for He is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked: 36 be ye therefore merciful as your heavenly Father also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: **38** give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed and shaken down and running over, shall they give into your bosom: for by the same measure, which ye measure with, shall it be measured back again to you. 39 And He said to them by way of parable, Can a blind man guide a blind man? will they not both fall into a ditch? 40 the learner is not above his teacher, tho' every complete scholar will become as learned as his master. 41 But why dost thou look at the chaff in thy brother's eye, and takest no notice of the beam that is in thine own? 42 or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother let me take out the splinter that is in thine eye, when thou thyself seest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first take out the beam from thine own eye, and then thou wilt see distinctly how to take out the chaff that is in thy brother's eye. 43 For that is not a good tree which produceth bad fruit, nor is the tree bad, which produceth good fruit: 44 for every tree is known by it's fruit; for men do not gather figs from thorns, nor grapes from a bramble. 45 A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart,

bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. **46** But why do ye call me, Lord, Lord, and do not practise what I teach you? **47** Whosoever cometh unto me, and heareth my instructions, and observeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: **48** he is like a man who in building an house digged deep, and laid the foundation upon a rock; and when a flood came, the torrent beat violently against that house, but could not shake it, for it was founded upon a rock. **49** But he that heareth and observeth not, is like a man that built an house upon the ground without any foundation, which the flood beat violently upon, and immediately it fell down, and the ruin of that house was great.

7 Now when He had finished his discourse in the audience of the people, He entered into Capernaum: and a certain centurion's servant, 2 whom he had a great value for, was ill and ready to die; 3 and having heard of Jesus, he sent unto Him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that He would come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they intreated Him earnestly, saying, he is worthy of this favor: 5 for he loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue. 6 So Jesus went with them. And when He was now not far from the house, the centurion sent some of his friends to Him, saying Lord, trouble not thyself, for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: 7 neither did I think myself worthy to come unto thee. But speak the word, and my servant will be recovered. 8 For I also am a man placed under the authority of others, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and

he doth it. 9 And when Jesus heard these things, He marvelled, and turning about, said to the multitude that followed Him, I declare unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. 10 And when they that were sent, returned to the house, they found the servant well, that had been sick. 11 And the day after He went to a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with Him, and a great multitude besides: 12 and as He came near to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carrying out to be buried, his mother's only son, and she was a widow: and many of the people of the city were with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her, and said to her, Do not weep. 14 And He came up and touched the bier, (and the bearers stopped,) and He said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise. 15 And the dead person sat up, and began to speak: and He delivered him to his mother. 16 And an awe seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, a great prophet is risen up among us, and God hath visited his people. 17 And this report of Him was spread through all Judea, and in all the country round about. 18 And the disciples of John told him of all these things: so John called two of his disciples to him, 19 and sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou He that was to come, or are we to expect another? **20** And the men came to Him, and said, John the baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou He that was to come, or are we to expect another? 21 (Now at that very time He cured many of their diseases and plagues, and of evil spirits, and gave sight to many that were blind.) 22 And Jesus answering said unto them, Go and tell John what ye have seen and heard: that the blind recover sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,

the poor have the gospel preached to them, 23 and happy is he who shall not be offended at any thing in me. 24 When the messengers of John were departed, He began to speak unto the people concerning John, what went ye out into the wilderness to see? **25** a reed shaken by the wind? but what did ye go out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that are dressed in fine clothes and live delicately, are in palaces, not in deserts: but what went ye out to see? 26 a prophet? yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he of whom it is written, "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee:" 28 for I tell you that among the sons of men there is not a greater prophet than John the baptist: (though the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he:) 29 --- and all the people that heard him, even the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John; 30 but the pharisees indeed and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God within themselves, and were not baptized by him.--- 31 Whereunto therefore shall I compare the men of this generation? 32 and to what are they like? they are like children sitting in the market-place, and calling to one another, and saying, "We have played pleasant tunes to you, and ye have not danced; we have sung mournful ones and ye have not wept:" 33 for John the baptist came neither eating bread, nor drinking wine, and ye say, he hath a demon: 34 the Son of man is come eating and drinking like other men, and ye call Him a gluttonous man and a wine bibber, and a friend of publicans and sinners. 35 But wisdom is justified by all her children. 36 And one of the pharisees asked Him to eat with him: and He went into the pharisee's house, and sat down. 37 And behold a woman in the city, that was a

sinner, when she knew that He was at table in the pharisee's house, 38 brought an alabaster-box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind Him, weeping, and washed his feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. **39** But when the pharisee that invited Him saw it, he said within himself, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what sort of a woman this is that toucheth Him; for she is a notorious sinner. 40 And Jesus said unto him, Simon, I have something to say to thee: (and he replied, Master, say on.) 41 A certain creditor had two debtors, the one owed him five hundred denaries, and the other fifty: 42 and they not being able to pay him, he freely forgave them both: tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? 43 And Simon answered, I suppose he to whom he forgave most. And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged: 44 and turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Dost thou see this woman? I came into thine house, and thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she has bathed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me not the respect of a kiss; but this woman, ever since she came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 Thou didst not anoint my head with common oil, but she hath anointed even my feet with sweet ointment. 47 Wherefore, I tell thee, her sins though many are forgiven, for she loved much: but he to whom little is forgiven, loveth but little. 48 And He said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that sat at table with Him, said within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? 50 But He said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace.

 ${f 8}$ And it came to pass afterwards that He went through every city and village, preaching and declaring the good tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with Him; 2 and some women that had been cured of evil spirits and other infirmities, as Mary Magdalene, out of whom were cast seven demons, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who assisted Him with their substance. 4 And when a great multitude was gathered together, of those that came to Him out of every city, He spake a parable saying, 5 A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he was sowing, some fell by the way-side, and was trodden down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell upon stony ground, and as soon as it sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8 But some fell on good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit an hundred-fold. And as He said these things He cried out, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." 9 And his disciples asked Him, what might be the meaning of this parable. 10 And He said, To you it is granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but I speak to others in parables, that in seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. **11** Now this is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God: 12 and those by the way-side, are such as hear indeed; but then the devil cometh and taketh away the word from their hearts, least they should believe and be saved. 13 And those on stonyground are such as when they hear, receive the word with joy; but have no root, and so believe only for a while, and in the time of trial fall away. 14 And that which fell among thorns, are those who when they have heard the word go away and are choked

with the cares and riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground, are those who having heard the word, retain it in a good and honest heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. 16 No man when he hath lighted a candle covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a couch; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they who come in may see the light. 17 (For there is nothing secret, that shall not be made manifest: nor any thing concealed, which shall not be made known and come to light.) 18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever improveth what he hath, to him shall more be given; and whosoever hath not, even what he seemeth to have shall be taken from him. 19 Now his mother and his brethren came to Him, and could not come at Him for the croud: 20 and it was told Him, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to see thee. 21 And He answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these that hear the word of God and do it. 22 And it came to pass on one of the days that He went into a ship, Himself and his disciples, and He said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake. 23 And they launched forth: but as they were failing, He fell asleep: and a storm of wind came down upon the lake, and they were filled with water, and were in great danger. 24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Master, master, we are perishing. Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And He said unto them, Where is your faith? But they were struck with awe and amazement, and said one to another, who is this? for He commandeth even the winds and the sea, and they obey Him. 26 And they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is

over against Galilee. 27 And when He was landed, there met Him a man out of the city, who had been possessed by demons a long while, and wore no clothes, and abode in no dwelling but the tombs. 28 But when he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down to Him, and said with a loud voice, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I beseech thee, do not torment me. 29 (For He commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man; which had oftentimes seized him so violently, that tho' he was bound with chains and fetters, yet he broke the bands asunder, and was driven by the demon into those lonely places.) 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? and he said, Legion: because many demons were entred into him. 31 And they besought Him that He would not command them to go into the abyss: (Abyssos g12) 32 but as there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain, they intreated Him that He would suffer them to enter into them, and He permitted them. 33 So the demons went out of the man and entred into the swine: and the herd ran violently down the hill into the lake and were drowned. 34 And when those that looked after them saw what was done they fled; and went and told it in city and country: 35 and the people went out to see what was done, and came to Jesus; and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind: 36 and they were afraid, for those that saw it told them how the demoniac was healed. 37 And all the people of the country round about the Gadarenes desired Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear: and He went into the ship and returned. 38 Now the man from whom the demons were gone out, prayed Him to let him be with Him: but

Jesus sent him away, 39 saying, Return home, and relate what God hath done for thee. So he went away publishing through the whole city what great things Jesus had done to him. 40 And when Jesus returned, a great multitude of people received Him; for they were all waiting for Him. 41 And behold there came a man whose name was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, and he fell at the feet of Jesus, and intreated Him to come into his house: 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. (But as He was going, the people crouded Him: 43 and a woman who had been in a flux twelve years, and had spent her whole livelyhood upon physicians, 44 but could not be healed by any, came close behind Him and touched the hem of his garment, and immediately her flux was stopt. 45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied it, Peter, and those that were with him, said, Sir, the multitudes throng and press thee, and dost thou ask, Who was it that touched me? 46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive a peculiar virtue is gone out of me. 47 And when the woman saw that she was not concealed, she came trembling, and fell down to Him, and declared before all the people, for what reason she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said unto her, Daughter, be comforted, thy faith has healed thee, go in peace.) 49 While He was yet speaking, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's, and said to Him, Thy daughter is dead, trouble not the Master. 50 But Jesus hearing it, answered saying, Fear not, only believe, and she shall be recovered. 51 And when He came to the house, He suffered none to go in but Peter, and James, and John, and the father and mother of the child. 52 And they were all weeping and bewailing

her: but He said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. **53** And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. **54** But He turned them all out, and taking hold of her hand, called to her, saying, Child, arise. **55** And her spirit returned, and immediately she stood up: and He ordered something to be given her to eat. **56** And her parents were exceedingly astonished: but He charged them to tell no one what was done.

9 And He called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases: 2 and He sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. **3** And He said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; nor two coats a piece. 4 And into whatever house ve enter, continue there, till ye leave that place. 5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye depart from that city, shake off the very dust from your feet, for a testimony against them. 6 And they went from town to town, preaching the gospel and healing every where. 7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all the things that were done by Him; and was perplexed, because it was said by some that John was risen from the dead; a and by some that Elias had appeared; and by others, that one of the ancient prophets was risen again. 9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? and he wanted to see Him. 10 And the apostles; when they were returned, told Him all that they had done: and He took them and retired privately into a desert place belonging to the city Bethsaida. 11 But when the people knew it they followed Him; and He received them, and spake to them concerning the kingdom of God, and healed those that had need of a cure. 12 And when the day began to decline,

the twelve came and said to Him, Dismiss the people, that they may go into the villages and country-places round about, and bait, and get food: for here we are in a desert place. 13 But He said unto them, Do ye give them food. And they said, We have but five loaves and two fishes: unless we should go and buy provisions for all this people: 14 for they were about five thousand men. And He said to his disciples, Make them sit down in companies by fifty. 15 And they did so, and caused them all to sit down. 16 And He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven He blessed them; and brake and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17 And they did eat, and were all satisfied: and there was taken up what remained even of fragments twelve baskets. 18 And it came to pass, as He was praying in private, his disciples were with Him: and He asked them saying, Whom say the people that I am? 19 They answering said, John the baptist: but others say Elias: and others, that some ancient prophet is risen again. 20 And He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answered and said, The Christ the Son of God. 21 But He strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be put to death, and be raised again the third day. 23 And He said unto them all, if any one is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me: 24 for he that would save his life shall lose it, but he that would lose his life for my sake shall save it. 25 For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be destroyed? 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed,

when He comes in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. 27 And I assure you, there be some of those who stand here, that shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God. 28 About eight days after these discourses, He took Peter, and John, and James, and went up to a mountain to pray. 29 And as He was praying the form of his countenance was altered, and his raiment white and glistering: 30 and behold two men talked with Him, which were Moses and Elias; 31 who appeared in glory, and spake of his exit, which He was to make at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and they that were with Him were heavy with sleep; but being awakened they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with Him. 33 And as they were departing from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here, let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. 34 And as he was saying this, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were afraid, when they went up into the cloud and disappeared. 35 And there came a voice out of the cloud saying, This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him. 36 And when the voice was uttered, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it to themselves, and told no one at that time any of the things which they had seen. 37 And the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a great multitude met Him: 38 and one of the people cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee look upon my son, for he is my only child; **39** and lo, a spirit seizeth him, and all on a sudden he screameth, and it convulses him with foaming; and bruising him, with much ado departs from him. 40 And I prayed thy disciples to cast him out, and they could not. 41 Then Jesus answered and said, O unbelieving and perverse

generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring thy son hither. 42 And as he was coming along, the devil bruised and convulsed him: but Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him to his father. 43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God: but while they were all wondering at the things which Jesus did, He said to his disciples, 44 Receive these words into your ears; for the Son of man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. 45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, so that they perceived it not, and they were afraid to ask Him concerning it. 46 Then a dispute rose among them, which of them should be greatest. 47 And Jesus knowing the thought of their heart, took a child and set him by Him, and said unto them, 48 Whosoever shall receive this little child for my sake, receiveth me: and he that receiveth me, receiveth Him that sent me. For he that is lest among you all, shall be great. 49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name, and we forbad him, because he followeth not thee with us. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he, that is not against us, is for us. 51 And it came to pass, as the days were almost fulfilled of his being received up again into heaven, that He set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 and sent messengers before Him: who went into a village of the Samaritans to get a place ready for Him. 53 But they would not entertain Him, because his face was towards Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, as Elias did? 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what spirit ye are of: 56 for the Son of man came not to destroy mens lives, but to

save them. And they went to another village. **57** And as they were going by the way, there was one said to Him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest: **58** and Jesus answered him, The foxes have holes, and the fowls of heaven their nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. **59** And He said to another, Follow me: but he said, Lord, permit me to go first and bury my father: **60** but Jesus said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their dead; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. **61** And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee, but allow me first to go and take my leave of my family. **62** But Jesus said unto him, No one, that hath put his hand to the plough and looketh back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

 $\mathbf{10}_{\mathsf{After}}$ these things the Lord appointed also seventy others, and sent them two and two before Him, into every city and place, whither He himself was about to come. 2 And He said unto them, The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few: pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send out workmen to his harvest. 3 Go your ways: behold I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry neither purse, nor bag, nor shoes; and salute no one by the way. 5 But whatever house ye come into, first say, Peace be to this house: 6 and if there be a child of peace there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall return upon yourselves. 7 But remain in the same house, eating and drinking such as they have; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. 8 Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you; 9 and heal those in it that are sick, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come unto you. 10 But into whatever city ye come, and they receive you not, go out into the streets of it and

say, 11 even the dust that cleaveth to us out of your city we wipe off against you: but know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 12 And I tell you, it shall be more tolerable in that day even for Sodom than for that city. 13 Wo unto thee, Chorazin, wo unto thee, Bethsaida, for if the miracles wrought among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgement than for you. 15 And thou Capernaum, which art exalted even to heaven, shalt be cast down to hell. (Hades g86) 16 ---He, that heareth you, heareth me; and he, that rejecteth you, rejecteth me; and he, that rejecteth me, rejecteth Him that sent me. 17 And the seventy returned with joy saying, Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name. 18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan, as lightning, falling from heaven. 19 Behold I give you power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the might of the enemy; and nothing shall at all hurt you. 20 However rejoice not in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven. 21 At this time Jesus was transported with joy in his spirit and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and knowing, and hast revealed them to babes: even so, Father, for such was thy good pleasure. 22 All things are delivered to me by my Father: and none knoweth who the Son is, but the Father: and who the Father is, but the Son; and he to whom the Son pleaseth to reveal Him. 23 And turning to the disciples, He said to them in particular, Blessed are the eyes that see what ye see: 24 for many prophets and kings desired to see the things which ye see, and did not see them; and to hear what

ye hear, but did not hear them. 25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to try Him, and said, Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life? (aionios g166) 26 He said to him, What is written in the law? How readest thou there? 27 And he answered, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself. 28 And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right; do this and thou shalt live. 29 But he willing to justify himself said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? 30 And Jesus replying said, There was a certain man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thieves, who after they had stripped and beaten him, went away, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a certain priest came down that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place, went and looked at him, and then crossed the way and passed by. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he was travelling, came up to him, and when He saw him, 34 he was moved with compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine; and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow, when he went away he took out two denaries, and gave them to the inn-keeper, and said to him, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three dost thou think was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that took pity on him. Therefore said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou in like manner. 38 And as they were journeying, He entered into a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the

feet of Jesus, attending to his discourse. **40** But Martha, being perplexed about much serving, came to Him and said, Lord, dost thou not regard it, that my sister has left me to serve alone? speak to her therefore that she may help me. **41** And Jesus said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and in a hurry about many things: but one thing is necessary. **42** And Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

 $\mathbf{11}_{And}$ as He was praying in a certain retired place, as soon as He had done, one of his disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples. 2 And He said unto them, when ye pray, say, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done as in heaven so also upon earth; 3 give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, 4 for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." 5 And He said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine on his journey is come to me, 6 and I have nothing to set before him: 7 and he from within shall answer and say, Do not be troublesome; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed, I cannot rise to give thee. 8 I tell you, tho' he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend: yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he wants. 9 And so I tell you, Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son ask bread of any father among you, will he give him a stone? and if he ask for a fish, will he

instead of a fish give him a serpent? or if he ask for an egg, 12 will he give him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that ask Him? 14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was dumb: and when the demon was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the people wondered. 15 But some of them said, He casteth out demons by Beelzebub the prince of demons: 16 and others, to try Him, desired of Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He who well knew their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself becomes desolate, and a house against a house falleth: if Satan also be divided against himself, 18 how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say, that I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your own people cast them out? wherefore they shall be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons by the power of God, you may be sure the kingdom of God is come unto you: 21 for when a strong man well-armed defends his palace, his substance is secure: 22 but when a stronger than he cometh upon him and conquers him, he taketh away his armour, wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. 23 He, that is not with me, is against me; and he, that gathereth not with me, scattereth. 24 When an impure spirit is gone out of a man, he wanders through dry desert places, seeking rest: and finding none he saith, I will return into my house, that I came out of; 25 and when he cometh he findeth it swept and set in order. 26 Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and so the last state of that man is worse than the first. 27 As He was speaking these things, a certain woman

lifted up her voice from amidst the croud, and said, Happy is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou didst suck! 28 but He replied, Yea rather happy are they, that hear the word of God and keep it. 29 And when the multitudes were gathering thick together He began to say, This is a wicked generation: they demand a sign, but no sign shall be given them, except that of the prophet Jonah: 30 for as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the day of judgement against the men of this generation and condemn them: for she came from the remote parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold a greater than Solomon is here. 32 And the men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgement against this generation, and condemn it; for they repented upon the preaching of Jonas, and behold a greater than Jonas is here. 33 But yet no one having lighted a candle putteth it into a secret place, nor under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they who come in may see the light. 34 The eye is the candle of the body: therefore when thine eye is clear, thy whole body also is light; but when it is bad, thy body also is dark. 35 Take heed therefore least the light which is in thee be darkness. **36** For if thy whole body be light, having no part dark, it will be (when all enlightened) as when a candle giveth thee light by its brightness. 37 And as He spake, a certain pharisee asked Him to dine with him: and He went in and sat down at table. 38 And when the pharisee saw it he wondered that He did not wash first, before dinner. 39 But the Lord said unto him, ye pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but your inward part is full of rapine and wickedness. 40 Senseless creatures! Did not He

who made the outside, make also that which is within? give alms rather according to your ability: 41 and behold all things are clean to you. 42 But wo unto you pharisees, who tithe even your mint, and rue, and all your herbs, and pass by judgement and the love of God: these ought ye to practise and not to omit the others. 43 Wo unto you pharisees; for ye love the chief seat in synagogues, and salutations in public places. 44 Wo unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites; for ye are like graves that do not appear, and those that walk over them are not aware of them. 45 And one of the doctors of the law answered and said unto Him, Master, in saying these things thou reproachest us also. 46 And He said, Wo unto you also, ye interpreters of the law, for ye load men with insupportable burthens, and ye yourselves touch not the burthens with one of your fingers. 47 Wo unto you; who build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 Thus ye testify that ye approve of the deeds of your fathers; for they put them to death, and ye build their sepulchres. 49 And therefore the wisdom of God hath said, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute: 50 that the blood of all the prophets which has been shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, 51 who perished between the altar and the temple. Verily I tell you, it shall be required of this generation. 52 Wo unto you interpreters of the law; for ye have taken away the key of knowledge, ye entered not in yourselves, and those that were entering in, ye hindered. 53 As He was saying these things unto them the scribes and pharisees began vehemently to attack Him, and urge Him to speak of many things, 54 laying snares for

Him, and endeavouring to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse Him.

12 In the mean time great multitudes of people being gathered together about Him, so that they trode upon one another, He began to say to his disciples, Beware of the leaven of the pharisees, which is hypocrisy: for there is nothing concealed, 2 which shall not be discovered; nor hidden which shall not be known. 3 Therefore whatsoever ye have said in darkness shall be heard in the light: and what ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed on the house-tops. 4 Now I say unto you, my friends, Be not afraid of them, that can only kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will shew you whom ye should fear, ---Fear Him, who after He hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear Him. (Geenna g1067) 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two assaries, and not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Nay the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Be not therefore afraid; ye are of more worth than many sparrows. 8 But I say unto you, Whosoever shall own me before men, the Son of man will also own him before the angels of God. 9 But he, that disowneth me before men, shall be disowned before the angels of God. 10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it may be forgiven him; but unto him, that blasphemeth the holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven. 11 And when they bring you before the synagogues, and magistrates, and powers, be not solicitous how or what defence to make, or what to say: 12 for the holy Spirit shall teach you at that very time what ye ought to say. 13 And one among the multitude said to Him, Master, speak to my brother to divide the inheritance with me: but He said unto him,

14 Man, who set me over you as a judge or divider? 15 And He said unto them, See to it that ye beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of his possessions. 16 And He spake a parable to them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do? for I have not room to lay up my corn. 18 And he said, This I will do: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will bestow all my products and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast plenty of goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that heapeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God. 22 And He said to his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor for the body, what ye shall put on: 23 the life is more than food, and the body than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap; they have neither store-house nor barn, and yet God feedeth them: how much more worth are ye than the fowls? 25 And which of you by all his thought can add one moment to his life? 26 If then ye cannot do even the lest, why are ye so anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I tell you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 Now if God so clothe the grass which is to day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek ye not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; neither be ye in careful suspense: **30** for all these things

the nations of the world seek after; but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 Seek ye therefore the kingdom of God, and all these shall be super-added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what ye have, and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a never-failing treasure in the heavens, where no thief approacheth nor moth corrupteth: 34 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35 Let your loins be girt, and your lights burning, and 36 ye yourselves like men waiting for their lord's return from a wedding, that they may immediately open the door to him, when he comes and knocks. 37 Happy are those servants, whom the master when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he come in the second watch, or in the third watch, and find them so, happy indeed are those servants. 39 And this ye know, that if the master of a house had known at what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broke open: 40 therefore be ye also ready; for the Son of man cometh at a season that ye think not of. 41 Then said Peter unto Him, Lord, dost thou speak this parable to us only, or to all others likewise? 42 And the Lord said, Who is indeed that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his family to give out the measure of food in due season? 43 Happy is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing. 44 Verily I tell you, that he will set him over all that he hath. 45 But if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and begin to beat the men and maid-servants, and drink, and to be drunken: 46 the lord of that

servant will come on a day in which he does not expect him, and at a time which he is not aware of; and will cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant, who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself to do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes; 48 but he that knew it not, and did things deserving stripes, shall be beaten with few: for to whomsoever much is given, of him will much be required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will demand the more. 49 I am come to send fire on the earth, and how do I desire that it were already kindled? 50 for I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am straitened till it be accomplished? 51 Do ye think that I am come to give peace on the earth? I tell you, nay; but rather division. 52 For from this time there shall be five in one family divided, three against two and two against three: 53 the father will be against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-inlaw against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 54 He said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rising from the west, ye presently say, there is a shower coming, and so it proves: 55 and when ye observe the southwind blowing, ye say there will be heat, and it cometh to pass. 56 Ye hypocrites, ye know how to discern the face of the earth and of the heavens, and why do ye not discern the present time? 57 and why do ye not even of yourselves judge what is right? 58 When thou art going with thine adversary to the magistrate, endeavour while thou art in the way to be discharged, least he force thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer,

and the officer carry thee to prison. **59** I tell thee, thou shalt not come out from thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

13 There were present at the same time, some that told Him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye think that these were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, No: but, unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do ye think that they were sinners above all the inhabitants in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, No: but, unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 6 And He spake this parable, A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, but found none. 7 And he said to the vine-dresser, behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down, why should it cumber the ground? 8 And he said to him, Sir, let it alone this year also, till I dig about it, and lay dung to it: 9 then perhaps it may bear fruit; if not, afterwards cut it down. 10 And when He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath-day, 11 there was a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and utterly unable to lift herself upright. 12 And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And He laid his hands upon her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue, being provoked that Jesus had wrought a cure on the sabbath-day, said to the people, There are six days in which ye ought to work; on these therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath-day. 15 The Lord therefore answered him

and said, Thou hypocrite, does not any of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall and lead him away to watering? 16 And might not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath-day? 17 Upon his saying this, all his adversaries were ashamed: but the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him. 18 Then said He, To what is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew, and became a great tree, and the birds of the air lodged in it's boughs. 20 And again He said, To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and put into three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. 22 And he went through the cities and villages teaching, as He journeyed towards Jerusalem. 23 And one said to Him, Lord, are there but few that shall be saved? 24 But He said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for I tell you, many will desire to enter in, and shall not be able. 25 When the master of the house shall have risen up and shut the door, and ye begin to stand without and knock at the door saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say to you, I know you not, whence ye are: 26 then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drank in thy presence, 27 and thou hast taught in our streets, But He will say, I tell you, I know you not, whence ye are; depart from me all ye workers of iniquity: 28 and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves shut out. 29 Yea they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south,

and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. **30** And behold, there are some last who shall be first, and there are first that shall be last. **31** At the same time came some of the pharisees, and said to Him, Go out and depart hence, for Herod intends to kill thee. **32** And He said to them, Go, tell that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and to-morrow; and in a little while I am to be perfected: **33** but I must procede to-day and to-morrow and the following; for it cannot be supposed that a prophet should be cut off but in Jerusalem. **34** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and ye would not? **35** Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and I assure you ye shall not see me again till the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And as He went into the house of one of the chief of the pharisees to eat on the sabbath-day, and they were watching Him, **2** behold, there was a certain man before Him that had a dropsy. **3** And Jesus spake to the expounders of the law and to the pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath-day? **4** but they made no answer. And He took him and healed him, and sent him away: **5** and said unto them, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out even on the sabbath-day? **6** and they were not able to answer Him again to these things. **7** And He spake a parable to those that were invited, observing how they chose the chief seats, saying unto them, **8** When thou art invited by any one to a wedding, do not sit down in the uppermost place, least one more honorable than thou be invited by him; **9** and he

who invited thee and him, should come and say to thee, Give place to this person, and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when thou art invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, that, when he who invited thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then wilt thou have honor before them that sit at table with thee: 11 for whosoever exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. 12 He said also to him that had invited Him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, do not invite thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kindred, nor thy rich neighbors; least they invite thee again, and so a return be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; and thou shalt be happy; 14 because they have not wherewith to requite thee: for a recompense shall be given thee at the resurrection of the just. 15 And one of those; who sat at table with Him, hearing these things, said unto Him, Happy is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 Upon which He said, A certain man made a great supper and invited many; 17 and sent his servant at supper-time to say to them that were invited, Come, for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuses; the first said, I have bought a field, and I must go and see it, pray have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and am going to try them, pray have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So the servant came and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go directly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind. 22 And the servant said,

Sir, it is done according to thine order, and still there is room. 23 And the lord said to the servant, Go out into the high-ways and hedges, and press them to come in, that my house may be filled: 24 for I tell you, that none of those men who were invited, shall taste of my supper. 25 Now there were great multitudes going along with Him: 26 so he turned and said to them, If any man come to me, and does not comparatively hate his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and follow me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For who of you that hath a mind to build a tower does not first sit down and calculate the expence, whether he hath wherewithal to perfect it? 29 least having laid a foundation and not being able to finish, 30 all that see it, should deride him, saying, this man began to build and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to engage with another king in battle, doth not sit down first and consult, whether he be able with ten thousand men to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 and if not, while he is yet far off, he sendeth an embassy, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So, every one of you, that doth not give up all that he hath, cannot be my disciple. 34 Salt is good; but if the salt have lost it's savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 it is neither fit for the land, nor for the dunghil; but they throw it away. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

15 Then drew near unto Him all the publicans and other notorious sinners, to hear Him. **2** And the pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man entertaineth wicked persons, and eateth with them. **3** But He spake to them this parable, **4** saying, What man of you that hath an hundred sheep, and loseth one of

them, doth not leave the ninety-nine in the field, and go after that which was lost, till he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing: 6 and coming home, he calleth his friends and neighbors together and saith unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 Thus, I tell you, there shall be joy in heaven over one repenting sinner, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons, that have no need of repentance. 8 Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and search carefully till she find it? 9 and when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and neighbors together; saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Thus, I tell you, there is joy among the angels of God over one repenting sinner. 11 And He said, a certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, 12 Father, give me the portion that falleth to my share. And he divided his substance between them. 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together and went abroad into a distant country, and there squandered away his substance by living luxuriously. 14 And when he had spent all, there happen'd a grievous famine in that country, and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and let himself to one of the people of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat: and no man relieved him. 17 But coming to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare, and I am perishing with hunger? 18 I will rise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, 19 and am no longer worthy to be

called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants. 20 And he rose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion; and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And his son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no longer worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, bring out the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 and bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and be merry: 24 for this my son was dead, and is alive again, and was lost and is found. And they began to be merry. 25 But his elder son was out in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing: 26 and he called one of the servants to him, and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and well: but he was angry, and would not go in. 28 Therefore his father came out and desired him. 29 But he answered and said to his father, Behold so many years as I serve thee, nor have I ever transgressed thy command, and yet thou hast never given me a kid, to be merry with my friends: 30 but as soon as this thy son was come, who hath eaten up thy substance with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art always with me, and all that I have is thine. 32 But it was fit we should be merry and rejoice; for this thy brother was dead, and is come to life again, was lost and is found.

16 And He said also to his disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and he was accused to him of wasting his goods. **2** And he called him, and said unto him, What is this I

hear of thee? give up the accounts of thy stewardship, for thou canst be no longer steward. 3 And the steward said in himself, What shall I do? now my master takes away the stewardship from me; I am not able to work, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I know what I will do, that when I am turned out of my place, they may receive me into their houses. 5 So he called his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, How much owest thou to my master? and he said, an hundred baths of oil. 6 And he said to him, Take thy bill, and sit down and write but fifty. 7 Then he said to another, And how much owest thou? and he said, an hundred measures of wheat: and he said to him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. 8 And his master commended the dishonest steward as having acted prudently: for the men of this world are as to their affairs wiser than the children of light. (aion g165) 9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends with these unrighteous treasures, that when they fail, ye may be received into everlasting habitations. (aionios g166) 10 He, that is faithful in the lest, is faithful also in much: and he, that is unjust in the lest, is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the false riches, who will intrust you with the true? 12 and if ye have not been faithful in that which was another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or at lest he will be attached to the one, and neglect the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. 14 And the pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things; and derided Him. 15 And He said unto them, Ye justify yourselves before men, but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. 16 The law and the prophets continued until John: from that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every one presseth into it. 17 Though it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than one tittle of the law to fail. 18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. 19 Now there was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, living voluptuously and splendidly every day. 20 And there was a poor man named Lazarus, 21 who was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table: and the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the poor man died, 22 and was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried. 23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham from afar, and Lazarus in his bosom. (Hades g86) 24 And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have pity 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. 25 And Abraham said, Son, remember that thou receivedst thy good things in thy life-time, and likewise Lazarus his evils: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. **26** And besides, there is a great gulf fixed between us and you; so that they, who would pass from hence to you, cannot; nor can they pass to us, who would come from thence. 27 Then he said, Therefore I intreat thee, Father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: 28 for I have five brethren; that he may testify to them my misery, least they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham answered him, They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them: 30 and he said, Nay, father Abraham, but if one

went to them from the dead, they will repent. **31** And he replied, If they hearken not to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one should rise from the dead.

17 Then said He to the disciples, It is impossible that offences should not come: but wo to him by whom they come. 2 It were better for him that a milstone were hung about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to offend. 3 Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times a day, and seven times in a day return to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. 5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith but as a grain of mustard-seed, ye might say to this sycamine-tree, Be thou rooted up and planted in the sea; and it would obey you. 7 But which of you having a servant plowing, or feeding cattle, will say to him, as soon as he comes in from the field, Come hither and sit down at table? 8 But will he not rather say to him, Get ready my supper, and gird thyself, and wait upon me, till I have done, and afterwards thou shalt eat and drink. 9 Is he obliged to that servant for doing what he was ordered? 10 I think not. So likewise ye, when ye have done all things that were commanded you, say we are unprofitable servants, for we have done only what we ought to do. 11 And as He was going to Jerusalem, He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee; 12 and as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers: 13 who stood at a distance, and lifted up their voice, saying, Jesus master, have pity on us. 14 And when He saw them, He said unto them, Go and shew yourselves to the priests.

And it came to pass as they were going, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, perceiving that he was healed, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God: 16 and fell prostrate at his feet, giving Him thanks; and He was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answered and said, Were not all the ten cleansed? and where are the other nine? 18 Are there none returning to give glory to God, but this stranger? 19 And He said to him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath saved thee. 20 And being asked by the pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation. 21 Neither shall they say, Behold it is here, or behold it is there; for the kingdom of God is within you. 22 And He said to the disciples, the time will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and shall not see it. 23 And they will say to you, Behold, He is here, or behold He is there: but go not after them, nor follow them. 24 For as the lightning which lightneth from the one part of heaven shineth to the other: so also shall the Son of man be in his day. 25 But He must suffer many things first, and be rejected by this generation. 26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being married, till the day that Noah went into the ark: and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 And as it was likewise in the days of Lot; they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building: 29 but the very day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Thus shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, whoever shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down into it to take them away: and he that is

in the field, let him likewise not return back. **32** Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it; **33** and whosoever will venture his life, shall preserve it. **34** In that night there shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other left: **35** two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken and the other left: **36** two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. **37** And they answered and said unto Him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, where the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

 $\mathbf{18}_{\mathsf{And}}$ He spake also a parable to them, to shew that men ought always to pray, and not to faint: 2 saying, There was a judge in a certain city, who neither feared God, nor regarded man. 3 And there was a widow in that city, who came to him, saying, Do me justice of my adversary. 4 And he would not for a time: but afterwards he said within himself, Though I fear not God, 5 nor regard man, yet because this widow gives me trouble, I will do her justice, least by continually coming she weary me out. 6 And the Lord said, hear what even the unjust judge saith: 7 and will not God do justice for his elect that cry to Him day and night, though He bear long with them. 8 I tell you, He will avenge them speedily. And yet when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith in the land? 9 And He spake also this parable to some that trusted in themselves as being righteous, and despised others. 10 Two men went up to the temple to pray; the one a pharisee and the other a publican. 11 The pharisee standing by himself prayed thus, O God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, rapacious, unjust, adulterous, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 But the publican standing at a distance did not

presume so much as to lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, O God, be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for whoever exalteth himself shall be abased, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. 15 And they brought to Him infants also, that He might touch them: and his disciples seeing it rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I tell you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall by no means enter into it. 18 And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? (aionios g166) 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, all these have I kept from my youth. 22 But when Jesus heard these things He said unto him, Thou yet wantest one thing, Sell all that thou hast, and distribute to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 But when he heard this, he was very sorrowful; for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, He said, How difficultly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God? 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? 27 But He answered, Things impossible with men are possible with God. 28 Then said Peter, Behold, we have guitted all, and followed Thee. 29 And He said unto them, Verily I tell you, there is no one that hath

left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive manifold more even in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting. (aion g165, aionios g166) 31 And He took the twelve with Him and said to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. 32 For He shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and insulted, and abused, and spit upon, and they will scourge Him, and put Him to death: 33 and the third day He shall rise again. 34 But they understood none of these things; and this matter was hid from them, so that they knew not the things which were spoken. 35 And as he was near to Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way-side begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37 And they told him, Jesus of Nazareth is coming by. 38 And he cried out, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have compassion on me. 39 And they, that went before, rebuked him, that he might hold his peace, but he cried out the more, O Son of David, have pity on me. 40 So Jesus stopt, and ordered him to be brought to Him: and when he was come near, 41 He asked him, saying, What wouldst thou that I should do for thee? And he said, Lord, that I may recover my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

19 And Jesus having entred Jericho passed through the city, **2** and behold, there was a man named Zaccheus, who was the chief publican, and very rich. **3** And he sought to see Jesus who He was; but he could not for the croud; for he was little of

stature. 4 And he ran before and got up into a sycamore-tree that he might see Him; for He was to pass by that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste and came down, and received Him with joy. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone to be guest with a wicked man. 8 But Zaccheus stood up and said unto Jesus, Behold, Lord, the half of my substance I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any one wrongfully, I restore him fourfold. 9 Then said Jesus, This day is salvation come to this house, for as much as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 And as they listened to these things, He proceeded and spake a parable; because He was nigh to Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God would immediately be manifested. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a distant country to receive the investiture of a kingdom and then to return. 13 And he called ten of his servants, and delivered to them ten pounds, and said, Trade with them till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent an embassy after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And when he was returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to be called to him, to whom he had delivered the money, that he might know what use each had made of it. 16 Then came the first and said, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said to him, Well done, thou good servant, as thou hast been faithful in a very little, thou shalt be governor over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath produced five

pounds: 19 and he said to this likewise, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, and said, Behold, my Lord, thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 for I was afraid of thee, because thou art an austere man, who takest up what thou didst not lay down, and reapest what thou didst not sow. 22 But he said to him, Out of thy own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant, Thou knewest that I am an austere man, taking up what I laid not down, and reaping what I did not sow; 23 and why then didst thou not put my money into the bank, that when I came I might have received it with interest? 24 And he said to them that stood by, Take away the pound from him, and give it to him that hath the ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds already:) 26 for I tell you, that to every one that hath shall be given; but from him that hath not, even what he seemingly hath shall be taken away. 27 But those mine enemies, who would not have me to reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. 28 And when He had said these things, He went forward, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And when He was nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, He sent two of his disciples, 30 saying, Go into the opposite village, in which, at your entring, ye will find a colt tied, on which no man ever yet sat; loose him and bring him hither. 31 And if any one ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him. The Lord hath need of him. 32 And they that were sent, went away and found it as He had told them. 33 But as they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, Why do ye untie the colt? 34 and they answered, The Lord hath need of him. 35 And they brought him to Jesus: and throwing their garments upon the colt they

set Jesus thereon. 36 And as He went along they spread their clothes under Him in the way. 37 And when He was now come near to the foot of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples rejoicing began to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen, 38 saying, Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest! 39 And some of the pharisees from among the multitude said to Him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And He answered them, I tell you, that if these were silent, the very stones would cry out. 41 And as He drew near, beholding the city, He wept over it, 42 saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at lest in this thy day, the things relating to thy peace--- but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast up a trench about thee, and surround thee, and keep thee in on every side, 44 and shall lay thee to the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou didst not regard the time of thy visitation. 45 And He went into the temple, and cast out those that were buying and selling in it, 46 saying unto them, It is written, "my house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves." 47 And He was teaching daily in the temple: but the chief priests and the scribes and the rulers of the people sought to destroy Him; 48 and could not find how to effect it: for all the people were attentive to hear Him.

20 And on one of those days as He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes and elders came upon Him, saying, **2** Tell us by what authority thou dost these things? or who it is that gave thee this

authority? 3 And He answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one guestion, tell me, 4 Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? 5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven, He will say, Why then did ye not believe him? 6 but if we say, Of men, the people will all stone us: for they are persuaded that John was a prophet. 7 And they answered, they did not know whence it was. 8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 9 Then He began to speak unto the people this parable, A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen and travelled abroad for a considerable time, 10 and at the fruitseason he sent a servant to the husbandmen that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard; but the husbandmen beat him and sent him away empty. 11 And he sent another servant; and they beat him also and abused him, and sent him away empty. 12 And he sent a third; and they wounded him also and drove him out. 13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: perhaps when they see Him they will reverence Him. 14 But when the husbandmen saw Him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir, come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do unto them? 16 He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others. And when they heard this they said, God forbid. 17 And He looked upon them and said, What then is this, which is written, The stone which the builders refused, is become the head of the corner? 18 Whosoever falleth on that stone shall be bruised; but on whomsoever it falleth, it will crush him to pieces. 19 And the

chief priests and the scribes would have laid hands on Him at that very time, but were afraid of the people: for they perceived that He had spoken this parable against them. 20 And they watched Him and sent out spies, pretending to be righteous men, to lay hold of his words, that they might deliver Him up to the power and authority of the governor. 21 And they asked Him, saying, Master, we know that thou speakest and teachest rightly, and acceptest not the person of any, but teachest the way of God in truth: 22 is it lawful for us to give tribute to Cesar, or not? 23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why do ye tempt me? 24 Shew me a penny: whose image and inscription hath it? and they answered, Cesar's. 25 Then said He unto them, Render therefore unto Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and to God the things that are God's. 26 And they could not take hold of his word before the people: and they marvelled at his answer and said no more. 27 And some of the Sadducees (who deny a resurrection) came to Him and asked Him, 28 saying, Moses enjoined us, if any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die childless, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed to his brother. 29 Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless; and the second took the wife, and he died childless; 30 and the third took her; 31 and in like manner all the seven. 32 And they died and left no children. Last of all the woman also died. 33 Therefore at the resurrection whose wife is she? for all the seven had her to wife. 34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry and are given in marriage. (aion g165) 35 But they who are counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: (aion g165) 36

for they can die no more, being like the angels: and they are the children of God as being the children of the resurrection. 37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush; for he calleth the Lord, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 And He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for to Him they are all living. 39 And some of the scribes replied, Master, thou hast indeed said right. 40 And they dared not any more to ask Him any such question. 41 And He said unto them, How do they say, that Christ is the son of David? 42 when David himself saith in the book of Psalms, "The Lord said unto my Lord, 43 Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool." 44 David therefore calleth Him Lord, and how is He then his son? 45 And He said to his disciples, in the audience of all the people, 46 Beware of the scribes, who affect to walk in long robes, and love salutations in public places, and the chief seats in the Synagogues, and uppermost places at feasts; 47 who devour widows houses, and for a shew of religion make long prayers: these shall receive a heavier sentence.

21 And He looked up and saw the rich people bringing their gifts to the treasury: **2** and He saw also a poor widow throwing in two mites. **3** And He said, Verily I tell you, this poor widow hath put in more than they all. **4** For all these have out of their abundance contributed to the offerings of God: but she out of her penury hath given all she had. **5** And as some were speaking of the temple; how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts, He said, As for these things which ye see, **6** the days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be demolished. **7** And they asked Him, saying, Master, when shall these things be? And what will be the sign when these

things shall come to pass? 8 And He said, Take heed that ye be not deceived; for many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and the time is near: but do not therefore go after them. 9 And when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these must first happen; but the end will not be directly. 10 Then said He unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 and there will be great earthquakes in several places, and famines, and pestilences, and fearful sights and great prodigies from heaven. 12 But before all these things they will lay hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues, and prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake: 13 but it shall be for a testimony to you. 14 Fix it therefore in your hearts not to premeditate a defence: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, 15 which all your adversaries shall not be able to contradict nor withstand. 16 But ye shall be betrayed even by parents, and brethren, and kindred and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death: 17 and ye will be hated by all men for my sake. 18 But not an hair of your head shall perish. 19 In your patience therefore possess your souls. 20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem surrounded with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh: then let them that are in Judea flee to the mountains, 21 and those that are in the midst of it, depart; and let not them that are in the countries enter into it. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But wo to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days; for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people, 24 and they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive

into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trampled down by the Gentiles, till the times of the Gentiles too shall be fulfilled. 25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity, the sea and the waves roring: 26 and men ready to die for fear and apprehension of the things that are coming upon the land; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming, as on a cloud, with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look upwards and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. 29 And He spake a parable to them, Behold the fig-tree, 30 and all the trees, when they shoot out, ye see and know of yourselves that summer is now near: **31** so likewise know ye, when ye see these things coming to pass, that the kingdom of God is at hand. 32 Verily I tell you, this generation shall not pass away till all be accomplished. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 34 Take heed to yourselves, least at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of life, and so that day should come upon you unawares: 35 for as a snare shall it come upon all that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore and be constant in prayer, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things, which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. 37 Thus He was by day teaching in the temple; and at night He retired to the mount called the mount of Olives. 38 And all the people came early in the morning to Him in the temple to hear Him.

22_{Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the passover. **2** And the chief priests and scribes were}

consulting how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people. 3 Then entred Satan into Judas who was surnamed Iscariot, one of the twelve. 4 And he went and conferred with the chief priests and the captains, how he might betray Him unto them. 5 And they were glad and agreed to give him money: 6 and he accepted the terms, and sought an opportunity to betray Him unto them in the absence of the multitude. 7 The day of unleavened bread being come, on which the paschal-lamb was to be slain, 8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat of it. 9 And they said unto Him, Where wouldst thou have us prepare it? 10 And He said unto them, Behold, when ye are come into the city, there shall meet you a man, carrying a pitcher of water, follow him into the house where he entreth: 11 and say to the master of the house, Our Master inquireth by us, Where is the room, in which I may eat the passover with my disciples? 12 And he will shew you a large upper room set out; there make it ready. 13 And they went and found as He had told them; and prepared the passover. 14 And when the hour was come, He sat down and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 And He said unto them, I have earnestly desired to eat of this passover with you before I suffer: 16 for I say unto you, that I will not eat of it any more, till it be accomplished in the kingdom of God. 17 And taking the cup He gave thanks and said, Take this and distribute it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you, that I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine, till the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And He took bread, and gave thanks and brake it, and gave it to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me: 20 as also the cup after supper, saying,

This cup represents the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you. 21 And yet behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is at table with me: 22 and the Son of man is going indeed as was determined; but wo to that man by whom He is betrayed. 23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do it. 24 And there was also a dispute among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest: 25 but He said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority are called benefactors. 26 But ye shall not do so: but let the greatest among you be as the younger; and he that presides as he that serveth. 27 For which is greater, he that sitteth at table, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at table? but I am among you as one that serveth. 28 Ye have continued with me in my temptations; 29 and I appoint you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me: 30 that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit upon thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you my disciples, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith may not fail; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto Him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee both to prison and to death. **34** But He replied, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before thou hast thrice denied that thou knowest me. 35 And He said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, or bag, or shoes, did ye want any thing? and they said, Nothing. 36 Then said He unto them, But now let him, that hath a purse, take it, and his bag likewise; and let him that has no sword, sell his garment and buy one: 37 for I tell you, that this which is written must yet be accomplished in

me, "And He was numbered with transgressors," for the things foretold concerning me are near at an end. 38 And they said, Lord, behold here are two swords. And He said unto them, It is enough. 39 And He came out and went, as He used to do, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed Him. 40 And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. 41 And when He was withdrawn from them about a stone's-cast, He kneeled down and prayed saying, 42 Father, if thou art willing take away this cup from me---nevertheless, not my will but thine be done. 43 And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was like clotted blood falling down upon the ground. 45 And when He rose up from prayer, He came to his disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow; 46 and He said to them, Why do ye sleep? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. 47 And while He was yet speaking, behold a multitude; and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve apostles, came before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him: 48 and Jesus said to him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? 49 But when they that were about Him saw what would follow, they said to Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50 And one of them smote the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear: 51 but Jesus said, Suffer ye thus far; and He touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then said Jesus to the chief priests, and officers of the temple, and elders, that were come to Him, Are ye come out as against a robber with swords and clubs? 53 When I was day after day with you in the temple, ye did not stretch out your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the

power of darkness. 54 Then they took Him and led Him away, and brought Him to the high priest's. And Peter followed at a distance. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and sat down together, Peter also sat down among them: 56 and a servant-maid seeing him as he sat by the fire, and looking hard at him, said, This fellow was also with Him: 57 But he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. 58 And after a little while another person seeing him said, And thou art one of them: but Peter said, Man, I am not. 59 And about an hour after, another confidently affirmed saying, In truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean too: but Peter answered, 60 Man, I know not what thou sayst. And immediately, while he was yet speaking, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter; and Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, Before the cock crow thou wilt deny me thrice. 62 And Peter went out and wept bitterly. 63 And the men that laid hold on Jesus, insulted and abused Him; 64 and when they had blind-folded Him, they struck Him on the face, and asked Him, saying, Prophesy who it was that smote thee. 65 And many other things spake they against Him, blaspheming Him. 66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people, and chief-priests, and scribes, assembled together, and ordered Him up into their council: 67 and said to Him, Art thou the Messiah? tell us. And He said unto them, If I should tell you, ye would not believe: 68 and if I should put any question to you, ye would not answer me, nor discharge me. 69 But hereafter shall the Son of man be seated on the right hand of the power of God. 70 And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? 71 And He said unto them, I am. And they said, What need have we of any farther evidence? when we ourselves have it from his own mouth?

23 Then they all rose up and led Him to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbiding to give tribute to Cesar; saying, that He himself is Christ the king. 3 And Pilate asked Him, saying, Art thou the king of the Jews? And He answered him and said, I am as thou sayest. 4 But Pilate said to the chief priests, and to the people, I find nothing criminal in this man. 5 Then they were more vehement, saying, He stirreth up the people to sedition, spreading his doctrine throughout all Judea: having begun at Galilee and come even to this place. 6 Now when Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked, if the man were a Galilean: 7 and understanding that He was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also at Jerusalem at that time. 8 And Herod, when he saw Jesus, was very glad; for he had of a long time been desirous to see Him, because he had heard much of Him, and he hoped to see some miracle wrought by Him. 9 And he asked Him many guestions; but He answered him nothing: 10 though the chief priests and scribes stood vehemently accusing Him. 11 But Herod with his soldiers set Him at nought and insulted Him, and put on Him a gaudy robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 And on that same day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other: for before they were at enmity one with the other. 13 And Pilate called together the chief priests, and the rulers, 14 and the people, and said unto them, Ye have brought to me this man as one that perverteth the people: and behold I have examined Him before you, and found nothing chargeable on Him, of the things you alledge against Him: 15 nor Herod

neither; for I sent you to him, and behold nothing worthy of death is proved upon Him. 16 I will therefore chastise Him, and so release Him. 17 Now he was obliged to release one to them at the feast. 18 And they all cried out, saying, Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas: **19** (who for a riot in the city, and for murder, was committed to prison:) 20 Pilate therefore spake to them again, being desirous to release Jesus. 21 But they bawled out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. 22 And he said to them a third time, what evil hath He done? I have found nothing in Him deserving death: I will therefore chastise Him, and let Him go. 23 But they insisted upon it with loud clamours, demanding Him to be crucified: and their voices and those of the chief priests prevailed. 24 So Pilate gave sentence that what they demanded should be done. 25 And he released to them him that for sedition and murder had been cast into prison, whom they desired; and delivered up Jesus to their will. 26 And when they led Him away, they laid hold on one Simon a Cyrenean coming out of the country, and put the cross on him to bear it behind Jesus. 27 And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented Him: but Jesus turning to them said, 28 Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. **29** For behold the days are coming in which they shall say, happy are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck. **30** Then shall they say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us: 31 for if they do these things to the green wood, what shall be done to the dry? 32 And there were also two other malefactors led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they were come to the place which is

called Calvary, there they crucified Him and the malefactors: one on his right hand and the other on his left. 34 And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his garments, and cast lots for them. 35 And the people stood looking on, and even the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others, let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ the chosen of God. 36 And the soldiers too insulted Him, coming to Him and offering Him vinegar, saying, 37 If thou art the king of the Jews, save thyself. 38 And there was a superscription written over Him in Greek, and Latin and Hebrew letters, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 And one of the malefactors that were executed with Him reviled Him, saying, If thou be the Messiah, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answered and rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God neither, when thou thyself art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due rewards of our deeds, but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus answered him, I assure thee, thou shalt be with me this day in paradise. 44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land till the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit. And when He had said thus, He expired. 47 And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this man was righteous. 48 And all the multitudes that came together to this affecting sight, seeing what happened, smote on their breasts and returned. 49 And all his acquaintance stood at a distance,

and the women that followed Him from Galilee, beholding these things. **50** And behold there was a man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, named Joseph, a counsellor, a good man and a just: **51** (who had not consented to their counsel nor their action; and who was also himself in expectation of the kingdom of God:) **52** he came to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus: **53** and he took it down and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre hewn in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. **54** Now that day was the preparation, and the sabbath was coming on: **55** wherefore the women, that came with Him from Galilee, followed Joseph, and saw the sepulchre, and how the body was laid: **56** but returned and prepared spices and perfumes; and then rested on the sabbath-day, according to the commandment.

24 And on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared; (and some others with them:) and found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre: 2 so they went in, 3 but found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And while they were in perplexity about it, behold, two men stood by them in shining robes. 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the ground, the men said unto them, Why do ye seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, He is risen: remember how He spake to you, when He was yet in Galilee, 7 saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and be crucified; and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things to the eleven apostles, and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, that told these things to

the apostles: 11 and their words appeared to them as an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the sepulchre; and stooping down he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves: and he went away, wondering in himself at what had happened. 13 And behold two of them were going that day to a village about threescore furlongs from Jerusalem, called Emmaus. 14 And they were conversing together about all these things which had happened. 15 And while they were discoursing and reasoning together, Jesus himself drew near and went along with them. 16 But their eyes were so restrained that they did not know Him. 17 And He said unto them, What subjects are these, which ye are discoursing of to one another as ye walk, and why are ye sorrowful? 18 And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered and said to Him, Art thou only a sojourner at Jerusalem, and hast not heard of the things which have been done there within these few days? 19 And He said unto them, What things? And they replied, Those concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful both in work and word before God and all the people: 20 how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we hoped that it was He that would have delivered Israel: and besides all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. 22 And indeed some women of our company much surprised us: who having been early at the sepulchre, 23 and not finding his body there, came and said likewise that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. 24 And some of those that were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it so as the women had said: but Him they did not see. 25 And He said unto them, O people void of

understanding and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. 26 Was not the Messiah to suffer these things, and so to enter into his glory? 27 And beginning from Moses, and all the prophets, He explained to them in all the scriptures the things that were spoken concerning Himself. 28 And they drew nigh to the village whither they were going: and He made as if He was going farther. 29 And they pressed Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. 30 And as He sat at table with them, He took bread and blessed it, and then brake it and gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him. 32 And He disappeared from them. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, as He was talking with us by the way, and while He was opening to us the scriptures? 33 And they rose up immediately and returned to Jerusalem; and sound the eleven and others with them assembled together, saying, 34 The Lord is risen indeed, and hath been seen by Simon. 35 Then these also related what had happened by the way, and how He became known to them in breaking of bread. 36 And as they were thus speaking, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be to you. **37** But they being terrified and frighted, thought they saw a spirit. 38 And He said to them, Why are ye troubled? and why do such thoughts rise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. 40 And when He said this, He shewed them his hands and feet. 41 But they not yet believing for joy, and being amazed, He said to them, Have ye here any thing to eat? 42 And they gave Him part of a broiled fish and some honey-

comb: 43 and He took, and did eat before them. 44 And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all the things must be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and Psalms, concerning me. 45 Then He opened their mind, to understand the scriptures: 46 and said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it was necessary that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead on the third day; 47 and that in his name should be preached repentance and remission of sins to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things: and I will send upon you the promise of my Father; 49 but do ye continue in the city of Jerusalem, till ye are endued with power from on high. 50 And He led them out as far as to Bethany: and lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 And while He was blessing them, He was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they were constantly in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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 ${f 1}$ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 By Him were all things made, and without Him was not any one thing made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness attained it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John: 7 this man came for witness, that he might testify concerning the light, that through him all might believe. 8 He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of the light. 9 The true light was that which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and yet the world knew Him not: 11 yea, He came to his own peculiar right, and even his own people received Him not. 12 But as many as received Him, to them granted He the privilege to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name; 13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, being full of grace and truth: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the onlybegotten of the Father. 15 Of Him did John bare witness, and publicly declared, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for He was before me. 16 And of his fulness have we all received, even grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ: 18 and though no one hath ever seen God, or can see Him: yet the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, hath made Him known. 19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to

ask him, Who art thou? 20 he confessed, and denied not; but declared openly, I am not the Christ. 21 And they asked him, What then? art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou a prophet? and he answered, No. 22 Therefore said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us: What dost thou say of thy self? 23 and he said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord," according to Esaias the prophet. 24 Now they that were sent, were of the pharisees: 25 and they asked him, and said to him, Why then dost thou baptize, if thou art not the Christ, nor Elias, nor a prophet? 26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; 27 that cometh after me, but is preferred before me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to unloose. 28 These things passed at Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming towards him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. 30 This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a man, who is preferred before me: for He was before me. 31 And I knew Him not: but therefore came I baptizing with water, that He might be made known to Israel. 32 And John testified saying, I saw the Spirit descending like a dove from heaven, and it abode upon Him. 33 And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and abiding on Him, the same is he that baptizeth with the Holy Spirit. 34 And I saw it, and therefore testified that this is the Son of God. 35 The day following John was standing, (and two of his disciples,) 36 and looking upon Jesus as He was walking, he saith, "Behold the lamb of God."

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37 And when the two disciples heard what he said, they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turning, and seeing them following Him, saith unto them, What do ye seek? They said unto Him, Rabbi (that is to say, Master,) where is thine abode? 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. And they came and saw where He dwelt, and abode with Him that day: and it was about the tenth hour. 40 Now Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two that heard what John said, and thereupon followed Jesus. 41 He first meeteth with his own brother Simon, and telleth him, "We have found the Messiah, which is to say, the Christ." 42 And Andrew brought him to Jesus: and Jesus looking at him said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonas, thou shalt be called Cephas; which is interpreted a stone. 43 The day following Jesus had a mind to go out into Galilee, and meeting with Philip, saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip meeting Nathaniel, saith unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and of whom the prophets also wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Jeseph. 46 And Nathaniel said unto him, Can any thing good come out of Nazareth? Philip replied, Come and see. 47 And when Jesus saw Nathaniel coming towards Him, He saith concerning him, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." 48 Nathaniel saith unto Him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered him, Before Philip called thee, I saw thee, when under the fig-tree. 49 Nathaniel replied, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the king of Israel. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I told thee that I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou believest: thou shalt see greater things than these. 51 And He saith unto him, Verily verily I say unto you, Ye shall hereafter see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

 $\mathbf{2}$ And on the third day after, there was a marriage at Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 And Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And the wine falling short, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? my time is not yet come. 5 His mother saith to the servants, Whatsoever he ordereth you to do, do it. 6 And there were six stone waterpots, placed according to the custom of purifying among the Jews, containing each about two or three firkins. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water: and they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and carry it to the master of the feast. And they carried it to him. 9 And when the manager of the feast had tasted the water which was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants, that drew the water, knew,) he called the bride-groom, 10 and saith unto him, Every man sets out good wine at first, and when they have drank plentifully, then that which is worse; but thou hast keep the good wine till now. 11 This beginning of his miracles Jesus wrought at Cana of Galilee, and made manifest his glory: and his disciples believed on Him. 12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: but they staid there not many days. 13 For the passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those that sold oxen, 14 and sheep, and doves, and the money changers sitting: 15 and having made a whip of small cords He drove them all, out of the temple; with the sheep and the oxen: and He poured out the

changers money, and threw down the tables. 16 And said to them that sold doves, Take away these things from hence, and make not my Father's house an house of traffick. 17 And his disciples remembered that it is written. The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. 18 The Jews therefore answered and said unto Him, What sign dost thou shew us, seeing thou dost these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again: then said the Jews, 20 Forty and six years has this temple been in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? but He spake of the temple of his body. 21 Therefore when he was risen from the dead, 22 his disciples remembered, that He had said this to them: and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. 23 And when he was in Jerusalem at the passover on the feast-day, many believed in his name, seeing his miracles, which He wrought. 24 But Jesus did not trust Himself to them; 25 for He knew all men, and He had no need that any should testify concerning man; for He knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the pharisees, whose name was Nicodemus, a ruler among the Jews: **2** who came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for none can do these miracles which thou dost, unless God be with him. **3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily verily I tell thee, Unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **4** Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **5** Jesus answered, I tell thee of a truth, Unless a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** That, which is born of

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the flesh, is flesh; and that, which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. 7 Do not wonder that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 As the wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound of it, but knowest not whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a teacher of Israel and knowest not these things? 11 I assure thee, that we speak what we know, and testify what we have seen; though ye receive not our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how will ye believe if I should tell you heavenly ones? 13 For no one hath ascended up into heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 that whosoever believeth on Him may not perish, but have eternal life. (aionios g166) 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life: (aionios g166) 17 for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved by Him. 18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not, is already condemned; because he hath not believed on the name of the only-begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doth evil, hateth the light; and he cometh not to the light, least his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that acts according to truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. 22

After these things came Jesus, and his disciples into the land of Judea: and He stayed with them there, and baptized. 23 And John also was baptizing in Enon near Salim; because there was much water there: and people came to him and were baptized. 24 For John was not yet cast into prison. 25 Now there arose a dispute between some of the disciples of John, and the Jews, about purifying. 26 And they came to John, and said unto him, Rabbi, He that was with thee on the other side Jordan, to whom thou barest testimony, behold, He baptizeth and all the people come to Him. 27 John answered and said, A man can take nothing upon him, unless it be given him from heaven. 28 Ye your selves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but am sent before Him. **29** He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth with great joy at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore my joy is complete. **30** He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He, that cometh from above, is above all: he that is of the earth, is earthly, and talketh like one of the earth: 32 but He that cometh from heaven, is above all: and what He hath seen and heard, this He testifieth: and yet scarce any one receiveth his testimony. 33 He that hath received his testimony, hath set his seal to this, that God is true: 34 for He, whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: for God giveth the Spirit to Him not by measure. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all into his hand: 36 wherefore he that believeth on the Son, hath eternal life; and he that obeyeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. (aionios g166)

4 Therefore when the Lord knew, the pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, **2** (though

Jesus Himself did not baptize, but his disciples,) 3 He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. 4 And as He must pass through the country of Samaria, He came to a Samaritan city called Sichar, 5 near the piece of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 And Jacob's well was there. Now Jesus was tired with his journey, and sat down at the well: and it was about the sixth hour of the day, 7 when a woman of Samaria coming to draw water, Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8 (For his disciples were gone away to the city to buy food.) 9 But the Samaritan saith unto Him, How is it that thou who art a Jew askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan? for the Jews have no friendly intercourse with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou the living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water, will thirst again; 14 but he that drinketh of the water which I shall give him, shall never thirst: but the water, which I shall give him, will be in him a fountain of water springing up unto eternal life. (aion g165, aionios g166) 15 The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come hither to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go call thine husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou hast said right, I have no husband: 18 for thou hast had five husbands; and he, whom thou now hast, is not thy husband:

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this thou hast said true. 19 The woman saith unto Him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the time is coming, when ye shall worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 Ye worship ye know not what; but we worship what we know: for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the time is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father requireth such worshippers of Him. 24 God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship in spirit and truth. 25 Then saith the woman unto Him, I know that the Messiah, that is to say the Christ, is coming; and when He comes, He will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I, who am talking to thee, am He. 27 And upon this came his disciples and wondered that He talked with the woman: (though none of them said, What dost thou seek? or, Why dost thou talk with her?) 28 therefore the woman left her water-pot, and went away into the city, 29 and saith to the people, Come, see a man who hath told me all that ever I did; is not this the Christ? 30 They therefore went out of the city, and came to Him. 31 In the mean time his disciples addressed Him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But He said unto them, I have food to eat, which ye know not of. 33 Therefore the disciples said one to another, Hath any one brought Him aught to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My food is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Do not ye say, it is yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, lift up your eyes, and see the fields, they are already white for harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth the fruit together unto

life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together; (aionios g166) 37 for herein the saying is verified, that one soweth, and another reapeth, 38 in as much as I have sent you to reap that on which ye have not laboured: others have laboured, and ye are entered into their labors. 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him, because of what the woman said, testifying, He told me all that ever I did. 40 Therefore when the Samaritans came to Him, they desired Him to stay with them: and He staid there two days. 41 And many more believed on account of his own discourse: 42 and said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of what thou hast spoken; for we ourselves have heard Him, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. 43 And after two days he departed thence, and went into Cana of Galilee. 44 For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet hath no honor in his own country. 45 And when He was come into Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all that he did in Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went to the feast. 46 Therefore Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where He had made the water wine. 47 And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum: who, when he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, went to Him, and intreated Him, that he would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 Jesus therefore said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto Him, Lord, come down before my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go, thy son is well. And the man believed what Jesus said unto him, and went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, Thy son is well. 52

He inquired therefore of them the hour in which he grew better: and they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. **53** So the father knew that it was in that same hour, in which Jesus said to him, Thy son is well. And he and his whole family believed. **54** This is the second miracle that Jesus wrought, upon coming out of Judea into Galilee.

 $\mathbf{5}$ After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is at Jerusalem near the sheep-market a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticos about it. 3 In these lay a great number of people that were infirm, blind, lame, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel descended at a certain season into the pool, and moved the water; the first therefore that went in after the disturbing of the water, was cured of whatever malady he laboured under. 5 And there was a man who had been under illness thirty eight years. 6 Jesus seeing him lie there, and knowing that he had been now a long time ill, saith unto him, Dost thou desire to be cured? 7 The infirm man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is moved, to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another goes down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was cured: and he took up his bed and walked. 10 Now this was the sabbath-day, therefore the Jews said to him that was cured, It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. 11 He answered them, He, that made me well, said unto me, Take up thy bed and walk. 12 Therefore they asked him, Who is the man that said to thee, Take up thy bed and walk? 13 but he, that was healed, did not know who it was: for Jesus had withdrawn himself, there being many people in the

place. 14 Afterwards Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said to him, Behold, thou art healed; sin no more, least something worse befal thee. 15 And the man went away, and told the Jews, that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And for this did the Jews persecute Jesus, and endeavoured to put Him to death; because He had done these things on the sabbath-day. 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh without intermission, and so do I. 18 For this therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He had not only broken the sabbath, but had also called God his own Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for whatsoever He doth, these also the Son doth in like manner. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth Him all things, which He Himself doth: and He will shew Him greater than these, that ye may wonder. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead and giveth life: even so the Son maketh alive whom He pleaseth. 22 For neither doth the Father judge any one, but hath committed all judgement to the Son; 23 that all men may honour the Son, even as they honour the Father: he, that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father that sent Him. 24 Verily, verily I say unto you, he, that heareth my word, and believeth in Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come under condemnation; but is passed from death to life. (aionios g166) 25 Verily, verily I tell you, that the time is coming, and even now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given also to the Son to have life in Himself. 27 And hath given Him authority also to

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execute judgement, because He is the Son of man. 28 Wonder not at this; for the time is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 and shall come forth, they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. **30** I can do nothing of my self: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father that hath sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness of my self, my testimony is not true in law: 32 but there is another who testifieth concerning me; and I know that the testimony, which he giveth concerning me, is true. 33 Ye your selves sent unto John, and he bore witness to the truth: 34 though I need not testimony from man; but I say these things that ye may be saved. 35 He was indeed a burning and shining light, and for a while ye willingly rejoiced in his light. 36 But I have a testimony greater than John's: for the works which the Father hath given me to perform, the very works which I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me, hath Himself borne witness of me: and yet ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you; because ye believe not Him, whom He hath sent. **39** Ye search the scriptures; for ye think that in them ye have eternal life: (aionios g166) 40 and they testify of me: and yet ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. 41 Though I desire not applause from men: 42 but I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another should come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44 How can ye believe, who receive applause from each other, and the glory which is from God only, ye seek not? 45 Think not that I shall accuse you

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to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. **46** For if ye believed Moses, ye would believe me; for he wrote concerning me: **47** but if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

6 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw his miracles which He performed on them that were diseased. 3 So Jesus went up to a mountain, and there He sat down with his disciples. 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up his eyes, and seeing a great multitude come to Him, saith to Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these people may eat? 6 (and this He said to try him, for He knew what He was going to do:) 7 Philip answered Him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. 8 One of his disciples, to wit, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, 9 saith unto Him, There is a lad here, that hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many? 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down: (now there was much grass in the place:) so the men sat down in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were sat down; and of the fishes likewise, as much as they would take. 12 And when they were filled, He saith to his disciples, Gather up the fragments that are left, that nothing may be lost. **13** They therefore gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained after they had eaten. 14 Therefore the people when they had seen the miracle that Jesus wrought, said, this is certainly the Prophet

who was to come into the world. 15 Jesus therefore knowing that they would come, and take Him by force if possible, to make Him king, retired again to the mountain Himself alone. 16 And when evening was come, his disciples went down to the sea: 17 and having entered into a ship were going over the Sea towards Capernaum: and it was now dark, and Jesus was not yet come to them. 18 And the sea rose high by reason of a violent wind. 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and near the ship: and they were affrighted. 20 But He saith unto them, It is I: be not afraid. 21 They desired therefore to take Him into the ship: and immediately the vessel was at the land to which they were going. 22 The day following the people that staid on the other side of the sea, seeing there was no other boat there, but that one into which his disciples embarked, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples went away alone: 23 though there came other vessels from Tiberias, near the place where they had eaten bread after the Lord had given thanks: when therefore the people saw that Jesus was not there, 24 nor his disciples; they also went into those vessels, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the Sea, they said unto Him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not so much for the meat that perisheth, but rather for that food which endureth unto life eternal, which the Son of man will give you: for Him hath God the Father sealed. (aionios g166) 28 Therefore said they unto Him, What should we

do, that we may work the works approved of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him, whom He hath sent. 30 Therefore said they unto Him, What sign dost thou shew, that we may see it, and believe Thee? What work dost thou do? 31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert, as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. 32 Therefore Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I tell you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which descendeth from heaven, and giveth life to the world. 34 Therefore said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 Then Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I have told you, so that ye have seen me, and yet ye do not believe. 37 All that the Father giveth me, will come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will not cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me. 39 And this is the will of the Father who sent me, that of all that He hath given me, I should lose none, but should raise them up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one who looketh attentively at the Son, and so believeth on Him, may have eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (aionios g166) 41 The Jews then murmured about Him; because He said, I am the bread that came down from heaven. 42 And they said to one another, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we knew? How then does He say, I came down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me, unless the Father, who hath sent me,

draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught of God." Every one therefore that hath heard and learned from the Father, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any one hath seen the Father, but He who is from God. 47 He hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I declare unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. (aionios g166) 48 I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead: 49 but this is the bread which cometh down from heaven, 50 that any one may eat thereof and not die. 51 I am the living bread, which came down from heaven: if any one eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. And the bread, that I will give, is my flesh, which I will give up for the life of the world. (aion g165) 52 The Jews therefore cavilled amongst themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53 Then said Jesus unto them, I tell you truly, that unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. (aionios g166) 55 For my flesh is truly food, and my blood is truly drink: he that feedeth on my flesh and drinketh my blood, 56 abideth in me and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that feedeth on me he also shall live by me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat, and yet are dead. He that eateth this bread shall live for ever. (aion g165) 59 These things He said in the synagogue, when He was teaching in Capernaum. 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard Him, said, This discourse is hard to be understood, who can take it in? 61 But Jesus knowing in Himself, that his disciples were murmuring about it, said unto them, Does this offend you? 62 What then, if ye should see the Son of man ascending up, where He was before? 63 The spirit is the principle of life, the flesh availeth nothing: now the words that I speak unto you are spirit, and therefore life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not: (for Jesus knew from the beginning, who they were that believed not, and who would betray Him: 65 and He said,) therefore I told you, that no one can come unto me except it be given him from my Father. 66 From this time many of his disciples went away, and walked no more with Him. 67 Jesus therefore said to the twelve, Have ye also a mind to go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? (aionios g166) 69 Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and know that thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living God. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 Now He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon; for he was about to betray Him, though he was one of the twelve apostles.

7 After these things Jesus resided in Galilee: for He would not appear in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. **2** Now the Jews feast called the feast of tabernacles was near; **3** his brethren therefore said, Depart from hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples there also may see the works which thou performest. **4** For no man doth any thing in secret, who is himself desirous to be known in public. As thou dost these wonderful things, make thyself known to the world. **5** For neither did his brethren believe in Him. **6** Then saith Jesus unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always alike ready; for the world cannot hate you: **7** but me it hates, because I bear my testimony concerning it, that it's deeds are evil. **8** Go ye up to

this feast as soon as ye please; for I am not yet going up to it, because my time is not yet fully come. 9 And after He had said these things unto them, He stayed a while in Galilee. 10 But when his brethren were gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not in a public manner but as it were in private. 11 The Jews therefore sought for Him at the feast, and said, Where is He? 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him: for some said, He is a good man; others said, No: He deceiveth the people. 13 No one however spake openly in favor of Him, for fear of the Jews. 14 But when it was now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, who never learnt? 16 Jesus answered them and said, The doctrine that I teach is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man desire to do his will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He, that speaketh from himself, seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of Him that sent him is true, and there is no imposture in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you observeth the law? wherefore else do ye seek to kill me? 20 The people answered and said, Thou art possessed by a demon: who seeketh to kill thee? 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I performed one miracle on the sabbath, and ye are all amazed at it. 22 Now Moses gave you the law of circumcision, (not that it is originally from Moses, but from the patriarchs,) and ye circumcise even on the sabbath: 23 if then a man receive circumcision on the sabbath-day, that the law of Moses may not be broken; are ye angry with me, because I made a man perfectly well on the sabbath-day? 24 Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgement. 25 Therefore some of those of Jerusalem said, Is not this He whom they seek to put to death? 26 and here He talketh openly, and they say nothing to Him: Do the rulers indeed know, that this is in truth the Messiah? 27 But we know whence this man is; whereas when Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence He is. 28 Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, Ye both know me, ye say, and ye know whence I am: now I am not come of myself, but He that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He hath sent me. 30 They sought therefore to seize Him, but no one laid hand on Him, because his hour was not yet come. 31 And many of the people believed on Him, and said, When the Messiah cometh, will He do more miracles than this man hath done? 32 Now the pharisees heard the people murmuring these things concerning Him: and they, with the chief priests, sent officers to seize Him. 33 Therefore Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while I am to be among you, and then I shall go to Him that sent me. 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am to be, ye cannot come. 35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will He go, that we shall not find Him? will He go to them that are dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? 36 What is the meaning of this speech, that He said, "Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am to be, ye cannot come?" 37 And on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If any one thirst, let him come unto me and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, rivers of living water shall flow from within him. 39 (This He spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive; for

the holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.) 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this discourse, said, This is in truth a prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Messiah. But some said, Shall the Messiah come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the Scripture said, that Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the town whence David was. 43 So there was a division among the people about Him. 44 And some among them would have seized Him: but no one laid hands on Him. 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and pharisees, and they said, Why have ye not brought Him? and the officers answered, 46 Never man spake like this man. 47 The pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also deceived? 48 have any of the rulers believed on Him, or of the pharisees? 49 but these people, who know not the law, are cursed. 50 Upon this Nicodemus, (who came to Him by night) 51 being one of them, saith to them, Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he hath done? 52 They replied, Art thou also of Galilee? Search and see: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. 53 And every man went to his own house.

8 But Jesus went to the mount of Olives; **2** and returned early in the morning into the temple, and all the people came to Him: and He sat down, and taught them. **3** And the scribes and pharisees brought to Him a woman taken in adultery; **4** and setting her in the midst, they said to Him, "This woman was caught in the very act, committing adultery. **5** Now Moses in the law has commanded us that such women should be stoned, but what sayest Thou?" **6** This they said to tempt Him, that they might have something to accuse Him of. But Jesus stooping down, wrote with his finger upon the ground. **7** And as they continued

asking Him, He raised himself up and said unto them, "Let him that is without sin among you, first cast a stone at her." 8 Then He stooped down again and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard his answer, being convicted by their own conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the elder, even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst of the people. 10 Then Jesus rising up, and seeing none but the woman, said unto her, Where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 And she said, None, Lord. Then said Jesus unto her, Neither do I condemn thee, Go thy way and sin no more. 12 Then spake Jesus again to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he, that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The pharisees therefore said to Him, Thou bearest witness of thyself; thy testimony is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear witness of myself, my testimony is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I am going; but ye know not whence I come, nor whither I go. 15 Ye judge according to the flesh, but I judge no man as yet: 16 though if I should judge, my judgement is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father that sent me. **17** And it is written in your own law, that the testimony of two persons is valid. 18 Now I am one, who bear witness of myself; and the Father, who sent me, beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto Him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also. 20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, when He was teaching in the temple: and no one laid hands on Him, for his hour was not yet come. 21 Jesus therefore said unto them again, "I am going

away, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sin: where I go ye cannot come." 22 The Jews therefore said, What! will He kill himself; that He says, where I am going, ye cannot come? 23 And He said unto them, Ye are from beneath, I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world. 24 Therefore I said unto you, that ye shall die in your sins; for if ye believe not that I am the Messiah, ye shall die in your sins. 25 Then said they to Him, Who art thou? And Jesus answered them, Even the same that I told you at first. 26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you: but I only say, He that sent me is true, and I declare to the world those things, which I have heard from Him. 27 But they did not know that He spake unto them of the Father. 28 Jesus therefore said unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then ye shall know that I am He, and that I do nothing of myself, but as my Father hath instructed me, I speak these things. 29 And He that sent me, is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him. 30 As He spake these words many believed on Him. 31 Therefore said Jesus to the Jews that believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, ye are indeed my disciples. 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered Him, We are the seed of Abraham, and never were slaves to any one, how then dost thou say, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily I say unto you, whosoever maketh a practice of sin, is the servant of sin. 35 Now the servant does not continue always in the family: but the Son abideth always. (aion g165) 36 If therefore the Son make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are the seed of Abraham, but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place

in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father, and ye do what ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered Him, Abraham is our father, Jesus replied, If ye were the children of Abraham, ye would do the works of Abraham: 40 but now ye seek to kill me, who have told you the truth which I have heard from God: Abraham did not thus. 41 But ye do the works of your father. Then said they unto Him, We are not born of fornication, we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your father, ye would love me: for I came forth, and do come, from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me. 43 And why do ye not understand my language, but because ye cannot bear my doctrine? 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and are bent upon doing the lusts of your father: he was a murderer from the beginning, and continued not in the truth: for there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh like himself, for he is a liar, and the father of such. 45 And because I say the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convicteth me of sin? 46 And if I speak truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He, that is of God, receiveth the words of God; but ye therefore receive them not, because ye are not of God. 48 The Jews therefore answered and said unto Him. Do we not rightly say, that thou art a Samaritan, and art possessed by a demon? 49 Jesus answered I am not possessed by a demon, but I honour my Father, though ye dishonour me. 50 And I seek not my own glory; there is One that seeketh it, and judgeth. **51** Verily, verily, I say unto you, If any one keep my word, he shall never see death. (aion g165) 52 The Jews therefore said unto Him, Now we are sure that thou art possessed by a demon. Abraham is dead, and the prophets too; and thou sayest, If any one keep my word,

he shall never taste of death: art thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? (aiōn g165) 53 and the prophets are dead: whom dost thou pretend to be? 54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that glorifieth me, of whom ye say that He is your God. 55 And yet ye know him not; but I know Him: and if I should say, That I know Him not, I shall be like you, a liar: but I know Him, and obey his word. 56 Your father Abraham longed to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Before Abraham was, I am. 59 Therefore they took up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus concealed Himself, and went out of the temple, through the midst of them, and so passed on.

9 And as Jesus was passing along, He saw a man, who had been blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who sinned? this man or his parents? that he was born blind. 3 Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God might be manifested in him. 4 I must perform the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night is coming, when no man can work. 5 But as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 And when He had said these things, He spit on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 and said to him, Go wash at the pool of Siloam (which signifies Sent.) He went therefore and washed, and came again seeing. 8 And the neighbors, and they that had seen him before, that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat begging? 9 Some said, this is he: and others, It is like him: but he said, I am the man. 10 Therefore they said to him, How were thine eyes opened? 11 He

answered and said, A man who is called Jesus, made clay and anointed mine eyes, and said to me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash: and I went and washed and received my sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is He? he answered, I know not. 13 So they brought him, that had formerly been blind, to the pharisees. 14 Now it was the sabbath-day, when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Therefore the pharisees also asked him again, how he recovered his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. 16 Then said some of the pharisees, This man is not of God, because He doth not keep the sabbath: but others said, How can a wicked man do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17 So they asked the blind man again, What sayst thou concerning Him? as He hath opened thine eyes. 18 And he said, He is a prophet. But the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and recovered sight, till they called the parents of him, that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say, was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but how it is that he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age, ask him; he can speak for himself. 22 These things said his parents, because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed, that if any one confessed Him to be Christ, he should be turned out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, he is of age, ask him. 24 Then they called a second time for the man that had been blind, and said to him, Give glory to God: for we know that this man is a great sinner. 25 He answered, and said, Whether He be a sinner, I know not: but

one thing I know, that I who was blind, do now see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he do to thee? how did He open thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye would not hear? why would ye now hear it again? have ye also a mind to be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple, but we are the disciples of Moses: we know that God spake to Moses: 29 but as for this man, we know not whence He is. 30 The man answered, and said unto them, Why this is something strange, that ye know not whence He is, and yet He hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a servant of God, and do his will, him He heareth. 32 From the beginning of the world it was never heard, that any one opened the eyes of a person that was born blind. (aion g165) 33 And if this man were not from God, He could do nothing. 34 They answered, and said unto him, Thou wast wholly born in sins, and dost thou teach us? 35 And they cast him out. Now Jesus heard that they had turned him out of the synagogue; and when He met him, He said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe on Him? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou hast seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe; and worshipped Him. 39 And Jesus said, I am come into this world to execute judgement; that they who see not, may see; and that they who say they see, may be made blind. 40 And some of the pharisees who were present, heard these words, and said to Him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus replied, If ye were blind, ye would not have sin: but now ye say, We see; your sin therefore remaineth.

 $\mathbf{10}_{Verily, verily I say unto you, He that entreth not into the$ sheep-fold by the door, but climbeth up some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that cometh in by the door, is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice; and He calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he bringeth forth his sheep, he goeth before them: and the sheep follow him; because they know his voice. 5 But they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him; because they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This parable Jesus spake unto them; but they did not understand what He said to them. 7 Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily I tell you, that I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not regard them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved; and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they may have life, and may have it in perfection. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. 12 But the hireling, that is not the true shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf seizeth them, and disperseth the sheep. 13 Now the hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and I know my own sheep, and am known by them. 15 Even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice; so there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 For this doth the Father love me; because I lay down my life: that I may take it again.

18 None taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself: I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment I have received from my Father. 19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews on account of these words. **20** And many of them said, He is a demoniac, and is mad; why do ye hear Him? 21 Others said, These are not the words of a demoniac; can a demon open the eyes of the blind? 22 Now it was the feast of dedication at Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus was walking about the temple, in Solomon's portico. 24 Then the Jews came round Him, and said unto Him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou be the Messiah, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I have told you, and ye do not believe me: though the works that I do in the name of my Father, testify of me. 26 But ye believe not; because ye are not of my sheep: for as I said unto you, my sheep hear my voice, 27 and I know them, and they follow me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; nor shall any one force them out of my hand. (aion g165, aionios g166) 29 My Father who gave them to me, is greater than all: and therefore none is able to force them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one. Then the Jews again took up stones to stone Him. 31 But Jesus said unto them, 32 Many good works have I shewn you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, We do not go about to stone thee for a good work, but for blasphemy; and because thou being a man makest thyself God. 34 Jesus replied, Is it not written in your law, "I have said, ye are gods?" 35 And if it stiled them gods, to whom the word of God came, (and the scripture cannot be made void,) 36 do ye say of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God? **37** If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. **38** But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him. **39** Therefore they sought again to seize Him; but He escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan, **40** to the place where John was at first baptizing, and there He abode. **41** And many resorted to Him, and said, John wrought no miracle, but all that he said concerning this man, was true. **42** And many there believed on Him.

 $\mathbf{11}_{Now}$ there was a certain person sick, to wit, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and Martha her sister. 2 (And it was Mary, that anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 His sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 But when Jesus heard it, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 Therefore when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed indeed two days in the place where He was: 7 and after that He saith to his disciples, Let us go again into Judea. 8 The disciples say unto Him, Master, the Jews very lately attempted to stone thee, and art thou going thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? if any man walk in the day, he doth not stumble; for he seeth the light of this world: 10 but if any one walk in the night, he stumbleth; because he hath no light. 11 Having thus answered them, He afterwards saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus is asleep; but I am going to awake him. 12 Therefore his disciples said, Lord, if he sleep,

he will do well. 13 But Jesus spake of his death; though they thought that He was speaking of the refreshment of sleep. 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead: 15 and I am glad for your sakes, I was not there, that ye may believe: but let us go to him. 16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. 17 And when Jesus came, He found that he had been four days in the grave. 18 Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, being but about fifteen furlongs from it: 19 and many of the Jews were come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Therefore Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him: but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 And Martha said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 But I know that even now whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will grant it thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus then told her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, shall live again. 26 And every one that is alive, and believeth in me, shall never die. (aion g165) 27 Dost thou believe this? She saith unto Him, Yes, Lord, I believe that thou art the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world. 28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary her sister, telling her privately, The Master is coming and calleth for thee. 29 As soon as she heard it, she gets up with all speed and comes to Him. 30 For Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. 31 The Jews therefore that were with her in the house to comfort her, seeing Mary that she rose up hastily and went

out, followed her, saying, She is going to the grave to weep there. 32 Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw Him, fell down at his feet, saying unto Him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 Jesus therefore, when He saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping, that came with her, groaned in spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, Where have ye laid him? 35 They say unto Him, Lord, come and see: and Jesus wept. 36 The Jews therefore said, Behold, how he loved him! 37 but some of them said, Could not He, who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused also that this man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, cometh to the sepulchre: which was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Jesus saith, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of the deceased, saith unto Him, Lord, by this time he is offensive; for it is the fourth day. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Did I not tell thee, that if thou believest, thou shalt see the glory of God? 41 So they took away the stone from the place where the corpse was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hast heard me. 42 I knew indeed that Thou always hearest me: but because of the people standing by I say this, that they may believe that Thou hast sent me. 43 And when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that had been dead came forth, having his feet and hands rolled up in grave-cloths: and his face bound about with a napkin. Then Jesus bid them, Loosen him and let him go. 45 Therefore many of the Jews, that came to Mary and saw what Jesus did, believed on Him. 46 But some of them went to the pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Therefore the chief priests and the pharisees held a

council and said, What are we doing? for this man worketh many miracles. 48 If we suffer Him to go on thus, all the people will believe on Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our place and nation. 49 But Caiaphas who was one of them, being high-priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all; 50 nor do ye consider, that it is better for us that one man should die for the people, than that the whole nation should perish. 51 This however he spake not of himself, but being highpriest at that time he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation: 52 and not for the Jewish nation only, but that he might also gather together the children of God that are dispersed. 53 From that day therefore they consulted together to put Him to death. 54 Wherefore Jesus appeared no longer publicly among the Jews; but went away from thence into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. 55 Now the passover of the Jews was near; and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country, before the passover, to purify themselves. 56 So they sought for Jesus, and said to one another in the temple, What think ye? that He will not come to the feast? 57 Now both the chief priests and the pharisees had given order, that if any one knew where He was, he should inform them, that they might take Him.

12 Jesus however, six days before the passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, and whom He raised from the dead. **2** Therefore they made Him a supper there, and Martha waited at table, but Lazarus was one of them that sat down with Him. **3** And Mary taking a pound of ointment of spikenard of great value, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped them with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour

of the ointment. 4 Therefore said one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, who was about to betray Him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor? 6 He said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the common purse he carried what was put into it. 7 Jesus therefore said, Let her alone, she hath reserved this as for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor ye have always with you, but me ye have not always. 9 And a great number of the Jews understanding that He was there, came not only on account of Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 Wherefore the chief priests took counsel to put Lazarus also to death. 11 Because on his account many of the Jews went away from them, and believed on Jesus. 12 The next day a great multitude that were come to the feast, hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm-trees, 13 and went out to meet Him, and cried, Hosanna! blessed be the king of Israel, who cometh in the name of the Lord. 14 And Jesus having gotten a young ass sat thereon, 15 as it is written, "Fear not, O daughter of Sion, behold thy king cometh sitting on an ass's colt." 16 Now his disciples did not understand these things at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written concerning Him, and that they had done thus unto Him. 17 And the people that were with Him testified, that He called Lazarus out of the grave, and raised him from the dead: 18 and for this reason the people went to meet Him, because they heard that He had done this miracle. 19 The pharisees therefore said among themselves, Do ye not see that ye prevail nothing? Behold, all the world is gone after

Him. 20 And among those that came up to worship at the feast there were certain Greeks: 21 that came to Philip who was of Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we have a desire to see Jesus. 22 And Philip cometh and telleth Andrew, and then Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them saying. The time is come that the Son of man is to be glorified. 24 Though I tell you indeed and in truth, Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it remaineth alone; but if it die, it produceth much fruit. 25 So he, that loveth his life, shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, shall preserve it unto life eternal. (aionios g166) 26 If any man would serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: and if any one serve me, him will my Father honour. 27 Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I to this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore that stood by, and heard it, said, That it was thunder: but others said, it was an angel spake to Him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not for my sake, but for yours. 31 Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, shall draw all men unto me. 33 This He said, signifying what death He should die. 34 The people answered Him, We have heard out of the law, that the Messiah abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, the Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? (aion g165) 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while the light is to be with you; walk while ye have the light, least darkness overtake you; for he that walketh in the dark knoweth not whither

he goeth. 36 While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and then went away, and concealed himself from them. 37 But though He had done so many miracles before their eyes, yet they did not believe on Him: 38 so that the word of Esaias the prophet was fulfilled, which he spake, saying, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 And therefore they could not believe; for Esaias had also said, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart, that they might not see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41 These things said Esaias when he saw his glory, and spake concerning Him. 42 There were however many of the chief rulers that believed on Him; but because of the pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be excommunicated. 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. 44 And Jesus raised his voice, and said. He that believeth on me, believeth not on me only, but on Him that sent me: 45 and he that beholdeth me, beholdeth Him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me, might not abide in darkness. 47 And if any one hear my words and believe not, I do not condemn him: for I am not now come to condemn the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word, that I have spoken, will condemn him at the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father, who sent me, gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life eternal: the things therefore which I speak, I so speak, as the Father hath directed me. (aionios g166)

13 Now before the feast of the passover, (Jesus knowing that his hour was come, when He should pass out of this world unto the Father, as He had loved his own, who were yet in the world, He loved them unto the end:) 2 supper being prepared, (the devil having put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him) Jesus, 3 who knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that He came from God, and was going to God, 4 riseth from supper, and turneth aside his clothes, and took a towel and tied it about Him; 5 and then pouring water into a bason, began to wash the feet of his disciples, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded. 6 He cometh therefore to Simon Peter among the rest, who saith unto Him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou dost not now understand, but thou shalt know hereafter. 8 Peter saith to Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I do not wash thee, thou hast no part with me. (aion g165) 9 Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that hath been bathing, hath need only to wash his feet, being then clean all over: and thus ye are clean, but not all of you. 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, Ye are not all clean. 12 And when He had washed their feet, and taken his clothes about Him, He sat down again, and said to them, Do ye know the intent of what I have been doing to you? 13 Ye call me, Master, and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily I say unto you, The servant is

not greater than his lord, nor is the messenger greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye, if ye do them. 18 | speak not of you all; | know whom | have chosen: but have done it that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me, hath lift up his heel against me. 19 And I tell you now, before it come, that when it comes to pass ye may believe that I am the Messiah. 20 Verily, verily I say unto you, He that receiveth him, whom I shall send, receiveth me: and he that receiveth me, receiveth Him that sent me. 21 Jesus having said these things was troubled in spirit, and He openly testified and said, Verily, verily I tell you, that one of you will betray me. 22 The disciples therefore looked on one another, doubting of whom He spake. 23 Now there was one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, sitting next Him. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him to ask, who it was concerning whom He spake. 25 And he, reclining on the breast of Jesus, saith unto Him, Lord, who is it? 26 Jesus answered, It is he to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it: and He dipped in a sop and gave it to Judas the Iscariot the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop Satan entred into him. Then Jesus saith unto him, What thou dost, do quickly. 28 But none of those that sat at table knew wherefore He said this to him. 29 For some of them thought, because Judas kept the purse, that Jesus said to him, Buy what things we have need of against the feast: or that he should give something to the poor. 30 He therefore, when he had taken the sop, immediately went out. And it was night. 31 And when he was gone out Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him: 32 and if God be glorified in Him, God will glorify Him in Himself, and will soon glorify Him. 33 Little children, I am to be with you

but a little while longer. Ye will wish for me, and as I said to the Jews, "Whither I go ye cannot come", so I now tell you. **34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; -- -as I have loved you, that ye also love one another: for by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, **35** if ye have mutual love to each other. **36** Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, whither art thou going? Jesus answered him, Whither I am going thou canst not follow me now, but thou shalt follow me hereafter. **37** Peter saith unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thee. **38** Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily verily I tell thee, The cock shall not crow till thou hast denied me thrice.

 $\mathbf{14}_{\mathsf{Let}}$ not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many mansions; if not, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. 3 And as I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself, that where I am, ye may also be. 4 And ye know where I am going, and ye know the way. 5 Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither thou art going, and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye do know Him, and may be said to have seen Him. 8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and dost thou not know me? Philip, he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father: and how then dost thou say, Shew us the Father? 10 Dost thou not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? as to the words which I speak to you, I speak

them not of my self; and the Father who abideth in me, doth the works. 11 Believe me therefore that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: at lest, believe me for the very works. 12 Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I perform he also shall perform, and greater than these shall he do: because I am going to the Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it: that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, 16 and He will give you another comforter to abide with you for ever: (aion g165) 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, because He abideth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world shall see me no more; but ye shall see me: and because I live, ye shall live also. 20 Then ye shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest my self to him. 22 Judas (not the Iscariot) saith unto Him, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thy self to us, and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If any one love me, he will observe my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and will make our abode with him. 24 He that doth not love me, doth not observe my words: and yet the word that ye hear, is not mine, but the Father's who hath sent me. 25 These things have I spoken unto you, while I have been with you. 26 But the comforter, that is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will

send in my name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said unto you. **27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **28** Ye have heard, how I said unto you, "I am going away, and I shall come again to you." If ye loved me, ye would rejoice that I said, I am going to the Father: for my Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it cometh to pass ye may believe. **30** I shall not have much more conversation with you: for the prince of this world is coming; not that he hath any thing in me, **31** but that the world may know that I love the Father, and that I do as the Father hath commanded me. Arise, let us go hence.

 15_{I} am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman: 2 every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away, and every one that beareth fruit, He purgeth, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide therefore in me, and I will abide in you: for as the branch cannot bear fruit of it self, unless it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, beareth much fruit: but without me ye can do nothing. 6 If any one abide not in me, he is cast out as a useless branch and withereth: and they gather them up, and throw them into the fire, and they are burnt. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask what ye will, and it shall be granted you. 8 Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, and I have loved you, continue in my love: 10 and if ye keep my commandments ye will continue in

my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and continue in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy in you may continue, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends: 14 and ye are my friends, if ye do what I command you. 15 I no longer stile you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doth: but I have called you friends; for whatsoever I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you. 16 Ye did not first choose me, but I chose you, and have appointed you to go forth, and bear fruit, and that your fruit should be lasting: that whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, He may give it you. 17 These commands I give you, that ye should love one another. 18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me first. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember what I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you: if they have observed my word, they will also observe yours. 21 But all these things will they do unto you, on my account, because they know not Him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He that hateth me, hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them such works as no other ever did, they had not comparatively had sin: but now they have both seen, and hated, both me and my Father. 25 But thus it is that the word might be fulfilled, which is written in their law, they hated me without a cause. 26 But when

the comforter is come, whom I will send to you from the Father, (even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father,) He shall testify of me. **27** And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

16 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye may not be offended: 2 for they will excommunicate you: yea, the time is coming, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he offers an acceptable service to God. 3 And these things will they do unto you; because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have told you these things, that when the time cometh, ye may remember that I told you of them. Though I did not tell you of them at the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going away to Him that sent me, and yet none of you asketh me, Whither art thou going? but because I have said these things to you, 6 sorrow hath filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I should go away; for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. 8 And when He comes, He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: 9 of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 of righteousness, because I am going to my Father and ye shall see me no more; 11 and of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 But when the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He will not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that will He speak, and will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me, for He shall take of mine and shew it unto you. 15 All that the Father hath are mine: therefore I said, that He shall take of mine and shew it unto you. 16 A little while and

ye shall not see me: and again a little while and ye shall see me, because I am going to the Father. 17 Some of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is the meaning of this that He saith to us, A little while and ye shall not see me, and again a little while and ye shall see me, and---because I am going to the Father? 18 they said therefore, What is this little while that He speaks of? we do not understand what He means. 19 Now Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, and therefore said unto them, Are ye enquiring among each other about this, that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me, and again a little while and ye shall see me? 20 Verily I tell you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21 A woman when she is in labor, hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she is delivered of the child, she thinks no more of the anguish, for joy, that a man is born into the world. 22 And ye therefore now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy shall no one take from you. 23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing: but I assure you, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He will give it you. 24 Hitherto ye have asked for nothing in my name: ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken to you in parables: but the time is coming when I shall no more speak to you in parables, but tell you with plainness concerning the Father. 26 In that day ye shall ask in my name; and I do not say that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 For the Father himself loveth you; because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came from God: and I indeed came from the Father, 28 and am come into the world: but now I am leaving the world again, and am going to the Father. **29** His disciples said unto Him, Now indeed Thou speakest plainly, and usest no parable. **30** Now we are convinced that Thou knowest all things, and hast no need that any one should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God. **31** Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? **32** Behold, the time is coming, and is even now come, that ye shall be dispersed every one his own way, and shall leave me alone: but I am not alone, for the Father is with me. **33** These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have trouble: but be of good courage, I have overcome the world.

 $\mathbf{17}_{\mathrm{When}}$ Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, ---"Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify Thee: 2 as Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that as to all which Thou hast given Him, He might give them eternal life; (aionios g166) 3 and this is life eternal, to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. (aionios g166) 4 I have glorified Thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do: 5 and now, O Father, glorify Thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. 6 I have manifested thy name to the men, whom Thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. 7 They now know that all things whatsoever Thou hast given me, are indeed from Thee; 8 for the instructions, which Thou gavest me, I have given to them: and they have received them, and have known of a truth that I came from Thee, and have believed that thou hast sent me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom Thou hast

given me, for they are thine. 10 And all my concerns are thine, and thine are mine: and I am therefore glorified in them. 11 And as I am to be no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to Thee, Holy Father, keep by thy name those whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name; I have preserved those whom Thou gavest me, and none of them is lost; except the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to Thee, and I speak these things in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in them. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that Thou wouldest take them out of the world, but that thou wouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As Thou hast sent me into the world, so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth. 20 Nor do I pray for these only, but for them also that shall believe on me through their word. 21 That they all may be one, as Thou, O Father, art in me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one. 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for Thou lovedst me

before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, the world indeed hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent me. **26** And I have made known to them thy name, and will farther make it known; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I also in them.

 $\mathbf{18}_{\mathrm{When}}$ Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with his disciples over the brook Kedron; where there was a garden, into which He entred, and his disciples. Now Judas who was gone to betray Him, 2 knew the place: for Jesus often met there together with his disciples: Judas therefore having got a band of soldiers, **3** and officers from the chief priests and pharisees, cometh thither with candles, and lamps, and arms. 4 Upon which Jesus, who knew all that was coming upon Him, went forth and said unto them, Whom do ye seek? They answered Him, Jesus the Nazarene. 5 Jesus saith unto them. I am He. And Judas that betrayed Him, was standing with them. 6 Now as soon as He said unto them, I am He, they went backwards and fell to the ground. 7 Then He asked them again, Whom do ye seek? 8 And they said, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am He: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9 That the word might be fulfilled which He had spoken, "Of those, whom Thou hast given me, I have lost none." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 But Jesus said to Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? 12 So the band with the captain, and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, and bound Him: 13 and led Him away to

Annas first: (for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was highpriest that year:) 14 and Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high-priest. Now Caiaphas was he who had said in council to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. 15 And Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. And that other disciple being known to the high priest went in with Jesus into the high-priest's hall. 16 But Peter stood at the door without: the other disciple therefore, who was known to the high-priest, went out and spake to her that kept the door, and brought Peter in. 17 Then saith the maid, that kept the door, to Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? and he said, I am not. 18 And the servants and officers stood there, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold, and were warming themselves: and Peter was standing with them and warming himself. 19 The high-priest therefore asked Jesus concerning his disciples, and his doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world, I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, whither the Jews are continually resorting: and in secret have said nothing. Why dost thou ask me? 21 ask them that heard me, what I have said unto them: for they know what I have said. 22 And upon his saying these things, one of the officers that stood by struck Jesus, saying, Dost thou answer the high-priest thus? 23 Jesus answered him, If I have ever spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why dost thou strike me? 24 [See verse 24 between verse 13 and 14.] 25 And Simon Peter stood warming himself: and they said to him, Art not thou one of his disciples? and he denied it, and said, I am not. 26 Then said one of the servants of the high-priest, kinsman to him whose ear Peter cut off, Did not I see thee in the garden with Him? 27

Peter then denied it again, and immediately the cock crew. 28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the pretorium: (now it was morning) and they themselves went not in to the court, least they should be defiled, and so might not eat of the passover. 29 Therefore Pilate went out to them, and said, What accusation do ye bring against this man? 30 They answered him, If He were not a malefactor, we should not have delivered Him to thee. 31 Then said Pilate to them, Take Him, and judge Him according to your law. But the Jews said to him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 that what Jesus had said might be fulfilled, signifying by what death He should die. 33 Pilate therefore went into the palace again, and called Jesus and said to Him, Art thou the king of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Dost thou say this from thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate replied, Am I a Jew? thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee to me: what hast thou done? **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have fought, that I might not have been delivered to the Jews: but my kingdom is not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou then a king? Jesus answered, Thou sayest right, I am a king. For this end was I born, and for this came I into the world, even that I might bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth? And as soon as he had spoke, he went out again to the Jews, 39 and saith unto them, I find no fault at all in Him. But ye have a custom, that I should release to you one at the passover; will ye therefore that I release to you the king of the Jews? 40 Then

they all cried out again, saying, Not Him, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, 3 and threw a purple robe about Him, and said, "Hail king of the Jews," and struck Him with their hands. 4 Pilate therefore came out again, and saith unto them, Behold I bring Him out to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. 5 So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, "Behold the man." 6 When the chief priests therefore and the officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." Pilate saith unto them, Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made himself the Son of God. 8 Now when Pilate heard this he was the more afraid; 9 and went into the palace again, and saith to Jesus, From whence art thou? but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Pilate therefore saith unto Him, Dost thou not speak to me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above; wherefore he, that delivered me up to thee, hath the greater sin. 12 Upon this Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this man, thou art not Cesar's friend; for whosoever maketh himself a king, opposeth Cesar. 13 Therefore when Pilate heard this he brought Jesus forth, and sat down on the tribunal, in a place called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 (And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour.) And he

saith to the Jews, Behold your king. But they cried out, 15 Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cesar. 16 Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. 17 And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And He went out, bearing his cross, into a place called the place of a scull, in Hebrew Golgotha: 18 where they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle. 19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross: and there was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Many of the Jews therefore read this inscription; for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 And the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Write not "The king of the Jews," but that "He said, I am king of the Jews." 22 Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written. 23 And the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, (and made four parts, to each soldier a part,) and his coat. Now the coat had no seam in it, being woven from the top throughout: 24 they said therefore to one another, Let us not cut it, but let us cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, "They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." These things therefore the soldiers did. 25 Now there stood near the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 Jesus therefore seeing his mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, saith to his mother, Woman, behold thy son: 27 and then saith to the disciple, Behold thy mother. And from that hour the same disciple took her to his own home. 28 After

this Jesus knowing that all things were now finished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29 Now there was set a vessel there full of vinegar: so they filled a spunge with the vinegar, and putting it upon hyssop, held it up to his mouth. 30 And when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished. And reclining his head, He yielded up the ghost. 31 The Jews therefore, that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the sabbath-day, because it was now the preparation, (for that sabbath-day was an high-day) desired Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with Him. But coming to Jesus, 33 as they saw He was dead already, they did not break his legs: 34 but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it testifieth it, and his testimony is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye may believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture might be fulfilled, Not a bone of Him shall be broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they have pierced. 38 And after these things Joseph of Arimathea (who was a disciple of Jesus, but a concealed one for fear of the Jews) petitioned Pilate, that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him leave: he came therefore and took away the body of Jesus. 39 And there came also Nicodemus (who at first came to Jesus by night) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes about an hundred pound weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now there was a garden in the place where He was crucified; and in the garden a

new sepulchre, in which none had ever yet been laid. **42** There therefore they laid Jesus, because of the Jews preparation-day; for the sepulchre was near.

20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene cometh early in the morning, while it was yet dark, to the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. 2 She therefore runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him. 3 Peter therefore went out, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. 4 So they both ran together, but the other disciple out-ran Peter, and came first to the sepulchre: 5 and stooping down to look in saw the linen cloths lying; but did not go in. 6 Then cometh Simon Peter, who followed him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen cloths lying there; 7 and the napkin that was upon his head, not laid with the linen cloths, but folded up by itself. 8 Then went in also the other disciple; who came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed. 9 For they did not before understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. 10 So the two disciples went away again to their own company. 11 But Mary stood without near the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept she stooped down to look into the sepulchre; and there seeth two angels in white sitting, 12 one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they said to her, Woman, why dost thou weep? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him. 14 And having said this, she turned back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Then said Jesus to her, Woman, why dost thou weep? whom dost thou seek? She thinking that it was the gardener, saith to Him, Sir, if thou hast carried Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary: and she turned herself and said unto Him, Rabboni, that is to say, Master. 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not now; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go directly to my brethren, and tell them, "I am to ascend to my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God." 18 So Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples, that she had seen the Lord, and that He had said these things to her. 19 Now the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, and the doors where the disciples were being shut, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be to you. 20 And when He had said this, He shewed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus unto them again, Peace be to you. As my Father sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when He said this, He breathed upon them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the holy Spirit: 23 and whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; but whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. 24 But Thomas called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days his disciples were again within, and Thomas with them: and Jesus came (the doors being shut as before) and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be to you. 27 Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy

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finger, and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side; and be not incredulous, but believing. **28** And Thomas answered, and said, "My Lord and my God." **29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. **30** And indeed Jesus wrought many other signs also in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **31** but these things are written, that ye may believe, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life through his name.

 $\mathbf{21}_{\mathsf{After}}$ these things Jesus shewed Himself again to the disciples near the sea of Tiberias; and He shewed Himself thus. 2 Simon Peter and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together: 3 and Simon Peter saith unto them, I will go a fishing, and they say to him, We will also go with thee. So they went out, and forthwith entered into a ship: and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when it was morning, Jesus stood on the shore: though the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Young men, have ye any thing to eat? 6 They answered Him, No. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye will find some. So they cast it, and they were not able to draw it up by reason of the multitude of fishes. 7 Whereupon that disciple whom Jesus loved, saith to Peter, "It is the Lord." Then Simon Peter perceiving that it was the Lord, girded on his coat, (for he was stript,) and threw himself into the sea; 8 and the other disciples came in the boat dragging the net of fishes; for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits. 9 And as soon as

they were come to land, they saw a fire laid, and fish upon it, and bread. 10 And Jesus saith unto them, Bring some of the fish, which ye have now caught. 11 Then Simon Peter went aboard, and drew the net to land, full of large fishes, an hundred fiftythree: and though there were so many, the net was not broken. 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come, and dine. And none of the disciples presumed to ask Him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus therefore cometh and taketh bread, and giveth it to them, and fish likewise. 14 This was the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to a number of his disciples, after He was risen from the dead. 15 Now when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, dost thou love me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon son of Jonas, dost thou love me? He saith unto Him, Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee. 17 He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon son of Jonas, dost thou love me? Peter was grieved, that He said to him the third time, Dost thou love me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 18 Verily, verily I say unto thee, When thou wast younger, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst about where thou wouldest: but when thou art old, thou shalt stretch out thine hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee where thou wouldest not. 19 This He said, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when He had said this, He saith unto him, Follow me. 20 And Peter turning about seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved, (and who leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord,

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who is he that will betray Thee?) following them; **21** and upon seeing him, Peter saith to Jesus, Lord, what shall this man do? **22** Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he stay till I come, what is it to thee? Follow thou me. **23** This rumor therefore was spread among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: though Jesus did not say that he should not die, but---if I will that he stay till I come, what is that to thee? **24** This is the disciple that testifieth of these things, and that writeth them: and we know that his testimony is true. **25** There are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were to be described particularly, I suppose that the whole world could not contain the books that would be written concerning them. Amen.

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 ${f 1}$ The former treatise, O Theophilus, I made concerning all that Jesus undertook both to do and to teach; 2 till the day in which He was taken up, after He had by the holy Spirit given instructions to the apostles whom He had chosen: 3 to whom also He presented Himself alive, after He had suffered, by many certain proofs; being seen among them for forty days, and speaking of the things relating to the kingdom of God. 4 And meeting them together He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said He, ye have heard from me; 5 for John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall within a few days be baptized with the holy Spirit. 6 Being therefore come together they asked Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? 7 And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath reserved in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power from the holy Spirit coming upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And having said these things, as they were looking upon Him, He was lifted up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they were looking stedfastly toward heaven, as He went up, behold two men in white stood by them; 11 who said, Ye men of Galilee, why do ye stand gazing up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in the manner ye have seen Him going into heaven. 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath-day's journey. 13 And when they were come in to the city, they went up into an upper room,

where Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon the zealot, and Jude the brother of James, usually abode. 14 These all persevered with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brethren. 15 And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, (now the number of the persons that were together was about an hundred and twenty,) 16 and said, Men and brethren, it was necessary that this scripture should be fulfilled, which the holy Ghost spake by the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was guide to them that apprehended Jesus: 17 for he was numbered with us, and had obtained a part of this ministry. 18 (Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling down on his face, burst asunder in the middle, and all his bowels gushed out: 19 (and it was known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field is called in their own dialect, Aceldama, that is, the field of blood:) 20 for it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let none dwell in it; and again, Let another take his office.) 21 Wherefore it is necessary that one of these men, who have been conversant with us all the time that the Lord Jesus came in and out among us, 22 from the baptism of John, till the day that He was taken up from us, should be joined with us as a witness of his resurrection. 23 And they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all, shew us, which of these two Thou hast chosen, 25 to take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas is fallen by his transgression, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave out their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the apostles.

 $\mathbf{2}$ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all met together with one accord. 2 And suddenly there was a sound from heaven as of a strong rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them divided tongues, as it were of fire, and it sat upon each of them: 4 and they were all filled with the holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **5** Now there were at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this rumor was spread, the multitude came together and were astonished; for every one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and wondered, saying to one another, Behold, are not all these, that are speaking, Galileans? 8 and how do we every one hear them in our own native tongue? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those that dwell in Mesopotamia, and Judea, and Capadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, 10 Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers from Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God. 12 And they were all amazed and in doubt, saying one to another, What can this mean? 13 but others scoffing said, they are full of sweet wine. 14 But Peter standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and listen to my words: 15 for these men are not drunk, as ye suppose; for it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel, 17 "And it shall come to pass in the last days

(saith God) that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 yea and on my servants and on my handmaids, in those days, I will pour out of my Spirit, and they also shall prophesy. 19 And I will give prodigies in the heaven, and signs upon the earth; blood, and fire, and smoky vapour. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and illustrious day of the Lord come. 21 And whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved." 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you, by miracles, and prodigies, and signs, which God wrought by Him in the midst of you, 23 (as ye yourselves also know,) Him being given up by the determinate counsel and foreknowlege of God ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. 24 Whom God hath raised up again, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David saith concerning Him, "I set the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand, that I should not be moved: therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; 26 and my flesh shall rest in hope, 27 that Thou wilt not leave my soul in the invisible state, nor suffer thine holy one to see corruption. (Hades g86) 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; and Thou wilt fill me with joy by the light of thy countenance." 29 Men and brethren, allow me to speak with freedom to you concerning the patriarch David, that he is dead and buried, and his sepulchre is among us to this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet; and knowing that God had sworn to him with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the

flesh, he would raise up the Messiah, to sit on his throne; 31 foreseeing this he spake of the resurrection of Christ, when he said, that his soul was not left in the invisible state, nor did his flesh see corruption. (Hades g86) 32 This Jesus hath God raised up from the dead, of which we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted by the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the holy Spirit, He hath poured forth this gift, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, 35 Sit thou at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool." 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made this very Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked to the heart, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? 38 And Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the holy Spirit: 39 for the promise is to you and to your children, yea and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he press and exhort them, saying, Save yourselves from this perverse generation. 41 They therefore that received his word with readiness were baptized: and in that same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfast in the apostles doctrine, and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon all the people: and many miracles and signs were wrought by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common. 45 And they sold their possessions

and goods, and distributed to all, according as any one had need. **46** And continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they partook of their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, **47** praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

3 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple together at the hour of prayer, which is the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man who had been lame from his birth was carried along; whom they laid every day at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of those that were going into the temple: 3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked alms of them. 4 But Peter, and John, looking earnestly at him said, Look on us. 5 And he fixed his eyes upon them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, Silver and gold I have not; but what I have I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. 7 And taking him by the right hand, he raised him up: and immediately his feet and ancles were strengthened: 8 and leaping up he stood firm, and walked; and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 and knew that it was he who sat to ask for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with astonishment and extasy at what had befallen him. 11 And as the lame man that was healed had hold of Peter and John, all the people being astonished ran together to them to the porch called Solomon's porch. 12 And Peter seeing this said to the people, Men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye so earnestly on us, as if by our own power or piety we had made this man

able to walk? 13 The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers hath glorified his son Jesus, whom ye delivered up, and denied before Pilate, when he determined to release Him. 14 But ye refused the holy and righteous One, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you: 15 and put to death the prince of life; whom God hath raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16 And through faith in his name, hath strengthened this man, whom ye see and know: his name, I say, and saith in Him, hath wrought this perfect cure before you all. 17 And now, brethren, I know that ye did it through ignorance, as did also your rulers: 18 but thus hath God accomplished those things which He had foretold by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer. **19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out: that seasons of refreshing may come upon you from the presence of the Lord; 20 and He may send Jesus Christ, who was before preached unto you: 21 whom heaven must indeed receive till the times of settling all things, of which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets from the beginning. (aion g165) 22 For Moses said unto the fathers, the Lord your God will raise up a prophet unto you, of your brethren, like me, Him shall ye hear in all things whatever He shall say unto you; 23 and every soul, who will not hearken to that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people: yea and all the prophets from Samuel, 24 and those that followed, as many as have prophesied, have also foretold these days. 25 Now ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant, which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed:" 26 and to

you first God having raised up his son Jesus, sent Him to bless you; in your turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

 $\mathbf{4}$ And while they were speaking to the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the sadducees came upon them, 2 being vexed that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them into custody till the next day: for it was now evening. 4 But many of them who heard the word, believed: and the number of the men was about five thousand. 5 And on the morrow their rulers, and elders, and scribes were gathered together at Jerusalem: 6 and with them Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked them, By what power, or in what name have ye done this? 8 Then Peter filled with the holy Spirit said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, 9 and elders of Israel, if we are this day examined about the benefit done to the impotent man, 10 by what means he is cured, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, but whom God hath raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone that was set at nought by you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 And there is salvation in no other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we can be saved. 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were plain and illiterate men, they were amazed; and they knew them again that they had been with Jesus: 14 but seeing the man that was cured standing with them, they had nothing to

say against it. 15 Therefore they ordered them to withdraw from the council, 16 and conferred among themselves, saying, What shall we do with these men? for that indeed an evident miracle hath been wrought by them is manifest to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it may spread no farther among the people, let us severely charge them to speak no more to any man in this name. 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, and said, Whether it be right in the sight of God to obey you rather than God, judge ye: 20 for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. 21 So they threatened them more severely, and let them go; not finding how to punish them, because of the people: for they all glorified God for that which was done. 22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miraculous cure was wrought. 23 Being dismissed they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, Thou art God, who hast made heaven and earth, and sea, and all things therein: **25** who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his anointed. 27 For of a truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, the Gentiles and the people of Israel, combined against thy holy child Jesus, 28 (whom Thou hast anointed,) to do whatever thy hand and thy counsel had before determined to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and give unto thy servants to speak thy word with all freedom, while Thou art stretching forth thy hand to heal, 30 and while signs and wonders are done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with freedom. 32 And the heart and soul of the multitude that believed was one: no one called any of his possessions his own property, but they had all things common. 33 And with great power did the apostles give their testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any indigent person among them; for as many as were proprietors of lands or houses, sold them and brought the prices of what were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles feet; and distribution was made to every one according to their necessity. 36 So Joses who was by the apostles sirnamed Barnabas, which is a son of consolation, 37 a Levite, by birth a Cyprian, having an estate, sold it and brought the money, and laid it at the feet of the apostles.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, together with Sapphira his wife, **2** sold a possession, and secreted part of the price, his wife also being conscious to it; and bringing: some part, laid it at the feet of the apostles. **3** But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan so filled thine heart, that thou shouldst lie to the holy Ghost, and keep back part of the price of the land? **4** While it remained, did it not remain thy own? and when sold, was it not in thy own power? what is the meaning that thou hast taken this into thine heart? Thou hast not lyed to men, but to God. **5** And Ananias at the hearing of these words fell down and expired: and great fear came on all that heard these things. **6** And some

of the young men arose, and wrapped him up; and they carried him out, and buried him. 7 And about the space of three hours after, his wife also came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter said to her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yes, for so much. 9 Then Peter said unto her, Wherefore have ye agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold the feet of those, who have been burying thy husband, now at the door, and they shall carry thee out. 10 And immediately she fell down at his feet and expired: and the young men coming in found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. 11 And great fear came upon the whole assembly, and upon all that heard these things. 12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders done among the people: And they all met with one accord in Solomon's portico: 13 but no other presumed to join himself to them; however the people magnified them. 14 And true believers were the more willingly added to the Lord, even multitudes both of men and women. 15 insomuch that they brought the sick out into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at lest the shadow of Peter, as he came by, might pass over some of them. 16 And a great number out of the cities round about also came together to Jerusalem, bringing those that were infirm and that were troubled with impure spirits; and they were all cured. 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all that were with him, (being of the sect of the sadducees,) and were filled with rage: 18 and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the public prison. 19 But an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison by night, and having brought them out said, 20 "Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this

life." 21 And hearing this, they went early in the morning into the temple and taught the people. But the high priest being come, and they that were with him, to the council-chamber, they called together the Sanhedrim, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent orders to the prison that they should be brought before them. 22 But when the officers came they found them not in the prison: so they returned, 23 and told them, saying, the prison we found shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we opened them, we found no body within. 24 Now when the high priest, and the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these words, they were in doubt concerning them, what this would come to; 25 when there came one and told them, saying, behold, the men whom ye put in prison, are in the temple teaching the people. 26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them, but not with violence; for they were afraid of the people least they should be stoned: 27 and when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, Did not we strictly charge you not to teach in this name? and behold ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and would bring this man's blood upon us. 29 But Peter, and the other apostles, answered, and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers hath raised up Jesus whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand as a prince and saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins: 32 and we are his witnesses of what we declare; and so is the holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him. 33 And when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to put them to death. 34 But a

certain pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, held in much esteem by all the people, stood up in the council, and ordered the apostles to be taken out a little while; and then he said unto them, 35 Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves, what ye are about to do, as to these men. 36 For some time ago one Theudas arose, pretending to be some extraordinary person, to whom was joined a number of men, about four hundred: who was slain, and all that followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him arose Judas the Galilean, at the time of the registring, and drew much people after him: but he also perished, and all that followed him were dispersed. 38 And therefore as to the present affair I advise you to refrain from these men and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nothing; 39 but if it be of God, ye cannot defeat it, least ye be found fighting even against God. 40 So they took his advice, and having called for the apostles and scourged them, they charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer disgrace for his name. 42 And every day in the temple and from house to house they ceased not from teaching and preaching that Jesus was the Christ.

6 Now in those days, as the number of disciples increased, there rose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. **2** So the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them and said, It is not seemly that we should leave the word of God and attend at tables. **3** Wherefore, brethren, look out from among you seven men of good character, full of the holy Spirit, and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this matter: **4** but we will

constantly attend to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the advice pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and of the holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles; who, when they had prayed, laid their hands upon them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem was greatly multiplied; and a great number of the priests became obedient to the faith. 8 Now Stephen being full of grace and power, wrought miracles and great signs among the people. 9 But there rose up some of the synagogue, which is called that of the libertines, and some of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia, and Asia, to dispute with Stephen: 10 and they were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they suborned men to say, we heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, and forced him along with them, and brought him to the council: 13 and they set up false witnesses; who said, This man is continually speaking blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law. 14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and change the rites which Moses delivered to us. 15 (And all that were sitting in the council, looking stedfastly at him, saw his face like the face of an angel.)

7 Then said the high priest, Are these things so? **2** And he said, "Brethren and fathers, hearken, ---The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, **3** and said to him, Depart from thy native country and from thy kindred, and come into the country which I shall shew thee. 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, after his father died, He removed him into this land in which ye now dwell: 5 though He gave him no inheritance in it, no not the breadth of a foot; but He promised to give it to him for a possession, even to his seed after him; though he had then no child." 6 And God spake thus unto him, "that his seed should sojourn in a strange country, and they shall in slave and abuse them four hundred years:" 7 and God said, "I will judge the nation, to which they shall be in slavery; and afterwards they shall come out, and shall worship me in this place." 8 And He gave him the covenant of circumcision: and he begat Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. 9 And the patriarchs, envying him, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him, 10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he appointed him governor over Egypt, and over all his houshold. 11 And there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction; and our fathers could not find sustenance. 12 But Jacob hearing that there was corn in Egypt, sent out our fathers first: 13 and at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known to Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent for his father Jacob, and all his kindred, even seventy-five souls. 15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died there, he and our fathers: 16 and were carried to Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre which he had bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem. 17 But as the time of the promise drew near, which

God had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt. **18** Till another king arose, who knew not Joseph. This king formed crafty schemes against our nation, 19 and oppressed our fathers, causing their children to be exposed, that their race might be extinguished. 20 In which time Moses was born, who was exceeding beautiful, and he was nourished up in his father's house three months: and when he was exposed, 21 Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him for her own son. 22 And Moses was trained up in all the wisdom of the Egyptians: and he was mighty in words, and in deeds. 23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them injured he defended him, and smiting the Egyptian he avenged him that was wronged. 25 Now he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would give them deliverance by his hand: but they understood not. 26 And the next day he came to them, as they were two of them fighting, and would have persuaded them to agree, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren, why do ye injure one another? 27 But he, that injured his neighbor, thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday? 29 Upon this Moses fled, and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons. 30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina, an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 Now Moses, when he saw it, was amazed at the sight; and as he came near to observe it, there was a voice of the Lord to him, 32 saying, "I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;" but Moses trembling durst not

look on. 33 And the Lord said to him, "Take off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place on which thou standest is holy ground. 34 I have seen the oppression of my people that are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. Therefore come now, and I will send thee into Egypt." 35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? did God send, by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush, to be their ruler and deliverer. 36 And he brought them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the red sea, and in the wilderness, forty years. 37 --- This is that Moses who said unto the children of Israel, "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear." 38 This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel that spake to him on mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and who received the oracles of life to give unto us. 39 To whom our fathers would not be subject, but renounced him, and in their hearts turned back into Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, Make us gods to go before us; for as to this Moses, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, 41 and offered sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. 42 Then God turned away, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets, "O house of Israel, did ye offer to me your victims and sacrifices, for the space of forty years in the wilderness? 43 yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them by: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon." 44 The tabernacle of witness was among our fathers in the wilderness,

as He, that spake unto Moses, ordered him to make it according to the model which he had seen in the mount: 45 and which our fathers receiving, they with Joshua, brought into the territory of the nations, whom God drove out from before the face of our fathers, till the days of David, who found favor in the sight of God, 46 and was desirous to provide an habitation for the God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built Him an house. 48 Though the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, as the prophet saith, 49 "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what house will ye build for me, saith the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? 50 hath not my hand made all these things?" --- 51 Ye stiff-necked, and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and slew those who prophesied concerning the coming of that righteous One, of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers; 53 who received the law by the ministration of angels, and yet have not kept it. 54 And when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But he being full of the holy Spirit looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God: 56 and he said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 and cast him out of the city and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And bending his knees, he cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this he fell asleep.

 ${f 8}$ And Saul was well pleased with his execution. For at that time there was a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all dispersed through the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And some pious men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation for him. 3 But Saul made havock of the church, entring into the houses, and dragging out men and women, committed them to prison. 4 Now they that were dispersed went about preaching the word. 5 And Philip coming to the city of Samaria, preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people unanimously attended to the things which were spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he wrought: 7 for impure spirits crying with a loud voice came out of many that were possessed by them; and many paralytic and lame persons were cured. 8 And there was great joy in that city. 9 But there was before in the city a man named Simon practising magic and bewitching the people of Samaria, giving out that he was some great person. 10 Whom they all greatly regarded, from the lest to the greatest, saying, This man is as the great power of God. 11 And they were attentive to him, because he had for a considerable time astonished them by his magic arts. 12 But as they believed Philip, preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women; 13 and Simon himself also believed, and was baptized, and kept constantly with Philip: and beholding the signs and miracles that were wrought, he was amazed. 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter

and John: 15 who when they were come down prayed for them that they might receive the holy Spirit: (for He was not yet fallen upon any of them, 16 only they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus:) and then they laid their hands on them, 17 and they received the holy Spirit. 18 And when Simon saw that the holy Spirit was given by the imposition of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money, 19 saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the holy Spirit. 20 But Peter said unto him, Let thy money perish with thee, since thou thoughtest to purchase the gift of God with money. 21 Thou hast no part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray to God, if so be the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee: 23 for I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and bond of iniquity. 24 And Simon answered, and said, Do ye pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which ye have spoken may come upon me. 25 And they having testified and declared the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. 26 And an angel of the Lord spake to Philip, saying, Arise and go southward to the way that leads down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went; and behold a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace gueen of the Ethiopians, and her high-treasurer, who had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning, and as he sat in his chariot, was reading the prophet Esaias: 29 and the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip running up to him, 30 heard him reading the prophet Esaias, and said, Dost thou understand what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, unless some one guide me? and he desired Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 And the portion of scripture, which he was reading, was this, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before it's shearer is dumb, so He opened not his mouth: 33 in his humiliation his judgement was taken away, and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken away from the earth." 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom doth the prophet say this? of himself, or of some other person? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this scripture, preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came to a certain water: and the eunuch said, See here is water, what hindereth me from being baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop: and they both went down to the water, Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, and the eunuch saw him no more: but went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus; and as he passed along, he preached the gospel in all the cities, till he came to Cesarea.

9 But Saul still breathing out threatnings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, came to the high priest, and desired of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus, **2** that if he should find any of this persuasion, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** And as he was on his journey, and came near to Damascus, suddenly there shone round about him a light from heaven; **4** and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? **5** And he

said, Who art Thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus the Nazarene whom thou art persecuting: it is hard for thee to kick against the goads. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee, what thou must do. 7 And the men that went along with him, stood astonished, hearing the voice, but seeing no one. 8 And Saul rose from the earth, but when he opened his eyes he could not see: so they led him by the hand, and brought him to Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias, and he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the street which is called Strait, and enquire in the house of Judas for one Saul, of Tarsus: 12 for behold he is praying, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias, coming in and putting his hand upon him, that he might recover his sight. 13 And Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much mischief he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 and here too he hath authority from the chief priests to apprehend all that call upon thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way, for he is the instrument I have chosen, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 for I will shew him how great sufferings he must endure for my name. 17 And Ananias went away and came into the house; and putting his hands on him, said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared to thee on the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell

from his eyes as it were scales; and he instantly recovered his sight, and arose and was baptized. 19 And when he had taken some nourishment, he was strengthened. Now Saul was with the disciples at Damascus for some time. 20 And he immediately preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 But all that heard him, were amazed, and said, Is not this he that persecuted those in Jerusalem who called on this name, and came hither for this end, that he might carry them bound to the chief priests? 22 But Saul prevailed more and more, and confounded the Jews that dwelt at Damascus, fully proving that this same Jesus is the Christ. 23 And after a considerable time, the Jews conspired to kill him: 24 but Saul was apprised of their design. And they watched the gates day and night, to make away with him: 25 but the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall, in a basket. 26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he attempted to associate with the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took and brought him to the apostles, and related to them, how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that He had spoken to him; and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem, and preaching openly in the name of the Lord Jesus: 29 and he talked and disputed with the Hellenists, who attempted to kill him: 30 but when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Cesarea, and sent him away to Tarsus. 31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, had rest, being edified and walking in the fear of the Lord; and through the consolation of the holy Spirit were multiplied. 32 And it came to pass that as Peter was

going through all parts, he came down also to the saints that dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found a man named Eneas, who had kept his bed eight years, with the palsy. 34 And Peter said unto him, Eneas, Jesus the Messiah, healeth thee. Arise, and make thy bed. And he rose up immediately. 35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and in Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord. 36 And there was at Joppa a certain female disciple named Tabitha, who by interpretation is called in Greek Dorcas: and she was full of good works and alms-deeds. 37 And it happened, about the same time, that she fell sick and died: and when they had washed her they laid her out in an upper chamber. 38 And as Lydda was near to Joppa, the disciples hearing that Peter was there sent two men to him, intreating him that he would not delay to come to them. 39 Then Peter arose, and went with them: and when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber. And all the widows stood round him weeping, and shewing him the coats and garments which Dorcas made when she was with them. 40 But Peter, putting them all out, kneeled down and prayed: and then turning to the body he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And giving her his hand he raised her up, and calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. 42 And it was soon known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. 43 And he staid many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

10 Now there was a certain man at Cesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band: a pious man,
2 and one that feared God, with all his house; giving also much alms to the people, and praying to God continually. 3 He evidently saw in a vision, about the ninth hour of the day, an

angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius! 4 and he looking earnestly at him, and being afraid, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up as a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa, and fetch hither one Simon, whose sirname is Peter. 6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside: he shall tell thee what thou must do. 7 As soon as the angel, that spake to Cornelius, was departed, he called two of his domestic servants, and a devout soldier, that constantly attended him. 8 And when he had related all to them, he sent them to Joppa. 9 On the morrow, while they were on their journey, and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the top of the house to pray, about the sixth hour. 10 And he was very hungry, and desired something to eat: but while they were getting it ready, he fell into a trance; and saw heaven opened, 11 and some thing descending to him, like a great sheet tied at the four corners, and let down to the earth: 12 in which were all kinds of four-footed creatures, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 13 And there was a voice which said to him, Rise, Peter, kill and eat. 14 But Peter said, By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing polluted or unclean. 15 And the voice said to him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, do not thou account polluted. 16 This was done thrice, and the vessel was taken up again into heaven. 17 Now while Peter was doubting in himself what might be the meaning of the vision which he had seen, behold the men that were sent from Cornelius, having enguired for Simon's house, stood at the door; 18 and called, and asked, if Simon sirnamed Peter lodged there. 19 And as Peter was pondering upon the vision, the Spirit said

unto him, Behold there are three men enquiring for thee: 20 arise therefore and go down, and go along with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them. 21 Then Peter went down to the men that were sent to him from Cornelius, and said, Behold I am the person whom ye seek: what is the cause for which ye are come? 22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a righteous man, and one that feareth God, and of a good character among all the nation of the Jews, hath been warned from God by an holy angel, to send for thee to his house, and to hear what thou shalt say. 23 Then he invited them in, and entertained them that night. And on the morrow Peter set out with them; and some of the brethren from Joppa went with him. 24 And the next day they came into Cesarea; and Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relations and intimate friends. 25 And as Peter came in, Cornelius met him, and falling down at his feet did him reverence. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, I myself also am a man. 27 And as he was conversing with him, he went in, and found many assembled together. 28 And he said unto them, Ye know how unlawful it is for a man that is a Jew, to associate with or go to the house of one of another nation: but God hath shewn me, that I should not call any man polluted or unclean. 29 And therefore I came to you, when I was sent for, without demur. I ask therefore on what account ye sent for me. 30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting till this hour, and at the ninth hour I was praying in my house, when behold a man stood before me in bright raiment, 31 and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are remembered before God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, who is sirnamed Peter, (he lodgeth in the house of one Simon a tanner,

by the sea-side,) who when he cometh, will talk with thee. 33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee, and thou hast done well that thou art come. And now we are all here present before God, to hear all the things which God hath charged thee with to us. 34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to Him. 36 According to the declaration which He made to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 Ye know the report that was spread through all Judea, having begun from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached: concerning Jesus of Nazareth, 38 how God anointed Him with the holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil: for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things that He did, both in the country of Judea, and in the city of Jerusalem: whom notwithstanding they put to death, hanging Him on a tree. 40 Him God raised up the third day, and gave Him to be seen openly; not to all the people, 41 but to witnesses before appointed by God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him, after He rose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He who is appointed by God to be judge of the living and of the dead. 43 To Him do all the prophets bear witness, that whosoever believeth on Him shall receive the forgiveness of their sins through his name. 44 While Peter was yet speaking these words, the holy Spirit fell upon all them that heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision that were believers, who came with Peter, were astonished, that the gift of the holy Spirit was conferred upon the Gentiles also: 46 for they heard them

speaking in divers languages, and glorifying God. **47** Then said Peter, Can any one forbid water, that these persons should not be baptized, who have received the holy Spirit, as well as we? **48** And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. And they desired him to stay there some days.

 $\mathbf{11}_{Now}$ the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, those that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, 3 Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter began and laid the matter in order before them, 5 saying, I was praying in the city of Joppa; and in a trance I saw a vision, some thing like a large sheet descending from heaven, let down by the four corners; and it came close to me. 6 And looking stedfastly upon it, I observed four-footed creatures and wild beasts, and reptiles, and fowls of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, Rise, Peter, kill and eat. 8 But I said, By no means, Lord: for nothing polluted or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. 9 And the voice answered me a second time from heaven, What God hath cleansed do not thou call polluted. 10 And this was done thrice: and then they were all drawn up again to heaven. 11 And behold at that very time there came three men to the house where I was, sent from Cesarea to me. 12 And the Spirit ordered me to go with them, doubting nothing. And these six brethren also came with me, and we entred into the man's house; 13 and he told us how he had seen an angel in his house, standing and saying to him, Send men to Joppa, and fetch hither Simon, 14 whose sirname is Peter, who will tell thee things, by which thou shalt be saved and all thy family. 15 And when I began to speak, the holy Spirit fell on them, even as it did upon us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the holy Spirit. 17 As therefore God gave to them the like gift that He did to us, upon our believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I should be able to withstand God? 18 And when they heard these things they acquiesced, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God given to the Gentiles also repentance unto life. 19 Now they that were dispersed by the trouble, which arose about Stephen, travelled as far as Phenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were Cyprians, and Cyrenians, who when they came to Antioch, discoursed with the Grecians also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. 22 And the report of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem; and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 Who, when he was come, and saw the grace of God, rejoiced, and exhorted them all with steadiness of heart to adhere to the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of the holy Spirit, and of faith: and many were added unto the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus, to seek Saul: and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. 26 And they assembled in the church a whole year, and taught much people: and the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. 27 And in these days came down prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them, named Agabus, stood up and signified by the Spirit, that there would be a great famine over all the earth: which accordingly came to pass in the reign of Claudius Cesar. 29 And each of the

disciples, according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judea. **30** Which they also did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

12 About that time Herod the king exerted his power to distress some of the church. 2 And he cut off James, the brother of John, with the sword. 3 And seeing that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded to apprehend Peter also, (in the days of unleavened bread:) 4 whom he seized and put into prison, delivering him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him; intending, after the passover, to bring him out to the people. 5 Peter was therefore kept in custody: but incessant prayer was made to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him forth, that very night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the guards at the door watched the prison. 7 And behold an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the room; and smiting Peter on the side, he waked him, and said, Rise up guickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself and tie on thy sandals: and he did so. And he saith unto him, Throw thy garment round thee, and follow me. 9 So he went out and followed him; and he did not know, that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he saw a vision. 10 And passing through the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate, that leadeth into the city, which of its own accord opened to them: and they went out and passed on through one street; and then the angel departed from him. 11 And Peter being come to himself said, Now I know truly, that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me from the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12 And considering with himself, he came

to the house of Mary the mother of John, who was sirnamed Mark, where many were gathered together and praying. 13 And when Peter knocked at the door of the porch, a servant named Rhoda came to ask who was there. 14 And knowing Peter's voice, through excess of joy she did not open the door, but ran in and told them, that Peter was standing at the door. 15 And they said to her, Thou art mad: but she confidently affirmed that it was so. Then said they, It is his angel. 16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door, they saw him, and were astonished. 17 But he made a sign to them with his hand to be silent, and related to them, how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go, tell these things to James and to the other brethren. And he departed and went to another place. 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. 19 And Herod searching for him, and not finding him, brought the keepers to a trial, and ordered them to be executed. Then he went down from Judea to Cesarea, and abode there. 20 And Herod was going to make war upon the Tyrians and Sidonians: but they came to him with one consent, and making interest with Blastus the king's chamberlain, they sued for peace; because their territory was supplied with provision by the king's country. 21 And upon a set day, Herod arrayed in his royal robes, and sitting upon his throne, made an oration to them. 22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man: 23 but immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and being devoured by worms he died. 24 But the word of God grew and was multiplied. 25 And Barnabas

and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their charge, taking along with them John who was sirnamed Mark.

13 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers, as Barnabas, and Simeon called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenean, and Manaen who had been educated with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul; 2 and as they were ministring to the Lord, and fasting, the holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work to which I have called them. 3 Then having fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away. 4 These therefore being sent forth by the holy Spirit came down to Seleucia, and from thence they sailed away to Cyprus. 5 And when they arrived at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John for their assistant. 6 And going guite through the island even to Paphos, they found there a certain magician, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus. 7 Who was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an understanding man: who calling for Barnabas and Saul, desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for so his name signifies) withstood them endeavouring to turn away the proconsul from the faith. 9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, being filled with the holy Spirit, and looking earnestly at him, 10 said, O thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, who art full of all deceit and craft, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing even the sun for a time. And immediately there fell upon him a mist and darkness; and groping about he sought for somebody to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul, seeing what was done, believed,

being struck with admiration at the doctrine of the Lord. 13 Now Paul and those that were with him loosing from Paphos, came to Perga in Pamphylia: but John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. 14 And they passing on from Perga came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath-day, and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation to the people, deliver it. 16 Then Paul stood up, and made a sign with his hand, and said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. 17 --- The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and raised the people, while they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with mighty power brought them out of it. 18 And about forty years He bare with their behaviour in the wilderness. 19 And destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, He gave them their country for an inheritance. 20 And after these things, about the space of four hundred and fifty years. He gave them judges till Samuel the prophet. 21 And then they desired a king: and God gave them Saul the Son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the space of forty years. 22 And having removed him, He raised up David for their king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will perform all my will. 23 Of this man's seed, according to the promise, hath God raised up to Israel Jesus the Saviour: 24 John having preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, Whom do ye take me to be? I am not He: but behold there cometh one after me, the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. 26 --- Men and

brethren, children of the race of Abraham, and all those among you that fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. 27 For the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and their rulers, not knowing Him, have indeed fulfilled the words of the prophets, which are read every sabbath-day, in condemning Him. 28 And though they found in Him no capital offence, yet they desired of Pilate that He might be put to death. 29 And when they had finished all things that were written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb. 30 But God raised Him from the dead: **31** and He was seen for many days by those that came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people. 32 And we bring you good tidings, 33 that the promise made unto the fathers God hath fulfilled unto us their children, having raised up Jesus again: as it is also written in the second psalm, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." 34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to the place of corruption, He hath said thus, "I will give you the sure mercies of David." 35 Wherefore he saith also in another place, Thou wilt not suffer thine holy One to see corruption. 36 Now David having served his own generation according to the will of God, fell asleep, and was laid with his fathers, and saw corruption: but He whom God raised, 37 did not see corruption. 38 Be it known therefore unto you, brethren, that through Him is preached unto you the remission of sins: 39 and by Him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. 40 Beware therefore, least what is spoken in the prophets come upon you, 41 "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and vanish; for I do a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though

any one should declare it unto you." 42 As they went out of the synagogue of the Jews, the Gentiles desired that these words might be spoken to them on the following sabbath. 43 And when the synagogue was broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who addressing themselves to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And on the next sabbath almost all the city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, opposing and reviling him. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas boldly said, It was necessary that the word of God should be first spoken to you; but since ye reject it, and judge not yourselves worthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles: (aionios g166) 47 for so the Lord hath commanded us, saying, "I have appointed thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation to the utmost part of the earth." 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were determined for eternal life believed. (aionios g166) 49 And the word of the Lord was spread through the whole country: 50 but the Jews stirred up devout and honorable women, and the heads of the city, and raised a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their territories. **51** But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the holy Spirit.

14 And at Iconium they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great number both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. **2** But the unbelieving Jews stirred up and inflamed the minds of the Gentiles against the brethren.

3 They therefore stayed a considerable time speaking freely of the Lord, who bare witness to the word of his grace, and gave signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and some were for the Jews, and some for the apostles: 5 but when there was an effort both of the Gentiles and of the Jews, together with their rulers, to offer violence to them, and to stone them; 6 being apprised of it they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the adjacent country: 7 and there they preached the gospel. 8 And there was sitting at Lystra, a man disabled in his feet, who had never walked at all, being lame from his birth. 9 This man heard Paul speaking; who looking earnestly at him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up, and walked. 11 And the people, seeing what Paul had done, lifted up their voice, saying in the Lycaonian tongue, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12 And they called Barnabas Jupiter, and Paul Mercury; because he was the chief speaker. 13 And the priest of Jupiter, whose image was before the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and with the people would have offered sacrifices to them. 14 But the apostles Barnabas and Paul, when they heard of it, rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, 15 crying out, and saying, "Sirs, why do ye these things? we also are men subject to the like infirmities with you, and we preach the gospel unto you, that ye may turn from these vanities to the living God, who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, 16 and all things therein, who in generations past suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways: though He left not Himself without witness; 17 for He did us good, in giving us rain

from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." 18 And saying these things, they with difficulty restrained the people from sacrificing to them. 19 But there came thither some Jews from Antioch and Iconium, and persuading the multitude, stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 But when the disciples were gathered round him, he rose up and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and Iconium, and Antioch; 22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and telling them that through many afflictions we must enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed them elders in every church, praying and fasting, they recommended them to the Lord, in whom they had believed. 24 And passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had preached the word at Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 And from thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God, for the work which they had now fulfilled. 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they related what God had done by them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they spent a considerable time there with the disciples.

15 Now some that came down from Judea, taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised according to the law of Moses, ye cannot be saved. **2** A dissension therefore arising, and Paul and Barnabas having no small dispute with them, it was resolved that Paul and Barnabas, and some others, should go up to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem about this question. **3** They

therefore, being brought forward on their way by the church, passed through Phenicia and Samaria, relating the conversion of the Gentiles: and they gave great joy to all the brethren. 4 And when they came to Jerusalem, they were received by the church, and by the apostles and elders, and they told them all that God had done by them. 5 But there rose up, said they, some of the sect of the pharisees that believed, saying, that it was necessary to circumcise them, and enjoin them to keep the law of Moses. 6 So the apostles and elders were assembled together to consider about this matter. 7 And after much debate, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Brethren, ye know that a good while ago, God, who was among us, chose that the Gentiles should hear by my mouth the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God who knoweth the heart, bare witness to them, giving them the holy Spirit, as He had done also to us: 9 and made no difference between us and them, having purified their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why do ye tempt God, in imposing a yoke on the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, in like manner as they. 12 And all the multitude kept silence, and gave attention to Barnabas and Paul, relating what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. 13 And after they had done speaking, James rose up and said, Brethren, hearken unto me. 14 ---Simeon hath related, how God at first condescended to take out of the Gentiles a people to his name. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets, **16** as it is written, "After this will I return, and rebuild the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will repair its ruins, and set it up again. 17 That the rest of

mankind may seek the Lord, even all the nations, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord who doth all these things." 18 Now all his works are known unto God from the beginning of the world: (aion g165) 19 wherefore my advice is, not to trouble those who from among the Gentiles are converted to God; but to write to them, 20 that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses hath had from ancient times those that preach him in every city, and is still read in the synagogues every sabbath-day. 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles, and elders, and the whole church, to send men chose from among themselves to Antioch along with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas sirnamed Barsabas, and Silas; leading men among the brethren: 23 and they wrote by their hand, as follows, The apostles and elders and brethren here to the Gentile brethren which are in Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia, send greeting. 24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that some who went out from us, have troubled you by their discourses, unsettling your minds, saying, ye must be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no such commission; 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you, with our beloved brethren Barnabas and Paul, 26 who have exposed their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent with them Judas and Silas, to tell you the same things also by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the holy Spirit, and so to us, to lay no more burthen upon you than these necessary things. 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from fornication: from which ye will do well to keep yourselves. Farewel. 30

Being thus dispatched they came to Antioch, and when they had assembled the brethren, they delivered the epistle. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced at the consolation it brought. 32 And Judas and Silas being prophets also themselves, exhorted and established: the brethren by many discourses. 33 And after some time, they were dismissed with peace from the brethren to the apostles. 34 But it seemed good to Silas to continue there: Paul also and Barnabas stayed at Antioch, 35 teaching and preaching, with many others likewise, the word of the Lord. 36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Let us return and visit our brethren in every city, where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are. 37 And Barnabas proposed to take with them John, who was surnamed Mark. 38 But Paul did not think proper to take him with them, who left them in Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. 39 And there was a sharp dispute, so that they separated from each other; and Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus: but Paul chose Silas and departed, 40 being recommended to the grace of God. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.

16 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold there was a certain disciple there, named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewess, but of a Grecian father. **2** Who was well spoken of by the brethren at Lystra and Iconium: **3** wherefore Paul was desirous that he should go forth with him, and took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts; for they all knew that his father was a Greek. **4** And as they passed through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees that had been made by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. **5** And so the churches

were established in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 And when they had passed through Phrygia and Galatia, being forbidden by the holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia, they came to Mysia, and endeavoured to go to Bithynia: 7 but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 So they passed by Mysia, and came down to Troas. 9 And Paul saw a vision in the night, There stood a certain man of Macedonia, intreating him and saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. 10 And as soon as he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to depart into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore we set sail from Troas, and came in a direct course to Samothracia, and the day following to Neapolis; 12 and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a Roman colony. And we staid some time in this city. 13 And on the sabbath-day we went out of the city to a river-side, where there used to be prayer: and we sat down and preached to the women that resorted thither. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a purple-seller of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to attend to the things that were spoken by Paul. 15 And when she was baptized and her family, she requested us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and lodge there. And she constrained us. 16 Now as we were going to the place of prayer, there met us a young woman that had a spirit of divination, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. 17 She following Paul and us, cried out, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, who shew us the way of salvation. 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I

command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. 19 And he came out that instant. And when her masters saw, that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized on Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the court to the magistrates. 20 And when they brought them to the governors, they said, These men cause great disturbance in our city, for they are Jews, and teach customs, 21 which it is not lawful for us to receive, nor practise, who are Romans. 22 And the populace rose up together against them: and the officers stripped off their clothes, and ordered them to be scourged. 23 And when they had given them many stripes, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely. 24 Who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 Now in the middle of the night Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, and the prisoners heard them. 26 And on a sudden there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bonds were loosed. 27 The jailor waking, and seeing the prison-doors open, drew his sword and was going to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners were fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for lights, and sprang in, and being in a tremor fell down before Paul and Silas: 30 and bringing them out, he said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thine house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all in his family. 33 And he took them at that very time of the night, and bathed their stripes: and was baptized, he and all his immediately after. 34 And he

brought them into his house, and spread a table for them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his household. **35** And when it was the day the governors sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. **36** And the jailor told these words to Paul, saying, the governors have sent orders, that you should be discharged; now therefore depart, and go in peace. **37** But Paul said unto them, They have publicly beaten us, uncondemned, and Romans, and cast us into prison, and do they now turn us out privately? No verily, let them come themselves and fetch us out. **38** And the serjeants reported these words to the governors: and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans. **39** And they came and intreated them, and when they had brought them out, they desired them to leave the city. **40** And when they were come out of the prison, they went into the house of Lydia: and seeing the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** And according to his custom Paul went in among them, and for three sabbath-days discoursed to them from the scriptures; **3** opening them and shewing, that the Messiah was to suffer and rise again from the dead: and that this is the Christ even, Jesus, whom, said he, I preach unto you. **4** And some of them believed and joined themselves to Paul and Silas, and a great number of the devout Greeks, and of the women of distinction not a few. **5** But the unbelieving Jews being filled with envy, collected some loose profligate fellows, and making a tumult set all the city in an uproar: and assaulting Jason's house, they sought for them in order to bring them out to the populace. **6** But not finding them, they dragged Jason and

some of the brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, these men that have turned the world upside down, 7 are come hither also, and Jason has privately received them. And they all act contrary to the decrees of Cesar, saying, there is another king, one Jesus. 8 And they alarmed the people, and the rulers of the city upon hearing these things: 9 but they taking security of Jason and the rest, let them go. 10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night to Berea: who, when they were come thither, went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more ingenuous than those at Thessalonica; for they received the word with all readiness of mind, searching the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. 12 And therefore many of them believed: and of the Grecian women of quality, and of men likewise not a few. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica knew that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came thither also, to stir up the people. 14 Then the brethren immediately sent away Paul towards the sea: but Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 And they that conducted Paul attended him to Athens: and receiving an order to Silas and Timothy, to come to him as soon as possible, they departed. 16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his Spirit was greatly moved, when he saw the city wholly given up to idolatry. 17 He therefore disputed in the synagogue with the Jews and other devout persons on the sabbath-day, and with whomsoever he met in public every day. 18 But some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him; and some said, What would this babler say? and others, He seemeth to be a proclaimer of foreign deities: because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took and brought

him to the Areopagus, and said, May we know what this new doctrine is, of which thou speakest? 20 For thou bringest strange things to our ears; we would therefore know what these things mean. 21 (Now all the Athenians, and strangers sojourning among them, spent their time in nothing else, but to tell or to hear something new.) 22 Then Paul stood up in the midst of the Areopagus and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that you are indeed over-much religious: 23 for as I was passing along, and looking at what ye worshipped, I found an altar on which there was inscribed, "To the unknown God." Whom therefore ye worship unknown, Him do I declare unto you. 24 The God that made the world and all things therein, being lord of heaven and earth dwelleth not in temples made with hands: 25 nor is He served by the hands of men, as needing any thing: for He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 and hath made of one blood every nation of men to dwell upon all the face of the earth, having determined the seasons before-appointed them, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 that they might seek the Lord, if possibly they might trace Him, and find Him: though indeed He is not far from every one of us. 28 For in Him we live and move, and exist; as some also of your own poets have said, "For we his offspring are." 29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to imagine that the Deity is like to gold, or silver, or stone, carved by the art and device of man. 30 Wherefore though God overlooked the times of this ignorance, He now requireth all men every where to repent. 31 Because He hath fixed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom He hath appointed thereto; having given assurance of it to all men, by raising Him from the dead. 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some laughed at it: and others said, We will hear thee again concerning this matter. **33** So Paul went out of the assembly. **34** Some however adhered to him, and believed: among whom was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

 $\mathbf{18}$ After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth. 2 And finding there a certain Jew, named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who was lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, (because Claudius Cesar had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome,) he went to them; 3 and as he was of the same trade, he staid and worked with them: for they were tentmakers. 4 And he discoursed in the synagogue every sabbathday, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. 5 And when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was very urgent in spirit, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. 6 But as they opposed and blasphemed, he shook his garment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clear of it: from henceforth I will go to the Gentiles. 7 And departing thence, he went to the house of one named Justus, who worshipped God, whose house was contiguous to the synagogue. 8 But Crispus the ruler of the synagogue believed on the Lord with all his house: and many of the Corinthians hearing the word believed, and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said to Paul by a vision in the night, "Fear not, but speak: and be not silent: 10 for I am with thee, and no man shall lay hands on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city." 11 And he staid a year and six months, teaching among them the word of God. 12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose against Paul, and brought him to the

seat of justice, 13 saying, this fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 14 And when Paul was going to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, If it were indeed an act of injustice, or some wicked crime, it would be reasonable that I should bear with you. **15** But if it be a question about words, and names, and your law, settle it yourselves; for I will be no judge of these matters. 16 And he ordered them away from the tribunal. 17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him even before the tribunal: but Gallio did not concern himself about the matter. 18 And after Paul had staid there yet a considerable time, he took leave of the brethren, and sailed from thence to Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aguila, after he had shaved his head at Cenchrea; for he had a vow. 19 And he came to Esphesus, and left them there: but before his departure he himself went into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 20 Though when they desired him to stay longer with them, he did not consent: but took his leave of them, 21 saying, I must by all means keep the approaching feast at Jerusalem; but I will return to you again, God willing. So he sailed from Ephesus; 22 and landing at Cesarea, went up to Jerusalem, and after he had saluted the church, he went down to Antioch. 23 And when he had spent some time there, he departed, and went in order through the country of Galatia and Phrygia strengthening all the disciples. 24 Now there came to Ephesus a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures. 25 Who had been instructed in the way of our Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught clearly the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 And as he began to speak openly in the synagogue, Aguila and

Priscilla heard him and took him home, and expounded to him the way of God more perfectly. **27** And as he was inclined to go into Achaia, the brethren wrote to the disciples exhorting them to receive him: who when he arrived, was very helpful to those who had believed through grace. **28** For he disputed vehemently with the Jews in public, proving by the scriptures, that Jesus was the Christ.

19 Now it came to pass while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul having passed through the upper parts of Asia came to Ephesus: 2 and finding some disciples there, he said unto them, Have ye received the holy Spirit since ye embraced the faith? And they said unto him, Nay, we had not even heard whether the holy Spirit be yet given. 3 And he said unto them, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into the baptism of John. 4 Then said Paul, John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people, that they should believe in Him that was coming after him, that is, in Christ Jesus. 5 And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And as Paul laid his hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And the men were in all about twelve. 7 And he went into the synagogue, 8 and spake boldly, disputing with them for the space of three months, and persuading them of the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But as some were hardened and refractory, speaking evil of the way of life before the multitude, he departed from them, and took away the disciples with him, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 10 And this he did for two years; so that all the inhabitants of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord Jesus. 11 And God wrought extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases lest them, and evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then some of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those that had evil spirits, saying, "We adjure you by Jesus, whom Paul preacheth." 14 Now there were seven sons of one Sceva a Jewish priest, who did this. 15 But the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leapt upon them, and mastered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many of them that believed came confessing and declaring their former practices. 19 And a great number of those that had used inguisitive arts, brought the books, and burned them before them all: and they computed the price of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily did the word of the Lord increase and prevail. 21 After these things, Paul purposed in spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia, and go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. 22 So he sent into Macedonia two of those that ministred to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed some time in Asia. 23 Now there happened at that time no small disturbance about the way which he taught. 24 For one Demetrius, a silver-smith, who made silver models of Diana's temple, brought no small gain to the artificers: whom he got together, 25 and with them the workmen they employed about such things, and said, My friends, ye know

that by this employment we get our wealth. 26 And ye see and hear, that not only at Ephesus, but in almost all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and perverted many people, saying, that they are no gods which are made by hands. 27 So that we are not only in danger of this, that the business we follow will come to nothing; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana will be despised; and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the whole world worshippeth. 28 Hearing this and being filled with rage, they cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. 29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus two Macedonians, fellow-travellers with Paul. 30 And when Paul would have gone in unto the people, the disciples would not let him. 31 And some also of the chief men of Asia, being his friends, sent to him and desired him not to venture himself into the theatre. 32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused, and the greater part did not know for what they were come together. 33 And they brought Alexander forward out of the multitude, the Jews urging him on. And Alexander beckoning with the hand, would have made a defence to the people. 34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, they all cried out with one voice, for near two hours, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. 35 And when the Secretary had appeased the multitude, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who doth not know that the city of the Ephesians is devoted to the service of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? 36 Since therefore these things are incontestible, ye ought to be quiet and composed, and to do nothing rashly. 37

For ye have brought these men hither, who are neither robbers of temples, nor blasphemers of your goddess. **38** If Demetrius therefore, and the artificers that are with him, have a charge against any one, the law-courts are open, and there are Roman proconsuls likewise: let them implead one another. **39** But if ye are enquiring any thing about other matters, let it be decided in a lawful assembly: **40** for we are in danger of being charged with sedition for what has happened this day, there being no cause by which we can give a reason for this concourse. **41** And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

 $\mathbf{20}$ And after the tumult was over, Paul sent for the disciples to him, and having embraced them, departed to go into Macedonia. 2 And having passed through those parts, and given them much exhortation, he came into Greece. 3 And when he had spent three months there, the Jews having laid wait for him as he was going to embark for Syria, he determined to return by Macedonia. 4 And there accompanied him to Asia, Sopater the Berean, and of the Thessalonians Aristarchus and Secundus, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy: and the Asiatics, 5 Tychicus and Trophimus, who went before and stayed for us at Troas. 6 And after the days of unleavened bread we sailed from Philippi, and came to them at Troas in five days, where we spent seven days. 7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples were assembled together to break bread, Paul being about to depart on the morrow, preached unto them, and continued his discourse till midnight. 8 And there were many lamps in the upper room where they were assembled. 9 And a young man named Eutychus, who sat in a window, falling into a deep sleep, as Paul was discoursing for a long time, sunk down and

fell from the third story, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down and leaned over him, and took him up and said, Be not disturbed; for his life is in him. 11 Then he went up again, and having broken bread and eaten, and conversed with them a considerable time, even till break of day, he departed. 12 And they brought in the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. 13 But we went before to the ship, and sailed to Assos, being there to take in Paul: for so he had appointed, designing himself to go on foot. 14 And as soon as he joined us at Assos, we took him in and came to Mitylene. 15 And sailing from thence we came the next day over against Chios; and the day following we arrived at Samos, and stopping at Trogyllium, we came the day after to Miletus. 16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, that he might not spend time in Asia: for he endeavoured, if it were possible, to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. 17 But he sent from Miletus to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know in what manner I behaved among you all the time, from the first day that I came into Asia. 19 Serving the Lord with all humility, and many tears, and trials which befel me by the ambushes of the Jews. 20 And how I withheld nothing that was useful, but have declared it to you, and have taught you publicly and from house to house: 21 testifying both to the Jews and Greeks, repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, being constrained by the spirit, behold I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will befal me there: 23 save that the holy Spirit testifieth in every city, that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 But none of these things move me, nor do I account my life dear, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now behold I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. 26 Wherefore I call you to witness this day, that I am clear from the blood of all men. 27 For I have not failed to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28 Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the holy Spirit hath appointed you bishops, to feed the church of God, which He purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 And from among yourselves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. 31 Watch therefore, remembering that for the space of three years I ceased not by night and by day to warn every one with tears. 32 And now, my brethren, I recommend you to God, and to the word of his grace: who is able to edify you, and to give you an inheritance among all that are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver, or gold, or apparel: 34 and ye yourselves know that these hands have ministred to my necessities, and to those that were with me. 35 I have shewed you in all things, that by labouring thus ye ought to support the infirm; and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. 36 And when he had said these things, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. 37 And they were all much grieved, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him: sorrowing most of all at the word which he spake, **38** that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

 $\mathbf{21}_{Now}$ as soon as we had parted from them, and set sail, we came in a strait course to Coos, and the day following to Rhodes, and from thence to Patara. 2 And finding a ship there, which was passing over to Phenicia, we went aboard it, and set sail. 3 And coming in fight of Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed to Syria, and came down to Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade. 4 And we stayed there seven days; having met with some disciples: who told Paul by the Spirit, not to go up to Jerusalem. 5 But when we had completed these days, we departed and went our way, all of them attending us with their wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed. 6 And having taken leave of each other, we went into the ship, and they returned home. 7 And we finishing our voyage, came down from Tyre to Ptolemais, and saluting the brethren stayed with them one day. 8 On the morrow Paul and those that were with him departed from Ptolemais, and came to Cesarea; and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven deacons, we stayed with him. 9 And he had four daughters virgins, that were prophetesses. 10 And as we abode there several days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet named Agabus: 11 and he came to us, and taking up Paul's girdle, and binding his own hands and feet, he said, Thus saith the holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man whose girdle this is, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. 12 And when we heard these things, both we and those of the place intreated him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 But Paul answered, What do ye mean, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the

name of the Lord Jesus. 14 And as he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. 15 And after these days were expired, we packed up our things, and went to Jerusalem. 16 And there went also with us from Cesarea some of the disciples, who brought us to one Mnason a Cyprian, an old disciple, with whom we were to lodge. 17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us with joy. 18 And the next day Paul went in with us to James: and all the elders were present. 19 And when he had saluted them, he gave a particular narrative of the things which God had done among the Gentiles by his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said to him, Thou seest, brother, how many myriads there are of the believing Jews, and they are all zealous for the law. 21 And they have heard of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews, who are among the Gentiles, to forsake the law of Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, nor to walk after our customs. 22 What then is to be done? The people must necessarily meet together; for they will hear that thou art come. 23 Do this therefore, which we advise thee. Here are four men with us, that have a vow upon them: take these and be purified with them, 24 and join in their expences, that they may shave their head: and that all may know, that there is nothing in what they have heard of thee; but thou thyself walkest according to the law. 25 But as to the believing Gentiles, we have written and determined, that they need observe no such thing; only to keep themselves from what is offered to idols, and from blood, and from any thing strangled, and from fornication. 26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day being purified with them entered into the temple to signify the accomplishment of

the days of purification till an offering should be offered for every one of them. 27 But when the seven days were near ended, the Jews that came from Asia seeing him in the temple, raised a tumult among the people, and laid hands on him, crying out, Men of Israel, help: 28 this is the man that teaches all men every where against the people of the Jews, and the law, and this sacred place? and besides, hath brought Greeks too into the temple, and polluted this holy place. 29 (For they had before seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they thought Paul had brought into the temple.) 30 And the whole city was moved, and there was a concourse of the people: and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the gates were shut. 31 And as they were going to kill him, a report came to the tribune of the cohort, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar: 32 who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the chiliarch and the soldiers, they left off beating Paul. 33 Then the commanding officer came near and took him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains; and inquired, who he was, and what he had done. 34 But some in the croud bawled out one thing and some another: and as he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle. 35 And when he was upon the stairs, he was even borne by the soldiers, because of the violence of the people. 36 For the multitude followed crying out, Away with him. 37 And as Paul was going to be led into the castle, he said to the tribune, May I be allowed to speak a word to thee? And he said, Canst thou speak Greek? 38 Art not thou that Egyptian, who before this madest a sedition, and didst lead out into the wilderness four

thousand murtherers? **39** But Paul said, I am indeed a Jew, a man of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beg thou wouldest permit me to speak to the people. **40** And when he gave him leave, Paul standing on the stairs made a sign with the hand to the people: and there being a great silence made, He spake to them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

22 Brethren, and Fathers, hear now my apology to you, 2 ---(and when they heard that he spake to them in the Hebrew dialect, they the more readily kept silence, and he said,) 3 --- I am indeed a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cilicia, but educated in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, accurately instructed in the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, as ye all are this day. 4 And I persecuted those of this persuasion even unto death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. **5** As the high priest is my witness, and all the elders: from whom I received letters to our brethren, and went to Damascus to bring those also, that were there, bound to Jerusalem, to be punished. 6 And it came to pass that as I was on my journey and drew nigh to Damascus, about mid-day, on a sudden a great light from heaven shone round about me: 7 and I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And He said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me saw the light indeed, and were affrighted; but they did not hear the voice of Him that spake to me. 10 And I said, Lord, what shall I do? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go on to Damascus, and there it shall be told thee concerning all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11 And as I could not see by reason of the glory of that light, being led

by the hand by those that were with me, I came to Damascus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout observer of the law, who had a good character from all the Jews that dwelt there, 13 came to me, and stood by me, and said, Brother Saul, look up: and I immediately looked up upon him. 14 And he said, The God of our Fathers hath before appointed thee to know his will, and to see the just One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men, of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now why shouldst thou delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling upon the name of the Lord. 17 And when I was returned to Jerusalem, and was praying in the temple, I was in a trance. 18 And I saw Him saying unto me, Make haste and go guickly out of Jerusalem; for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and scourged in the synagogues them that believed on Thee. 20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also stood by and consented to his death, and kept the clothes of them that slew him. 21 But he said unto me, Go away; for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.--- 22 And they heard him to this word, and then they exalted their voice, saying, Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not fit that he should live. 23 And as they were bawling out, and throwing off their clothes, and casting up dust into the air, 24 the tribune commanded him to be brought into the castle, and ordered him to be put to the question by scourging; that he might know for what reason they so cried out against him. 25 And as they were binding him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, uncondemned? 26 And

the centurion hearing this, went and told the tribune, saying, Consider what thou art about to do; for this man is a Roman. **27** Then the tribune came and said to him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And he said, Yes. **28** And the tribune replied, I obtained this freedom with a large sum of money. And Paul said, But I was free-born. **29** Immediately therefore those who were going to put him to the question quitted him: and the tribune also was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him. **30** And on the morrow, desiring to know for certain what he was accused of by the Jews, he loosed him from his bonds, and ordered the chief priests and all their council to attend; and he brought down Paul, and set him before them:

23 and Paul looking earnestly at the sanhedrim, said, "Brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God even to this day:" 2 but the high priest Ananias ordered those that stood next him, to smite him on the mouth. 3 Then said Paul to him, "God will smite thee, thou whited wall: dost thou sit to judge me according to the law, and contrary to the law commandest me to be smitten?" 4 But they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high-priest? 5 And Paul said, I was not aware, brethren, that it was the high-priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. 6 But Paul, knowing that the one part were sadducees, and the other pharisees, cried out in the sanhedrim, "Brethren, I am a pharisee, the son of a pharisee: for the hope of a resurrection of the dead I am now prosecuted." 7 Upon his saying this, there rose a contention between the pharisees and the sadducees; and the people were divided. 8 For the sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but the pharisees acknowledge both. 9 So there was

a great clamor: and the scribes that were of the party of the pharisees rose up and contended, saying, We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God. 10 But as there arose much contention, the tribune fearing least Paul should be torn in pieces by them, ordered a party of soldiers to go down, and take him by force out of the midst of them, and to bring him into the castle. 11 And the following night, the Lord standing by him said, Paul, be of good courage; for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou also bear testimony at Rome. 12 And when it was day, some of the Jews, having formed a conspiracy, bound themselves with a curse, saying, that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 And they were more than forty that had made this oath: 14 who came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves by a curse to eat nothing till we have killed Paul. 15 Now therefore do ye with the rest of the sanhedrim signify to the tribune, that he would bring him down to you to-morrow, as if you would examine more accurately some things concerning him: and we are ready to dispatch him before he come near you." 16 But Paul's sister's son, hearing of the ambush, came and entered into the castle, and told Paul. 17 Then Paul called one of the centurions to him, and said, Introduce this young man to the tribune; for he hath something to tell him. 18 So he took him and brought him to the tribune, and said, Paul the prisoner called me to him, and desired me to introduce this young man unto thee, as having something to say to thee. 19 And the tribune took him by the hand, and retiring into a private apartment asked him, What is it which thou hast to tell me? 20 And he said, The Jews have

agreed to desire thee, that thou wouldest bring down Paul tomorrow to the council, as if they would inquire something more strictly concerning him. 21 But do not thou comply with them: for there lie in wait for him more than forty men of them, who have bound themselves with a curse neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him: and they are now ready, waiting for an order from thee. 22 Then the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, Tell no one that thou hast discovered these things to me. 23 And he called two of the centurions to him, and said, Get ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, by the third hour of the night. 24 And provide beasts, that they may set Paul on and bring him safe to Felix the governor. 25 And he wrote a letter to this effect: 26 Claudius Lysias to the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting. 27 This man being seized by the Jews, and about to be killed by them, I came upon them with some soldiers and rescued him: for I understand that he is a Roman. 28 But desiring to know the cause for which they accused him, I brought him down into their council: 29 and I found he was accused about questions of their law, but had no charge against him deserving death or bonds. **30** But an ambush, which was going to be laid for the man by the Jews, being discovered to me, immediately I sent him to thee, telling his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell. 31 The soldiers therefore, according to the orders given them, took up Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 And the next day they returned to the castle, leaving the horsemen to go with him; 33 who, when they came into Cesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him. 34 And when

the governor had read the letter, and asked of what province he was; being informed that he was of Cilicia, he said, **35** I will hear thee, when thine accusers are also come. And he ordered him to be kept in Herod's palace.

 $\mathbf{24}_{And}$ after five days, the high-priest Ananias came down with the elders, and one Tertulius an orator, who appeared before the governor against Paul. 2 And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "As by thee we enjoy much peace, and glorious things are done to this nation by thy prudent administration, 3 we acknowledge it upon all occasions and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But that I may not trespass upon thee too far, I beg thou wouldst hear us a few words with thy wonted goodness. 5 For having found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ring-leader of the sect of the Nazarenes, 6 and attempting to profane the temple, we apprehended him, and would have judged him according to our law. 7 But Lysias the tribune came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come unto thee: 8 from whom thou mayst thyself by examining him come to the knowledge of all these things of which we accuse him." 9 And the Jews also assented, saying, that these things were so. 10 Then Paul, when the governor permitted him to speak, answered in this manner, "As I know that thou hast been many years a judge to this nation, I do the more chearfully answer for myself: 11 because thou mayst know, that there are not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem: **12** and they neither found me disputing with any one in the temple, or making sedition among the people, neither

in the synagogues, nor in the city: 13 nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way, which they call heresy, so do I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law, and the prophets: 15 having hope in God, (which they themselves also expect) that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 16 And on this account do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence both towards God and towards men. 17 Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings. 18 Upon which some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude nor with tumult: 19 who ought to have been here before thee, and make good their charge, if they had any thing against me. 20 Or let these themselves say, if they found any crime in me, when I stood before the sanhedrim; 21 unless for this one expression, that I cried out when I stood among them, For the resurrection of the dead I am called in guestion by you this day." 22 And when Felix heard these things he put them off, (for he had been more particularly informed concerning this way of religion,) and said, When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will thoroughly examine your matters. 23 And he commanded the centurion to keep Paul secure, and to let him have some liberty, and to hinder none of his friends from assisting him or coming to him. 24 Some days after Felix coming with his wife Drusilla, a Jewess, sent for Paul, and heard him concerning faith in Christ. 25 And as he was reasoning of justice, temperance, and a future judgement, Felix trembled, and said, Go thy way for this time, and I will take a proper opportunity to call for thee again. 26 And hoping also that money would be given him by Paul, that he might discharge him; he sent for him the more frequently, and conversed with him. **27** But after two years Felix received a successor, Porcius Festus; and being willing to gain favor with the Jews lest Paul confined.

25 Festus therefore, being come into the province, after three days went up from Cesarea to Jerusalem. 2 And the highpriest and principal men among the Jews, appeared before him against Paul, and made application to him, 3 begging the favor of him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; for they were preparing an ambush to kill him by the way. 4 But Festus answered, that Paul was in custody at Cesarea, and that he himself should go thither soon. 5 Therefore, said he, let those of you who are able, go down with me, and if there be any thing bad in this man, let them accuse him. 6 And when he had staid among them more than ten days, he went down to Cesarea, and the next day sitting on the tribunal, he commanded Paul to be brought before him. 7 And when he was come, the Jews that came down from Jerusalem, stood round about, bringing many heavy charges against Paul, which they were not able to prove: 8 he answering in his own defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Cesar have I committed any offence. 9 But Festus, being desirous to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Art thou willing to go up to Jerusalem, and there to be tried concerning these things before me? 10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried: I have done no wrong to the Jews, as thou very well knowest. 11 For if I am indeed doing them wrong, and have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be nothing in what these men

accuse me of, no one can give me up to them. 12 I appeal to Cesar. Then Festus, conferring with his council, answered, Hast thou appealed to Cesar? to Cesar thou shalt go. 13 And some days after king Agrippa and Bernice came to Cesarea to salute Festus. 14 And as they spent several days there, Festus related Paul's case to the king, saying, There is a man left in custody by Felix: concerning whom, 15 when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews appeared in court, desiring judgement against him. 16 To whom I answered, it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man to destruction, till he that is accused have the accusers face to face, and have an opportunity of making his defence concerning the accusation. 17 Therefore when they were come hither, making no delay, I sat on the tribunal the next day, and ordered the man to be brought before me. 18 Against whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such things as I supposed they would: 19 but had certain questions against him concerning their own religion; and of one Jesus that was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. 20 But I being in doubt as to the dispute concerning these matters, asked him, if he would go to Jerusalem, and there be tried concerning these things. **21** But when Paul appealed, to be reserved to the hearing of our sovereign, I ordered him to be kept till I could send him to Cesar. 22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, I should be willing to hear the man myself. And he said, thou shalt hear him to-morrow. 23 The next day therefore, Agrippa and Bernice coming with much pomp, and entering into the court, together with the chief officers, and men of greatest eminence in the city, at the command of Festus Paul was brought in. 24 And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all that are here

present with us, ye see this man, concerning whom all the Jews have applied to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out, that he ought not to live. **25** But when I found that he had done nothing worthy of death, and as he himself has appealed to the emperor, I have determined to send him. **26** Concerning whom I have nothing certain to write to our sovereign: wherefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before thee, O king Agrippa, that after examination is made I may have somewhat to write. **27** For it seems to me absurd, to send a prisoner and not to signify the crimes laid against him."

26 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretching forth his hand, thus made his defence, 2 "O king Agrippa, I think myself happy, that I am this day to make my defence before thee, concerning all the things which I am accused of by the Jews: 3 especially as thou art acquainted with all the customs and questions which are among the Jews; wherefore I intreat thee to hear me patiently. 4 My manner of life then from my youth, as it has been from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews are acquainted with, 5 knowing me before, (if they would testify it,) that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a pharisee. 6 And now I stand arraigned for the hope of the promise which was made by God to our fathers: 7 to which promise our twelve tribes, worshipping continually night and day, hope to attain: concerning which hope, O king Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. 8 What! is it judged incredible by you, that God should raise the dead? 9 I indeed once thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus the Nazarene: 10 which I also did in Jerusalem; and I

shut up many of the saints in prison, having received authority for it from the chief priests; and when they were put to death I gave my voice against them. 11 And often punishing them in all the synagogues, I compelled them to blaspheme, and being excessively enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities. 12 On which accounts as I was going to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests---at mid-day, 13 O king, as I was on the way thither I saw a light from heaven exceeding the splendor of the sun, shining round about me and those that were going with me. 14 And when we were all fallen down to the earth, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me? It is hard for thee to kick against the goads. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise, and stand on thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things which thou hast seen, and of those for which I shall hereafter appear unto thee: 17 delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I now send thee, 18 to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. 19 Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision: 20 but declared first to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, and through all the country of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, and turn unto God, performing works suitable to repentance. 21 For these things the Jews seized me in the temple, and attempted to kill me. 22 But having obtained help of God, I continue until this

day, testifying both to small and great, and saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses declared should come to pass; even that the Messiah should suffer, 23 and being the first of the resurrection from the dead should bring light to the people and to the Gentiles." 24 And as he was saying these things in his defence, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself: much learning turns thy brain. 25 But he replied, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but I speak the words of truth and of a sound mind. 26 For the king knoweth of these things, to whom also I speak with freedom; because I am persuaded that none of them are unknown to him; for this was not done in a corner. 27 O king Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? 28 I know that thou believest them. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou almost persuadest me to be a Christian. 29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. 30 And when he had said this, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and those that sat with them. 31 And when they were retired, they spake to each other, saying, this man hath done nothing worthy of death or of bonds. 32 And Agrippa said to Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed to Cesar.

27_{Now as it was determined that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan cohort. **2** And going on board a ship of Adramyttium, we went off, intending to sail by the coasts of Asia; Aristarchus a Macedonian of Thessalonica being with us. **3** And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius treating Paul with great humanity, permitted him to go to his friends to get proper}

supplies. 4 And when we departed from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. 5 And sailing through the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra a city of Lycia. 6 And there the centurion finding a ship of Alexandria bound for Italy, he put us on board it. 7 And as we sailed slowly for many days, and were hardly got on to Cnidus, the wind not permitting us, we sailed under Crete by Salmone. 8 And passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called the Fair-havens, near to which was the city of Lasea. 9 And as much time was spent, and sailing was now dangerous, (for the fast was now past,) Paul exhorted them, 10 saying, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage is like to be prejudicial and with much damage, not only of the lading and of the ship, but also of our lives. 11 But the centurion regarded the pilot and the master of the vessel, more than the things that were said by Paul. 12 And the haven not being commodious to winter in, the greater part advised to sail from thence, if they could possibly reach to Phenice to winter at that haven of Crete, which looks both to the south-west and northwest. 13 And as the south wind blew gently, thinking they were secure of their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed close by Crete. 14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind called Euroclydon. 15 And the ship being hurried on, and not able to face the wind, we gave it up and so were carried along. 16 And running under a certain island called Clauda, we were hardly able to become masters of the boat. 17 Which when they had hoisted up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and fearing least they should fall into the quick-sands, they struck fail, and so were driven. 18 And as we were exceedingly tossed by the storm, the next day they lightened the ship: 19 and the

third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship too. 20 And as neither sun nor stars appeared for several days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was now taken away. 21 But after long abstinence from food, Paul stood up in the midst of them and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not loosed from Crete, and so have saved this damage and loss. 22 However, I now exhort you to be of good courage: for there shall be no loss of any life among you, but only of the ship: 23 for there stood by me this night an angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, 24 Fear not, Paul, thou must be brought before Cesar, and behold God hath given thee all that are sailing with thee. 25 Wherefore, Sirs, be of good courage; for I trust in God, that it shall be so, according as it was told me. 26 But we must be cast upon some island. 27 And when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic sea, about the middle of the night the mariners thought they drew near to some land: 28 and sounding they found it twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, and sounded again, they found it fifteen fathoms. **29** Then fearing least they should fall upon some rocky places, they cast four anchors out of the stern and wished for day. 30 But the mariners endeavouring to flee out of the ship, and having let down the boat into the sea, under pretence that they were going to stretch out anchors from the head of the ship, 31 Paul said to the centurion, and to the soldiers, Unless these men stay in the ship ye cannot be saved. 32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul exhorted them all to take some food, saying, Fourteen days this day ye continue waiting without proper food,

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having taken nothing: 34 wherefore I exhort you to take some nourishment, for this is necessary for your safety: for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you. 35 And having spoken thus, he took bread and gave thanks to God in presence of them all, and when he had broken it he began to eat. 36 And being all encouraged they also took some food. 37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred and seventy-six souls. 38 And when they were satisfied with food, they lightened the ship and cast out the corn into the sea. 39 And when it was day, they did not know the land near them: but they perceived a certain creek with a shore, into which they were desirous, if they could, to have thrust the ship. 40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they trusted the ship to the sea, at the same time, loosing the rudder-bands; and hoisting up the main-sail to the wind, they made to the shore. 41 But falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship a-ground; and the fore-part stuck fast, and remained immoveable, but the hinder part was dashed in pieces by the violence of the waves. 42 And the counsel of the soldiers was to kill the prisoners, least any of them should swim out and escape. 43 But the centurion, desirous to save Paul, hindered them from their purpose, and ordered those that could swim to throw themselves out first, and get off to land: 44 and the rest, some on planks, and others on some other things out of the ship. And so it came to pass that they all got safe to land.

28 And when they were safe on shore, they understood, that the island was called Melita. **2** And the barbarians shewed us uncommon humanity: for they kindled a fire and took us all in, because of the present rain, and of the cold. **3** And Paul having gathered together a bundle of sticks, and laid them on

the fire, there came out a viper from the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous creature hanging on his hand, they said to one another, This man is certainly a murderer, whom, though he hath been saved from the sea, yet justice suffereth not to live. 5 But he shook off the creature into the fire, and suffered no hurt. 6 They however were expecting that he would swell, or suddenly fall down dead: but when they had waited a good while, and saw no hurt come to him, they changed their opinion and said that he was a god. 7 Now in the parts adjacent to this place was the seat of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius, who took us into his house, and entertained us three days courteously. 8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery: to whom Paul went in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. 9 Upon this, others also in the island, who had diseases came to him and were cured: 10 who also honoured us with many honors, and furnished us, when we departed, with such things as were necessary. 11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, that had wintered in the island, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. 12 And being arrived at Syracuse, we staid there three days. 13 From whence coasting round we came to Rhegium, and after one day a south-wind rising, we came the second day to Puteoli: 14 where finding some brethren, we were desired to stay with them seven days: and so we went on to Rome. 15 And when the brethren heard of us, they came from thence to meet us, some as far as Appii-forum, and others to the Three-taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage. 16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was permitted to live by himself with the soldier that had him in custody. 17 And after three days Paul called together the chief of the Jews. And when they were come together, he said unto them, Brethren, though I have done nothing against the people of the Jews, or the customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans: 18 who when they had examined me, would have set me at liberty, because there was no crime worthy of death found in me: 19 but the Jews opposing it, I was obliged to appeal to Cesar; though not as having any thing to accuse my nation of. 20 For this reason therefore I desired to see and to speak to you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. 21 And they said to him, We have neither received letters concerning thee from Judea, nor has any of the brethren, that is come hither, related or spoken any ill of thee. 22 But we would willingly hear from thee what thou thinkest: for as to this sect, we know that it is every where spoken against. 23 And having appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging; to whom he discoursed and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them of the things concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses, and from the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some regarded the things that were spoken, but others did not believe. 25 And so disagreeing one with another they separated, when Paul had said one word, to wit, that the holy Spirit spake rightly by Esaias the prophet to our fathers, 26 saying, Go to this people and say, Ye shall hear by the hearing of the ear, and not understand; and in seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: for the heart of this people is stupified, 27 and they hear heavily with their ears, and have closed their eyes;

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least they should see at all with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. **28** Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it. **29** And when he had said these things, the Jews departed, having much debate among themselves. **30** And Paul abode two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came to him: **31** preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all freedom, none forbidding him.

Romans

 $\mathbf{1}_{\mathsf{Paul}}$ a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, $\mathbf{2}$ separated unto the gospel of God, (which He had promised before by his prophets in the holy scriptures) concerning his Son, 3 who was of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 but powerfully declared to be the Son of God, according to the spirit of holiness, by his resurrection from the dead, even Jesus Christ our Lord; 5 by whom we have received grace and apostleship to preach the obedience of faith for his name's sake, to all nations; 6 among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ; 7 to all that are in Rome beloved of God, called and holy: grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 8 And first I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is celebrated through the whole world: 9 for God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how incessantly I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 intreating if I may now at length have a prosperous journey by the will of God, to come unto you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, that you may be established: 12 that is to say, that being among you we may be comforted together by the faith of each, both yours and mine. 13 And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that I often purposed to come unto you, (but have been hindered hitherto) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the other Gentiles. 14 For I am a debtor both to Greeks and barbarians, both to the learned and the unlearned: 15 therefore am I ready, as much as in me lies, to preach the gospel to you also that are at Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one

that believeth, both Jew and Greek: 17 for the righteousness of God is therein revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who withhold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 for what is to be known of God is manifest among them, for God hath manifested it to them. 20 Inasmuch as from the first creation of the world, the invisible things of Him, even his eternal power and Godhead, are, if attended to, clearly seen in his works: (aïdios g126) 21 so that they are inexcusable; because having thus known God they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful; but were infatuated by their own reasonings, and their heart being void of understanding was darkened. 22 Pretending to be wise they Became fools: 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for an image like to corruptible man, and birds, and beasts, and reptiles. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to impurity, in the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies among themselves; 25 who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature instead of the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (aion g165) 26 Therefore God gave them up to infamous passions: for even their women changed the natural use into that which is unnatural, 27 and the men likewise, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust to one another, men with men committing shame, and receiving in themselves the recompence of their error which they deserved. 28 And as they were not careful to acknowledge God, God gave them up to an undiscerning mind to do things that were not fit to be done: 29 being filled with all injustice, lewdness, wickedness, covetousness, malignity; full of envy, murder, strife,

deceit, and every evil habit; whisperers, **30** slanderers, haters of God, injurious, haughty, proud, inventers of mischief, undutiful to parents, void of understanding, **31** covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, and unmerciful: **32** who though they knew the just judgement of God, (that they who commit such practises are worthy of death) yet not only do these very things, but also countenance and encourage others in the practice of them.

 $\mathbf{2}$ Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whoever thou art, that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost the same things. 2 But we know that the judgement of God is according to truth against those that do such things. 3 And thinkest thou, O man, who judgest those that do such things, and dost the same, that thou shalt escape the judgement of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and forbearance, and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 But by thy hardness and impenitence of heart thou art treasuring up to thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the just judgement of God, 6 who will render to every one according to his works: 7 to them, who by perseverance in well-doing seek for glory, and honor, and immortality, eternal life: (aionios g166) 8 but to those who are contentious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath. 9 Tribulation and anguish shall be upon every soul of man that worketh evil, both of the Jew, and of the Gentile: 10 but glory, and honor, and peace to every one that worketh good, both to the Jew, and to the Greek: 11 for there is no respect of persons with God. 12 For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish

without the law; and as many as have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified: 14 for when the Gentiles, who have not the law, do by nature the duties of the law, these though they have not the law, are a law to themselves, 15 and shew the work of the law written on their hearts, their conscience witnessing together with it, and their own thoughts either accusing, or excusing them,) 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. 17 Behold thou art called a Jew, and restest on the law, and boastest in God, 18 and knowest his will, and approvest things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and art persuaded that thou art a guide of the blind, 20 a light to them that are in the darkness, an instructor of the simple, a teacher of babes, having the form of the knowledge and of the truth which is in the law. 21 Thou then, who teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou, that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? 22 Thou, that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou, that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? 23 Thou, that boastest in the law, dost thou by transgression of the law dishonour God? 24 for through you the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles, as it is written. 25 For circumcision indeed is profitable, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision is become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore if the uncircumcised keep the righteous precepts of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be accounted to him for circumcision? 27 and shall not the uncircumcision that is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision art a transgressor

of the law? for he is not a Jew, who is only so in appearance; **28** nor is that circumcision, which is only in appearance, in the flesh; **29** but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart in the spirit, not in the letter: whose praise is not from men, but from God.

 ${\bf 3}$ What then is the advantage of the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much, every way: chiefly, because they were intrusted with the oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their incredulity make the faithfulness of God of no effect? 4 God forbid: yea, let God be acknowledged true, though every man be a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy words, and mightest overcome, when thou judgest. 5 "But if our unrighteousness confirm the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is not God unrighteous, who inflicteth his wrath?" (I speak as a man) God forbid: 6 for then how shall God judge the world? 7 "But, say you, if the truth of God hath abounded unto his glory through my falshood, why yet am I also judged as a sinner? 8 and why may we not do evil that good may come?"---as we are injuriously charged, and as some affirm that we say; whose condemnation is just. 9 "What then are we the better?" Not at all, in point of justification; for we have before proved that both Jews and Gentiles are all under sin: as it is written, 10 "There is none righteous, no not one; 11 there is none that understandeth; there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are become unprofitable, there is none that practiseth goodness, no not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre: with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: 15 their feet

are swift to shed blood: 16 destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 and the way of peace they have not known; and the fear of God is not before their eyes." 18 Now we know that whatsoever the law saith, 19 it saith to those under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world obnoxious to the justice of God. 20 Wherefore by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, without the law, righteousness before God is manifested, being attested by the law and the prophets; 22 and this righteousness of God is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all believers; for there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by his grace, because of the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 whom God hath appointed to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness, in the remission of past sins, according to the forbearance of God; 26 for a demonstration, I say, of his righteousness at this time: that He might be just, and the justifier of him, that believeth in Jesus. 27 Where then is boasting? it is excluded: by what law? of works? no: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude, that a man is justified by faith, without the works of the law: 29 or is He the God of the Jews only, and not also of the Gentiles? 30 surely of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God who will justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision also through faith. 31 Do we then make the law of none effect through faith? God forbid: yea we establish the law.

4 What shall we say then that Abraham our father obtained according to the flesh? **2** for if Abraham were justified by works, he hath something to boast of; but this he hath not before God:

3 for what saith the scripture? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him that worketh the reward is not reckoned as a favor, but as a debt: 5 but to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him who justifieth the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness. 6 As David also describeth the blessedness of the man to whom: God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, 7 "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered: 8 blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not sin." 9 Now is this blessedness upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? for we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How then was it accounted to him? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all that believe though not circumcised, that righteousness may be imputed to them also: 12 and the father of circumcision to those, who not only are of the circumcision, but also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision. 13 For the promise made to Abraham, or to his seed, that he should be heir of the world, was not by the law, but by the righteousness of faith: 14 for if they only that are of the law be heirs, faith is made useless, and the promise is become of no effect. 15 Now the law worketh wrath; for where there is no law, there is no transgression. 16 And therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace, that so the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is

written, "I have made thee a father of many nations,") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not as if they were: 18 who against hope believed, with hope, that he should be the father of many nations, according to that which was said unto him, "So shall thy seed be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, being about an hundred years old; nor the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He hesitated not at the promise of God through unbelief: but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully persuaded, that what was promised He was able to perform: 22 and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written on his account only, that it was imputed to him: 24 but for our sakes also, to him it will be imputed, as we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead: 25 who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **2** through whom also we have admission by faith into this grace in which we stand, and boast in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only so, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, **4** and patience experience, **5** and experience hope, and this hope maketh us not ashamed; because the love of God is diffused in our hearts by the holy Spirit that is given to us. **6** For when we were yet without strength, Christ died in due season for the ungodly. **7** Whereas one would hardly die for a just man, though perhaps for a good man one might dare even to die. **8** But God recommendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, being now

justified by his blood, shall we be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more being reconciled shall we be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received reconciliation. 12 Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men, for to that all have sinned: 13 for sin was in the world before the law. Now sin is not imputed where there is no law; 14 and yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is the type of Him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift: for if through the offence of one many died, much more hath the grace of God, and the gift bestowed by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 For the gift is not as the sentence was by one that sinned; for the sentence is passed from one offence to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences to justification. 17 For if, by the offence of one, death reigned through one, much more they who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life through one, even Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one the effect of it was upon all men to condemnation: so also by the righteousness of one, the effect was upon all men to justification of life. 19 For as by the disobedience of one man many were made sinners; so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous. 20 Now the law made some entrance, that the offence might appear to abound; but where sin abounded, grace hath superabounded; that as sin had reigned

in death, **21** so grace might reign through righteousness, unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord. (aiōnios g166)

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid! how shall we, who are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life: 5 for if we have been planted together in the resemblance of his death, so shall we be also of his resurrection. 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we might no longer be inslaved to sin: 7 for he that is thus dead with Christ, is delivered from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: 9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more power over Him: for as He died, He died once for all on account of sin; 10 but as He liveth, He liveth unto God. 11 So also do ye reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield your bodies as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but present yourselves to God as alive from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall have no power over you, inasmuch as ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? 16 God forbid! Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves servants to obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey? either of sin unto death, or

of obedience unto righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God, that ye who were servants of sin, have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered to you: **18** and being set free from sin, ye are become the servants of righteousness. **19** I speak after the manner of men, because of the infirmity of your flesh: as ye have yielded your bodies servants to impurity and iniquity to work iniquity; so now present your bodies servants to righteousness, unto holiness. **20** For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **21** What fruit therefore had ye then in the things, which ye are now ashamed of? for the end of those things is death. **22** But now being set free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. **(aiōnios g166) 23** For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **(aiōnios g166)**

7 Are ye ignorant, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) that the law hath power over a man, only so long as it liveth? **2** For a married woman is bound by the law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband die, she is discharged from the law of her husband. **3** Therefore while her husband is living, she shall be called an adulteress if she become another man's: but if her husband be dead, she is free from the law; so that she is not an adulteress, though she become another man's. **4** And thus, my brethren, ye also are dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye might become another's, even his who is raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. **5** For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions while we were under the law operated in our bodies so as to bring forth fruit unto death. **6** But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead by which

we were bound, that we might serve God in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid! Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust to be sinful, if the law had not said, "Thou shalt not covet." 8 But sin taking occasion by the commandment wrought in me all manner of concupiscence: for without the law sin was dead. 9 And I was heretofore alive without the law: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died: 10 and the commandment which was intended to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin taking occasion by the commandment deceived me, and by it slew me. 12 So that the law is holy; and the commandment holy, and just, and good. 13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid! But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good: that sin might be shewn by the commandment to be exceeding sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do, I allow not: for I do not that which I would; but what I hate, this I do. 16 And if I do that which I would not, I consent to the law that it is good: 17 but now I am no more the doer of it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good: for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good, I find not. **19** For I do not the good that I would; but the evil which I would not, this I do. 20 Now if I do that which I would not, I am no more the doer of it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a kind of law, that when I would do good, evil besets me. 22 For I delight in the law of God, as to the inward man: 23 but I perceive another law in my body warring against the law of my mind, and captivating me to the law of sin, which

is in my body. **24** Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from this body of death? **25** The grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with my mind I serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

 ${\bf 8}$ There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For that which was impossible for the law to do, and in which it was weak through the corruption of the flesh, God by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sacrifice for sin, hath done; that is, hath condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the righteousness of the law may be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. 5 For they who are after the flesh, mind the things of the flesh; but they who are led by the Spirit, do mind spiritual things. 6 Now to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace: 7 because the carnal mind is an enemy to God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be: 8 and they who are carnal, cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if the Spirit of God dwelleth in you: but if any one hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead, will also restore your mortal bodies to life, by his Spirit that now dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: 13 for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if by the Spirit ye mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by

the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 So that the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and co-heirs with Christ: if so be we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him. 18 And I account the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be set against the glory that shall be revealed to us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the world is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God: 20 (for the world was subjected to vanity, not willingly, but through him who made it subject:) 21 in hope that they also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole world groaneth, and doth as it were travail in pain together even to this day. 23 And not only others, but those also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen, is not hope; for what any one sees, how doth he yet hope for? 25 but if we hope for what we see not, then we wait for it with patience. 26 And the Spirit likewise helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for, as we ought: but the Spirit itself intercedes for us with unutterable groans. 27 And He that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit; for he intercedeth for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things co-operate for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose; 29 for those whom he foreknew, He also predetermined to be conformed to the

image of his Son, that He might be as the first-born among many brethren: and whom He before ordained, these He also called; 30 and whom He called, these he also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What shall we say then to these things? if God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any accusation against the elect of God? will God, who justifieth us? 34 Who is he that condemneth? Is it Christ, that died for us? yea rather, that is risen again, who is also at the right hand of God, and who maketh intercession for us? 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 (as it is written, "for thy sake we are killed all the day long, we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter:") 37 but in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. **38** For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things future, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lye not, (my conscience bearing me witness in the holy Ghost,) **2** that I have great grief and continual sorrow in my heart: **3** for I could wish that I myself were made a curse after the manner of Christ, for my brethren, my kindred according to the flesh; **4** who are Israelites, whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the form of divine worship, and the promises: **5** whose are the fathers, and of whom, as to the flesh, Christ

came, who is over all God blessed for ever. Amen. (aion g165) 6 Not that the word of God hath failed. For they are not all Israel, who are descended from Israel. 7 Nor because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children of promise: but "in Isaac shall thy seed be called." 8 That is, not the children of the flesh are the children of God, but the children of the promise are accounted for the seed. 9 For this is the word of the promise, "According to this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son:" 10 and not to her only; but Rebecca also being with child by our father Isaac, 11 (when the children were not yet born, nor had done either good or evil, that the purpose of God according to his choice might abide, not on account of works, but of Him that calleth,) it was said to her, the elder shall serve the younger: 12 as it is written, 13 "I loved Jacob and I hated Esau." 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice in God? 15 God forbid! For He saith to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 And the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, for this very purpose have I raised thee up, that I may shew forth my power in thee, and that my name may be declared through all the earth. 18 So then He hath mercy on whom He pleaseth, and whom He will, He hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then, Why doth he yet blame us? who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou, that disputest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why didst thou make me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, out of the same mass to make one vessel to honor and another to dishonor? 22 And what if God, though resolved to shew his

displeasure at last, and to make known his power, yet bore with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction? 23 and that He might make known the riches of his glory in the vessels of mercy, which He hath prepared for glory? 24 whom He hath also called, even us, not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles. 25 As He saith also in Hosea, I will call them my people, who were not my people, and her beloved, who was not beloved. 26 And in the place where it was said to them, Ye are not my people, there shall they be called the children of the living God. 27 And Esaias crieth out concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant shall be saved. 28 For in finishing the account and cutting it short in righteousness, the Lord will make a short work upon the earth. 29 And as Esaias said before, "Except the Lord of hosts had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and we had been made like unto Gomorrah." 30 What shall we say then? that the Gentiles, who sought not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; **31** but Israel, who followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness: why? 32 because they sought it not by faith, but by the works of the law, for they stumbled at that stumbling-stone; 33 as it is written, "Behold I lay in Sion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence:" and again, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed."

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. **2** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they have not submitted themselves to

the righteousness which is of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness to every believer. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, "That the man who doth those things shall live by them." 6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh thus, "Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven, (that is, to bring Christ down) or, 7 who shall descend into the deep, (that is, to (Abyssos g12) 8 bring up Christ from the dead)" but what saith it? "The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart." This is the word of faith which we preach: that if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, 9 and believe in thine heart, that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him, shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference of Jew and Greek: for He being Lord of all is bountiful to all that call upon Him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 But how shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** and how shall they preach unless they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good tidings of peace, who bring the good tidings of good things? 16 But all have not obeyed the gospel: for Esaias saith, "Lord, who hath believed our report?" 17 So that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have they not heard? Verily their sound is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. 19 But I say again, Did not Israel know this? when first Moses saith,

"I will move you to jealousy by those who are not a people, I will provoke you to anger by a foolish nation:" **20** and Esaias positively affirms, "I was found of them that sought me not, I was made manifest to them that asked not after me:" **21** and saith to Israel, "All the day long have I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and gainsaying people."

 $\mathbf{11}_{\mathsf{I}}$ say then, Hath God cast off his people? God forbid! for I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast off his people, whom He foreknew. Do ye not know what the scripture saith of Elias? how he complains to God against Israel, 3 saying, "Lord, they have slain thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life." 4 But what saith the oracle of God to him? "I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal." 5 And so in the present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, it is no more of works: for then grace is no longer grace. But if of works, it is no more grace: for then work is no longer work. **7** What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he sought: but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded, 8 (according as it is written, God hath given them a spirit of slumber, that their eyes could not see and their ears could not hear,) even unto this day. 9 And David saith, Let their table become a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a recompence unto them. 10 Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and always bow down their back. 11 Say I then, Have they stumbled, that they should fall irrecoverably? God forbid! but this I say, that by their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles to excite them to emulation. 12 Now if their fall be the

riches of the world, and their diminution be the riches of the Gentiles, how much more will their fulness be? 13 For I speak to you Gentiles: inasmuch indeed as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, 14 I extol my office, that if possible I may excite to emulation my brethren according to the flesh, and may save some of them: 15 for if the rejecting of them be the reconciling of the world, what will the receiving them again be but life from the dead? 16 Now if the first-fruits be holy, so is the whole heap: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and thou a wild-olive wert grafted in among them, and art made a partaker together with them of the root and fatness of the olive; boast not against the branches: 18 and if thou boastest, remember thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19 Wilt thou say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in? 20 Well; they were broken off for their infidelity, and thou standest by faith: therefore be not high-minded but fear. 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, neither would He spare thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: towards them that fell, severity; but towards thee, goodness; if thou continue in his goodness: for else thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they, if they do not continue in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able again to graft them in. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the wild olive, which was natural to thee, and contrary to nature were grafted into a good olive; how much more shall these who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive-tree? 25 For I would not have you, brethren, to be ignorant of this mystery, (least ye should be wise in your own eyes) that blindness in part is befallen Israel, till the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And

so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, "The deliverer shall come out of Sion, and shall turn away impiety from Jacob: 27 and this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins." 28 As to the gospel indeed they are enemies on your account, but as to the election they are beloved on account of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. 30 For as ye were heretofore disobedient to God, but have now obtained mercy in their disobedience: 31 so these also in your mercy have now been disobedient, that they themselves might be the objects of mercy. 32 For God hath included them all in the charge of disobedience, that He might have mercy upon all. (eleese g1653) 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways not to be traced out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to Him? and it shall be returned. **36** For of Him, and through Him, and for Him, are all things. To Him be glory for ever. Amen. (aion g165)

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and well-pleasing to God, as your rational service.
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may experience what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. (aion g165)
3 For by the grace conferred on me I charge every one among you, not to think of himself above what he ought to think: but to think with sobriety, according as God hath divided to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and all the members have not the same office: 5 so we who are many, are one

body in Christ, and every one members of each other. 6 But having different gifts, according to the grace conferred upon us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith: 7 or ministry, let us attend to the ministry: or he that teacheth, on teaching: or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: 8 he that distributeth, let him do it with integrity: he that presideth, with diligence: he that sheweth mercy, with chearfulness. 9 Let love be unfeigned. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good; 10 be tenderly affected with brotherly love to each other, in honor preferring one another: 11 not slothful in business: fervent in spirit: serving the Lord. 12 Rejoicing in hope, patient under affliction, persevering in prayer, 13 communicating to the necessities of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless them that persecute you: bless them, I say, and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep. 16 Be alike affected to each other: not aiming at high things, but accommodating yourselves to persons of low rank. Be not wise in your own conceit. 17 Render to no one evil for evil: behaving honorably in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as ye can, live peaceably with all men. 19 Avenge not yourselves, my beloved; but rather give place to the wrath of others: for it is written, "Vengeance belongeth to me, I will recompence, saith the Lord." 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing, thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every soul be subject to the powers that are over them: for there is no such power but from God: the powers that are over men, are appointed by God. **2** So that he who resisteth

the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive condemnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wouldest thou then not be afraid of the civil power? do what is good, and thou shalt have praise from it: 4 for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou dost evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is also the minister of God, as an avenger to execute his wrath upon the malefactor. 5 Wherefore it is necessary to submit, not only on account of punishment, but also of conscience. 6 For you pay them tribute also for this reason; because they are God's ministers, continually attending hereunto. 7 Render therefore to all what is their due: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, reverence to whom reverence, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth others hath fulfilled the law: 9 for this command, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet, and every other social precept, is summed up in this, namely, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." 10 Love worketh no evil to our neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And this let us observe, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us behave decently as being in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lasciviousness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus, and make not provision for the flesh to gratify its irregular desires.

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 $\mathbf{14}_{\mathsf{Receive}}$ him that is weak in the faith, but not to disputes about doubtful matters: 2 for one believeth that he may eat any food; another, who is weak, liveth upon herbs. 3 Let not him, that eateth, despise him that eateth not; and let not him, that eateth not, censure him that eateth: for God hath received him. 4 Who art thou that judgest the servant of another? To his own master he standeth or falleth: yea, he shall be established; for God is able to establish him. 5 One preferreth some days to others; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every one be fully satisfied in his own mind. 6 He that regardeth a day regardeth it to the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, in deference to the Lord he doth not regard it. So he, that eateth all sorts of food, eateth to the Lord; for he giveth God thanks for it; and he that eateth not of some kinds of food, in deference to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks for the rest. 7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no one dieth to himself: 8 but if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and lives again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 10 But why dost thou censure thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? since we shall all stand before the tribunal of Christ; 11 for it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So that every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. 13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, not to lay a stumbling-block or scandal before a brother. 14 I know and have been taught by the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself: only to him that thinketh any thing unclean, to him it

is unclean. 15 But if thy brother be grieved by thy food, thou dost not herein walk in love. Do not by thy food destroy him, for whom Christ died. 16 Let not your liberty then be evil-spoken of: for the kingdom of God consists not in meat and drink; 17 but in righteousness and peace, and joy in the holy Ghost: for he, 18 that in these serveth Christ, is acceptable to God, and approved by men. 19 Let us then pursue peace, and mutual edification. 20 Do not for the sake of meat destroy thy brother who is the work of God: all things indeed are pure; but to the man that eateth with offence it is evil. 21 It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do any thing at which thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or weakened. 22 Thou who hast faith, have it to thyself before God: and happy is he that condemneth not himself in what he alloweth himself to do. 23 But he that hath any scruple, is condemned if he eat; because he doth it not with faith: and whatsoever is not of faith, is sin.

15 Now we that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves: **2** but let every one of us please our neighbor for his good, to his edification. **3** For Christ also pleased not himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee, fell upon me." **4** For whatever things were written heretofore, were written for our instruction; that we through patience and the consolation of the scriptures might have hope. **5** And may the God of patience and consolation grant you the like mutual affection to each other, according to the example of Christ Jesus: **6** that with one mind and one mouth ye may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ was a minister

of the circumcision for the manifestation of the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers: 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy, as it is written, "For this cause will I celebrate Thee among the Gentiles, and sing praises unto thy name." 10 And again he saith, "Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him, all ye people." 12 And again Esaias saith, "There shall be a root of Jesse, and one that shall rise to rule over the Gentiles: in Him shall the Gentiles trust." 13 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 Spirit. 14 And I myself am indeed persuaded concerning you, my brethren, that ye are full of goodness, being filled with all knowledge, and able to admonish one another. 15 However, I have written to you, brethren, somewhat the more freely, in reminding you of your duty; because of the favor bestowed upon me by God, 16 that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, administring the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the holy Spirit. 17 I have therefore matter of glorying in Christ Jesus, as to the things of God. 18 For I shall not go about to speak of any thing, but what Christ hath wrought by me, (to gain the obedience of the Gentiles,) both in word and deed: 19 through the efficacy of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round as far as to Illyricum, I have fully declared the gospel of Christ: 20 being studious however so to preach the gospel, not where Christ had been named, least I should build upon another man's foundation; 21 but as it is written, They, to whom nothing was said concerning Him, shall

see, and they who have not heard, shall understand. 22 And thus I have been much hindered from coming to you: 23 but now having no more to detain me in these parts, and having had a great desire for many years to come to you, when I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: 24 for I hope to see you as I pass by, and to be brought forward by you on my way thither, after I have first had some enjoyment of you. 25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For the Macedonians and Achaians have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem. **27** It pleased them, I say, and they are indeed their debtors; for if the Gentiles have partook of their spiritual things, they ought also to be helpful to them in carnal ones. 28 Therefore when I have dispatched this, and sealed this fruit of love to them, I will come by you into Spain. 29 And I know that when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. 30 Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ye earnestly strive together with me in prayers to God for me; 31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea; and that this my service at Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints: 32 that I may come to you with joy, by the will of God, and may be refreshed with you. 33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16 I recommend to you Phebe, our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea: **2** that ye receive her in the Lord as becometh saints, and assist her in whatever affair she may have need of you; for she also hath been a helper of many others, as well as of myself. **3** Salute Priscilla and Aquila my fellow-laborers in Christ Jesus: **4** (who for my life exposed their own; to

whom not I only give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles:) 5 and the church in their house. Salute my beloved Epenetus, who is the first-fruits of Achaia unto Christ. 6 Salute Mary, who took much pains on our account. 7 Salute Andronicus and Junias my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are men of note among the apostles, and who were in Christ before me. 8 Salute Amplias my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbanus, our fellow-laborer in Christ, 9 and my beloved Stachys. 10 Salute Apelles, a man approved in Christ. 11 Salute those of the family of Aristobulus. Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute those of the family of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. 12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who are labouring in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, who hath laboured much in the Lord. 13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and even mine. 14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren that are with them. 15 Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints that are with them. 16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. 17 Now I exhort you, brethren, to mark those who cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: **18** and avoid them; for such people serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by a soothing address and good words deceive the hearts of the innocent. 19 For your obedience is come to the knowledge of all: and therefore I rejoice on your account; but yet I would have you wise to that which is good, and simple as to that which is evil. 20 And the God of peace will soon bruise Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. 21 Timothy my fellow-laborer, and Lucius, and Jason,

and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. 22 I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord. 23 Gaius my host, and that of the whole church saluteth you. Erastus, the chamberlain of the city, and our brother Quartus saluteth you. 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. 25 Now to Him that is able to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, (conformable to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in former times, (aiōnios g166) 26 but is now manifested, and made known to all nations by the writings of the prophets, according to the appointment of the eternal God, (aiōnios g166) 27 for the obedience of faith) to the only wise God be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. (aiōn g165)

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 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul,}$ called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is in Corinth, 2 even to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, and called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is both their Lord and ours; 3 grace and peace be to you from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always give thanks unto my God, on your account, for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus; that ye are enriched by Him with every gift, 5 in all utterance and knowledge; 6 (even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed among you;) 7 so that ye are deficient in no gift, expecting the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 who will also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; 9 for God is faithful by whom ye were called into the communion of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye would all say alike, and that there may be no schisms among you, but that ye be perfectly united in the same mind and in the same judgement. 11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by some of Chloe's family, that there are contentions among you. 12 I mean, that each of you saith, as if of different parties, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, I of Cephas, and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius: 15 so that no one can say I baptized in my own name. 16 I also baptized indeed the family of Stephanas: but I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to

preach the gospel: not in fine speech, least the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 18 For the doctrine of the cross is to them, that perish, foolishness: but to us, who are saved, it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputant of the age? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (aion g165) 21 For, since in the wisdom of God the world by it's wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by what they called the folly of preaching to save those that believe. 22 And whereas the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks look for wisdom, we preach Christ crucified; 23 to the Jews indeed a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness; but to them that are called, 24 both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God, as they call it, is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see by your calling, brethren, that not many wise men according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called: 27 but God hath chosen things that are foolish in the eye of the world to put it's wise men to confusion; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty; 28 and things in the opinion of the world ignoble, and despicable, and accounted as nothing, hath God chosen, to abolish things that are in esteem among men; 29 that no flesh may glory in his presence. 30 But ye are of Him in Christ Jesus, who from God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **31** that, as it is written, He that glorieth may glory in the Lord.

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2 And I, when I came among you, brethren, came not with excellency of language, or of human wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God: 2 for I did not think it meet to know any thing among you, but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my discourse, and my preaching was not with the persuasive words of human wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power; 5 that your faith might not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Yet we speak true wisdom among the perfect: though not the wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who come to nought. (aion g165) 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, that hidden wisdom which God ordained before the worlds for our glory: (aion g165) 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (aion g165) 9 But as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, and ear hath not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for those that love Him." 10 But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knoweth the things of a man, but the spirit of a man which is in him? so also the things of God no one knoweth, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God; that we might know the things that are graciously bestowed upon us by God: 13 which we also speak of, not in words dictated by human wisdom, but in those which are dictated by the holy Spirit; explaining spiritual things by spiritual words. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him; and he

cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** Whereas the spiritual man discerneth all things, yet is himself discerned by no one. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, my brethren, could not speak to you, as to spiritual persons, but as to carnal ones, even as to babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for ye were not hitherto able to bear it, nor yet are ye even now able. 3 Because ye are still carnal: for while there is among you envy and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk as men? 4 For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whose means ye embraced the faith, even as the Lord gave success to each of them? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered: but God gave the increase. 7 So that neither he that planteth is any thing, nor he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase. 8 And he that planteth, and he that watereth, are as one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are fellow-laborers, the servants of God: and ye are the husbandry of God, ye are the building of God. 10 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise architect I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon: but let every one see to it how he buildeth thereon. 11 For no one can lay any other foundation, but that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ: and if any build upon this foundation gold, 12 silver, precious stones, or wood, hay, stubble; 13 every man's work shall be made manifest. For the great day will shew it; because it will be discovered by fire, and the fire will prove every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide, which he hath

built upon it, he shall receive a reward: **15** but if any man's work be burnt, he will be damaged; though he himself shall be saved, but, as it were out of fire. **16** Do ye not know that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **17** If any one destroy the temple of God, him will God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, and this temple are ye. **18** Let no one deceive himself: if any among you seem to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be truly wise. (aiōn g165) **19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God; for it is written, "He taketh the wise in their own craftiness:" **20** and again, "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." **21** Therefore let no one glory in men: for all things are yours; **22** whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or future, all are yours; **23** and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

4 Let a man so account of us, as the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Now it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. **3** But to me it is of very small moment to be judged by you, or by any man's judgement; nor indeed do I judge myself: **4** (for I am conscious to myself of nothing; though I am not hereby justified;) but He that judgeth me is the Lord. **5** Wherefore judge nothing before the time; even until the Lord come, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every one have praise from God. **6** These things, my brethren, I have by a figure transferred to myself, and Apollos, for your sakes, that ye may learn in us not to be wise above what is written, that ye may not be puffed up for one against another. **7** For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou,

which thou didst not receive? And if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 8 Ye are now full, ye are now rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I wish ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9 For it seems to me that God hath as it were exhibited us the apostles last upon the stage as appointed to death; for we are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ: we are weak, but ye are strong: ye are honoured, but we are despised. 11 Even to this present time we suffer both hunger, and thirst, and nakedness, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling: 12 and we labour working with our own hands. When we are reviled, we bless: when persecuted, we bear it: when defamed, we intreat. 13 We are made as the filth of the world, and the refuse of all things to this day. 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I admonish you: 15 for if ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet ye have not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you by the gospel. 16 I beseech you therefore, be ye imitators of me. 17 For this end have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved son and faithful in the Lord, who will bring to your remembrance my ways in Christ, how I teach every where in every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as if I would not come to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord please, and will know, not the speech of them that are puffed up, but the power: 20 for the kingdom of God consisteth not in speech, but in power. 21 What do ye chuse? that I should come to you with a rod? or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

5 It is commonly reported that there is lewdness among you, and such lewdness as is not named even amongst the heathens,

that one should have his father's wife. 2 And are ye puffed up, and have not rather grieved? that he who hath committed this fact might be expelled from among you? **3** For I indeed, absent in body, but present in spirit, have already, as if I were present, judged him who hath wrought this wickedness: in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 when ye are assembled together with my spirit, by the power, I say, 5 of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your boasting is not good. 6 Do ye not know that a little leaven leaveneth the whole mass? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new mass, without leaven. For our paschal lamb, even Christ, was slain for us. 8 Wherefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavening of sincerity and truth. 9 I wrote to you in an epistle, not to associate with whoremongers: 10 but I did not mean not at all with the whoremongers of this world, or the covetous, or rapacious, or idolaters: since ye must then go out of the world. 11 But now I have written to you, not to associate with him, if any one, that is called a brother, be a whoremonger, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or rapacious; with such a one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge those that are without? and do not ye judge those that are within? 13 But those who are without, God judgeth: and therefore put away the wicked one from among you.

6 Dare any of you, having a matter of complaint against another, try it before the unjust, and not before the saints? **2** Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world

shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy of judging the smallest controversies? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? what! and not worthy of judging the affairs of this life? 4 Therefore if ye have controversies about the things of this life, do ye set them to judge, who are despised by the church? 5 I speak it to your shame. What! is there not one wise man among you, that is able to judge between his bretheren? 6 But one brother goeth to law with another, and this before infidels. 7 Now there is certainly a fault among you, that ye have law-suits with one another: why do ye not rather endure wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? 8 But ye do wrong and defraud, and that even your brethren. 9 What! know ye not that the unjust shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, 10 nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor rapacious persons, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be under the power of any: 13 meats are for the belly, and the belly for meats, but God will destroy both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And as God hath raised up the Lord, so will He raise up us by his power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of an harlot? 16 God forbid! What! know ye not that he who is joined to an harlot is one body with her? for these two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 And he that is joined

to the Lord is one spirit. **18** Flee from whoredom. Every other sin, that a man committeth, is without the body; but he, that committeth whoredom, sinneth against his own body. **19** What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have from God? **20** and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. Glorify God therefore in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

 7_{Now} as to the things concerning which ye wrote to me: it were good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless to prevent whoredoms, let every one have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render to the wife due benevolence; and in like manner also the wife to the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband; and in like manner also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Do not withdraw from one another, unless by consent for a season, that ye may attend to fasting and prayer: and come together again, least Satan tempt you through your incontinency. 6 But I say this by way of permission, not of command: 7 for I could wish that all men were as I myself am; but every man hath his proper gift from God, one of one kind and another of another? 8 Now to the unmarried and widows I say, it is good for them to continue so, as I do. 9 But if they have not the gift of continence, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with lust. 10 But those that are married, not I command, but the Lord, that the wife be not separated from her husband; 11 (but if she separate, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband;) and that the husband put not away his wife. 12 But to the rest say I, not the Lord, If any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she like to

dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And if any wife hath an unbelieving husband, and he like to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband: else were your children unclean; but they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever depart, let them depart; a brother or a sister is not bound in such cases. 16 But God hath called us to peace; for how knowest thou, O wife, but thou shalt save thy husband; or how knowest thou, O husband, but thou shalt save thy wife? 17 However, as God hath distributed to every man, and as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk: and thus I order in all the churches. 18 Is any one called that is circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised: is any one called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised: for circumcision is nothing, 19 and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God. 20 In the calling in which every one was called, let him continue. 21 Wast thou called being a slave, be not anxious about it; but if thou canst be made free, prefer it. 22 For he that is called in the Lord being a slave, is the Lord's freed-man: and he likewise that is called being free is the servant of Christ. 23 Ye are bought with a price, do not become the slaves of men. 24 Brethren, in whatever condition every one was when called, let him abide therein with God. 25 But concerning single persons I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgement as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. 26 I think then, that it is---better on account of the present distress, --that it is better, I say, 27 for a single man to be so. Art thou bound to a wife indeed? seek not to be loosed: but art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28 Though, if thou marry,

thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned: such however will probably have more trouble in life: but I spare you. 29 But this I say, brethren, that the time is short: it remains therefore, that even those, who have wives, be as though they had none; **30** and they, that weep, as if they wept not; and they, that rejoice, as if they rejoiced not; and they, that buy, as if they possessed not; 31 and they, that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. 32 And I would have you without anxiety. Now he, that is unmarried, careth for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; but he, 33 that is married, is in care about the things of the world, and how he may please his wife. 34 There is a difference also between a wife and a virgin: she, that is unmarried, careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but she, that is married, is in care about the things of the world, and how she may please her husband. 35 And this I say for your own benefit, not that I may cast a snare upon you, but in order to recommend that which is fit and becoming before the Lord without distraction. 36 But if any one think that he acts unbecomingly towards his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and that it ought to be so, let him do what he will; he doth not sin: let them marry. 37 But he, that is stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doth well. 38 So that he, who give her in marriage, doth well; but he, that giveth her not in marriage, doth better. **39** The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth: but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the

Lord: **40** but she is happier, in my opinion, if she continue as she is: and I think I have the Spirit of God.

 ${f 8}$ Now as to things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge about them. Knowledge however puffeth up, but charity edifieth. 2 And if any one be conceited of his knowledge, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if any man love God, he is owned by Him. 4 As to the eating therefore of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For though there be some that are called Gods, whether in heaven or on earth, (as there are among the heathen gods many, 6 and lords many,) yet to us there is but one God the Father, from whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him. 7 But there is not in all men this knowledge: and some with a consciousness of the idol unto this day, eat it as a thing sacrificed to an idol, and so their conscience being weak is defiled. 8 But meat does not recommend us to God; for neither, if we eat, are we the better; nor the worse, if we eat not. **9** But see that this liberty of yours be not by any means a stumbling-block to the weak. 10 For if any one see thee, who hast knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him that is weak be encouraged to eat of the things sacrificed to idols? 11 and so the weak brother, for whom Christ died, shall perish by thy knowledge? 12 But in thus sinning against your brethren, and wounding their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ: 13 wherefore if meat make my brother to offend, I will never eat flesh while I breathe, least I make my brother to offend. (aion g165)

9 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? and are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you: for ye are in the Lord the seal of my apostleship. 3 And this is my answer to them that call me to account: have we not power to eat and to drink? 4 have 5 we not power to lead about with us a sister a wife as well as other apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or is it I only and Barnabas, that have not power to forbear working? 7 Who ever goes a warfare at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and doth not eat of the fruit of it? or who feedeth a flock, and doth not eat of the milk of the flock? 8 Do I speak these things as a man only? 9 or saith not the law the same also? for it is written in the law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Now doth God take care for oxen, 10 or doth He say this indeed for our sakes? For it is certainly written for our sakes, that he, who ploweth, might plow in hope; and that he, who thresheth in hope, should partake of his hope. 11 If we then have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we reap your carnal things? 12 If others partake of this power over you, may not we rather? though we have not used this power; but we bear all things, least we should cause any hindrance to the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know, that they who are employed about the sacrifices have their food from the temple? and they, who attend at the altar, are partakers with the altar? 14 So also the Lord hath ordained, that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. 15 But I have availed myself of none of these things. Nor have I written these things, that it might be so done as to me: for it were better for me to die, than that any one should make this my glorying

void. 16 For if I preach the gospel, yet I have no ground for boasting; because I am under necessity to do it: and wo is me if I do not preach the Gospel. 17 Now if I do this willingly, I have a reward; and if unwillingly, yet I am intrusted with the commission, and I must execute it. 18 What is my reward then but this? that when I preach I may make the gospel of Christ not expensive, that so I may not abuse my power in the gospel. 19 For though I am free from all, yet I have made myself a servant to all, that I might gain the more. 20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; that is, to those, who are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain those who are under the law: **21** and to those without the law as without the law, (not being without law to God, but under the law to Christ) that I might gain those who are without the law. 22 To the weak I became as the weak, that I might gain the weak: I became all things to all men, that I might by every means save some. 23 And this I do for the sake of the gospel, that I may be a fellow partaker of it. 24 Know ye not, that those, who run in a race, do all indeed run, but one only receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. 25 And every one that enters the lists is temperate in all things: they indeed do it that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible one. 26 I therefore so run, not as unobserved: I so fight, not as one that beateth the air: 27 but I mortify my body and bring it into subjection, least after having preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

10 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; **2** and were all baptized into Moses by the cloud and by the sea; **3** and did all eat the same spiritual food; **4** and did all

drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and that rock was an emblem of Christ. 5 But with the greater part of them God was displeased: for they were destroyed in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were examples for us, that we might not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 And be ye not idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." 8 Neither let us commit whoredom, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted Him, and were destroyed by serpents: nor murmur, 10 as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples: and are written for our admonition, on whom the last ages are come. (aion g165) 12 Wherefore let him, that thinks he standeth, take heed least he fall. 13 No temptation has yet taken you but what is common to man: and God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able to sustain; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak to you as to men of understanding: and judge ye what I say, 16 --- 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? 17 For the bread is one, and we though many are one body; for we all partake of that one bread. 18 Consider Israel according to the flesh, Are not they, that eat of the sacrifices, partakers of the altar? 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that what is sacrificed to an idol is in itself any thing to stumble at? 20 No:

but this I say, that what the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God. 21 And I would not have you partakers with demons. Ye cannot drink of the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot be partakers of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. 22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than He? 23 If all things be lawful for me, yet all things are not expedient: all things may be lawful for me, but all things do not edify. 24 Let no one seek his own only, but every one another's benefit. 25 Eat then whatever is sold in the shambles, asking no questions for conscience sake: 26 for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: 27 and if any of the unbelievers invite you to an entertainment, and ye have a mind to go, whatever is set before you, eat, asking no guestions for conscience-sake. 28 But if any one say to you, This hath been sacrificed to an idol, ---eat it not; for his sake who informed thee, and for conscience-sake: for, as I said, the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, so that thou mayst have food enough without it. 29 Conscience I say, not thy own, but the other's; for why is my liberty to be judged by another man's conscience? 30 And if I partake with thankfulness, why am I blamed for that, for which I give thanks? **31** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Behave inoffensively both to the Jews, and to the Greeks, and to the church of God. 33 Even as I also endeavour to please all men in all things, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

11 Be ye then imitators of me, as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I commend you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would

have you know that Christ is the head of every man; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having a veil on his head, dishonoureth Him who is his head. 5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoureth man her head; for it is even all one as if she were shaved. 6 For if a woman be not covered, she may as well be shorn: but if it be shameful to a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, he being the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man was not of the woman; but the woman was taken out of the man: 9 nor was the man created for the sake of the woman, but the woman for the man. 10 For this reason ought the woman to have power on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, nor the woman without the man, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman was originally from the man, so also is the man by the woman: but all things are from God. 13 Judge in yourselves, Is it decent for a woman to pray to God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a disgrace to him? 15 but if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her; because the hair was given her as for a veil. **16** But if any one is pleased to contend for the contrary, I answer, We have no such custom, nor any of the churches of God. 17 But whilst I am declaring this, I do not commend you, that ye assemble together not for the better, but for the worse. 18 For first when ye come together in the church, I hear there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. 19 For there must be even heresies among you, that they who are approved may be made manifest

among you. 20 When therefore ye thus assemble together, this is not eating the Lord's supper: 21 for in eating every one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry, and another is glutted. 22 What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or do ye despise the church of God, and shame those that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. 23 For I received from the Lord, that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: 24 and gave thanks, and brake it, and said, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is going to be broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." 25 And in the same manner He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant ratified in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink of it, in remembrance of me." 26 As often then as ye eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, ye commemorate the Lord's death till he come. 27 So that whosoever eateth this bread, or drinketh of the cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup: 29 for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgement against himself, not distinguishing the Lord's body. 30 For this many among you are weak and infirm, and several are fallen asleep. 31 If then we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged: 32 but when judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait for one another: 34 and if any one be hungry, let him eat at home, that ye may not come together to your condemnation. And as to other things, I will set them in order when I come.

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, my brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, drawn aside after dumb idols, just as ye were led: wherefore, 3 I must acquaint you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God, calleth Jesus a curse: and no one can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the holy Ghost. 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit: and there are different offices, but the same Lord: 5 and there are diversities of operations, 6 but it is the same God who worketh them all in every one. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the advantage of all. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another the discerning of spirits; to another various kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 but all these worketh that one and the same Spirit distributing to every one in particular as He sees fit. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members; but all the parts of this one body, though many, are but one body: 13 so also is the mystical body of Christ; for by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, (whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free) and are all made to drink into one Spirit: 14 for the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? and if the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now God hath placed the members, every one

of them in the body, as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 whereas now there are many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 But those parts of the body, which seem to be weaker, are much more necessary: 23 and those which we judge the less honorable parts we clothe with more abundant honor; and so our less comely parts have more comeliness added to them, of which our comely ones have no need. 24 But God hath so blended the several parts of the body, giving greater honor to that which was deficient, 25 that there might be no schism in the body; but that all the members might have the same care one for another. 26 And so if one member suffer all the members suffer with it; and if one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and his members each of you in particular. 28 And God hath placed you accordingly in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miraculous powers, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? 30 have all miraculous powers? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak many languages? do all interpret? but ye are all zealous for the best gifts. 31 Though I will shew you a way yet more excellent.

13 For if I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am but as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and am acquainted with all mysteries, and all knowledge: yea if I have faith, even. to remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. **3** And though I give all my substance to feed the poor, and my

body to be burnt, and have not charity, I am nothing profited. 4 Charity beareth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity is not insolent, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave indecently, is not selfish, is not easily provoked, 6 suspecteth no evil, rejoiceth not at injustice, but rejoiceth in the truth: 7 covereth all faults, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but as to prophecies, they shall be abolished; or tongues, they shall cease; or knowledge, it shall be laid aside. 9 For now we know but in part, and we prophesy but in part. 10 But when that which is perfect shall come, then that which is defective shall be laid aside. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned as a child: but when I became a man, I laid aside childish things. 12 For we see now as through a mirror obscurely: but then we shall see face to face. Now I know but in part, but then I shall know even as I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three graces; but the greatest of these is love.

14 Labour after charity, and be desirous of spiritual gifts: but especially that ye may prophesy. 2 For he, that speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not to men, but to God: for no one understandeth, though in spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he, that prophesieth, speaketh edification, and exhortation, and comfort to men. 4 He, that speaketh in an unknown tongue, edifieth himself: but he, that prophesieth, edifieth the church. 5 I could wish that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edification. 6 Now, my brethren, if I come to you speaking with many tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I

speak intelligibly to you of revelation, or knowledge, or prophecy, or doctrine? 7 As inanimate things which give a found, whether pipe or harp, unless they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall what is piped or harped be understood? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for the battle? 9 So also unless ye utter by the tongue intelligible words, how shall what is spoken be understood? for thus ye will be only talking to the wind. 10 There are, it may be, as many kinds of voices in the world as people, and none of them insignificant. 11 But if I know not the force of the words, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh will be a barbarian to me. 12 So ye also, since ye are so desirous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound in them to the edification of the church. 13 Wherefore let him, that speaketh in an unknown tongue, pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit indeed prayeth, but my meaning is fruitless. 15 What is then to be done? I will pray with the Spirit, but I will pray to be understood: I will sing with the spirit, but I will sing to be understood. 16 For if thou bless in the spirit, how shall the unlearned say Amen to thy thanksgiving, when he knoweth not what thou sayst? 17 thou indeed givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all. **19** But in a public assembly I had rather speak five words to be understood, that I may instruct others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. 20 My brethren, be not children in sense: but in malice be infants, and in your judgements shew yourselves to be men. 21 It is written in the law, "By men of another language, and by other lips, will I speak to this people, and even so they will not listen to me, saith the Lord." 22 So that tongues are for a

sign, not to believers but to unbelievers: but prophecy not to unbelievers but to those that believe. 23 If then the whole church be come together and all speak in unknown tongues, and there come in illiterate persons, or infidels, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in an unbeliever, or one unlearned, he is convinced by all, he is judged by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are made manifest; so that falling down upon his face he will worship God, declaring that God is indeed among you. 26 What is then to be done, my brethren? when ye come together, if any of you hath a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation, ---let all be done for edification. 27 And if any one speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at most by three, and that by turns; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him be silent in the assembly; and let him speak to himself and to God. 29 And let but two or three of the prophets speak, and the others judge. **30** And if any thing be revealed to another sitting by, let the first have done speaking before the other begins. **31** For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets: 33 for God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as we see in all the assemblies of the saints. 34 Let your women be silent in your assemblies: for it is not permitted to them to speak, but they are to be in subjection, as the law saith. 35 And if they would learn any thing, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it does not become women to speak in a public assembly. 36 Did the word of God come out first from you? or did it come to you only? 37 If any one seem to be a prophet, or acted by the Spirit, let him acknowlede that what I

write to you are the commandments of the Lord. **38** But if any will be ignorant, let him be ignorant. **39** Wherefore, my brethren, be most desirous to prophesy, and yet forbid not to speak with tongues: **40** but let all things be done decently and in order.

 $15_{Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which$ I preached to you at first, which ye received, and wherein ye stand. 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye retain it as I preached it to you: unless indeed ye have believed in vain. 3 For in the first place I delivered to you, that which I also received, to wit, that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures: 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the scriptures. 5 And that he was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve: 6 after that He appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain yet alive, but some are fallen asleep. 7 Afterwards He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 And last of all He appeared to me also, as one born out of due time: for I am the lest of the apostles, 9 not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his favor to me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether therefore I or they laboured most, thus we preach, and thus ye believed. 12 Now if it be preached that Christ is risen from the dead, how say some among you, that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 for if there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses concerning God, for we have testified of God, that He raised up Christ; whom He did not raise

up, if indeed the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead rise not, then Christ is not raised: 17 and if Christ be not risen, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also that sleep in Christ, are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **20** But now Christ is risen from the dead, and is become the first-fruits of them that slept: 21 for as by man came death, by man cometh also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in their proper order: the first-fruits, Christ; afterwards they that are Christ's, at his coming. 24 Then will be the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God even the Father; when He shall have abolished all rule, and all authority, and power. 25 For he must reign till He hath put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that is destroyed is death: 27 for He hath put all things under his feet. But when He saith that all things are put under Him, it is plain that we are to except Him who put all things under Him. 28 And when all things shall be subjected to Him, then shall the Son also himself be subject to Him, that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. 29 Besides, what shall they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why then are they baptized for the dead? 30 And why are we in danger every hour? 31 I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, that I am even dying daily. 32 If, to speak as a man, I fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage have I, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. --- 33 Be not deceived, bad conversations corrupt good morals. **34** Behave soberly, as ye ought to do, and sin not: for some of you have not the knowledge of God; to

your shame I speak it. 35 But some will say, How are the dead raised, and with what body do they come? 36 Silly creature! that which thou sowest, is not quickened, except it die first. 37 And as to what thou sowest, thou sowest not the very body that shall be produced, but a bare grain, it may be, of wheat, or any other corn: 38 and God giveth it a body as He pleaseth, and to every one of the seeds it's own body. 39 All flesh is not the same kind of flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and terrestrial bodies: but there is one glory of the celestial, and another of the terrestrial. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: and one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also will be the resurrection of the dead. Our body is sown in corruption, it is raised incorruptible: it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: 43 it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown an animal body, it is raised a spiritual body: for there is an animal body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam was made a living soul." But the last Adam is an enlivening spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the animal; and afterwards the spiritual. 47 The first man being made out of the earth, was earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 Such as the earthy was, such are they also that are earthy: and such, as is the heavenly, are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 But this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor doth what is corruptible inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep; but we

shall all be changed in a moment, **52** in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet (for the trumpet shall sound) and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed: **53** for this corruptible body must put on incorruption, and this mortal body must be clothed with immortality. **54** And when this corruptible shall be clothed with incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the word that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." **55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (Hadēs g86) **56** the sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law: **57** but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, since ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. **2** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you set apart something, putting it into the treasury, according as he is prospered: that there may be no need of collections, when I come. **3** And when I am with you, whomsoever ye shall approve, I will send, with your letters, to carry your bounty to Jerusalem. **4** And if it be requisite for me to go also, they shall go with me. **5** I will come to you, when I have passed through Macedonia; for I am to pass through Macedonia. **6** And perhaps I shall stay a while, or even pass the winter with you; that ye may forward me on my journey, whithersoever I go. **7** For I do not intend to see you now in my way, as I hope to stay some time with you, if the Lord permit. **8** But I shall stay at Ephesus till Pentecost. For a great and effectual door is opened to me, **9** though there are many opposers. **10** If Timothy

should come, see that he be with you without fear: for he is employed in the work of the Lord, as I also am. 11 Let no one therefore despise him: but forward him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren. As to our brother Apollos, 12 I much importuned him to come to you with the brethren: but he was not at all willing to come now; though he will come when he has a favorable opportunity. 13 Be watchful, stand fast in the faith, behave like men, be strong: 14 and let all your affairs be carried on in love. 15 I beseech you, brethren, (for ye know the family of Stephanas, that they are the first-fruits of Achaia, and 16 have set themselves to minister to the saints) that you also would be subservient to such, and to every one that worketh and laboureth with us. 17 I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus: for what was wanting in you, they have made up. 18 For they have refreshed my spirit as well as yours: have a due regard therefore to such worthy persons. **19** The churches of Asia salute you. Aguila and Priscilla, with the church in their house, salute you in the Lord with much affection: 20 yea all the brethren salute you. Salute one another with an holy kiss. 21 The salutation of me Paul I write with my own hand. 22 If any one love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be made a curse. 23 Maran-atha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 ${f 1}$ Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, and all the saints that are in Achaia: 2 grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation; who comforteth us in all our affliction, 4 that we may be able to comfort those, that are in any trouble, by the consolation wherewith we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings for the sake of Christ abound on us, so our consolation by Christ doth also abound. 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is wrought out by the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or if we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope is firm concerning you, knowing that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also of the consolation. 8 For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befel us in Asia, that we were exceedingly pressed above our strength, so that we despaired even of life: 9 but we had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we might not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver, in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us: 11 you also assisting by prayer for us, that the favor obtained for us by the prayers of many might be thankfully acknowledged by many on our account. 12 For this is our rejoicing, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and pious sincerity, not with carnal wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and especially towards you. 13 For we write no other things to you,

but what ye own and acknowledge, and I hope ye will always acknowledge. 14 As ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your boasting, as ye also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus. 15 And in this confidence I had a mind to come to you first, (that ye might have a second benefit,) and to pass by you into Macedonia; 16 and then to come to you again from Macedonia, and by you to be forwarded on my way to Judea. 17 Now when I intended this, was I chargeable with levity? or what I purpose, do I purpose from carnal motives, that with me there should be yea, yea, and then no, no? 18 But the faithful God, He knows, that our word to you was not yes and no. 19 For Jesus Christ the Son of God, who was preached among you by us, even by me, and Silvanus, and Timothy, was not yea and nay, 20 but was yea in Him, (for all the promises of God are in Him yea, and in Him amen,) to the glory of God by us: 21 but He that establisheth us as well as you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, 22 and given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 23 But I call God to witness on my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet to Corinth: 24 not that we are lords over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

2 But I determined with myself, not to come to you again in grief: **2** for if I grieve you, who is it that maketh me glad, but he that is grieved by me? **3** And I wrote this to you, that when I come I may not have grief from those of whom I ought to receive joy, being persuaded concerning all of you, that my joy is the joy of you all. **4** For through much affliction and distress of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that ye might be grieved, but that ye might know the love with which I abound towards

you. 5 And if any one hath caused grief, it hath grieved me only as to part of you, (that I may not overcharge you 6 all) though sufficient to such a one is the censure passed on him by many. 7 So that on the contrary, ye ought rather to forgive and comfort him, least such a one should be swallowed up with excessive sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love to him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might have proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things. 10 And to whom ye forgive any thing, I also forgive it: for if I have forgiven any thing, I forgave it him, to whom I did forgive it, for your sakes, in the person of Christ; that we might not be foiled by Satan: 11 for we are not ignorant of his devices. 12 So that when I came to Troas on account of the gospel of Christ, and a door was opened to me in the Lord, 13 yet I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother there; but taking my leave of them, I went away into Macedonia. 14 But thanks be to God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and spreadeth the odor of his knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are the sweet odor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, yea and in them that perish: 16 to these indeed we are an odor of death to death; to those an odor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not like many who adulterate the word of God: but as with sincerity, but as from God, and in the sight of God, we speak concerning Christ.

3 Do we begin again to recommend ourselves? or do we need, as some do, recommendatory epistles to you, or letters of recommendation from you? **2** Ye are our epistle, inscribed on our hearts, known and read by all men: **3** being manifest that ye are the epistle of Christ, through our ministration, written not with

ink, but by the Spirit of the living God; not on tables of stone, but on tables of the heart of flesh. 4 And such confidence have we through Christ towards God: 5 not that we can of ourselves reckon upon any thing as from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God. 6 Who hath also fitted us to be ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. 7 Now if the ministration of death which was in writing, and engraven on stones, was so glorious that the children of Israel could not look stedfastly on the face of Moses, because of the lustre of his countenance, which was to be taken away: 8 shall not the ministration of the Spirit be more glorious? 9 For if the ministration of condemnation was so glorious, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory: 10 since what was then made glorious was not in comparison glorious, because of the glory that surpasseth it. 11 For if that, which was to be taken away, came with glory, much more that which abideth is glorious. 12 Having therefore such hope, we use much freedom of speech: 13 and do not as Moses, who put a veil upon his face, intimating that the children of Israel could not look to the end of that which was to be abolished; but their minds were blinded: 14 for unto this day the same veil remaineth unremoved in the reading of the old testament, which veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But to this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. 16 Though when it turneth unto the Lord, the veil is taken off: 17 now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all with unveiled face beholding, as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are transformed according to the same image from glory to glory, as proceeding from the Spirit of the Lord.

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4 Therefore having received this ministry, as we have obtained mercy, we are not disheartened: 2 but have rejected shameful disguises, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth, recommending ourselves to every man's conscience, in the sight of God. 3 And if our gospel also be veiled, it is to those that perish; 4 among whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, doth not shine unto them: (aion g165) 5 for we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for the sake of Jesus. 6 For God, who commanded light to shine out of darkness, hath shined into our hearts, to reflect the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power might be evidently of God, and not of us: 8 being afflicted on every side, but not oppressed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; 10 cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifested in our body. 11 For we, who are yet living, are always exposed to death for the sake of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So that death is wrought in us, but life in you. 13 But having the same Spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, and therefore have I spoken," we also believe, and therefore speak: 14 knowing that He, who raised up the Lord Jesus, will raise up us also by Jesus, and present us with you. 15 For all these things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the gratitude of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which

cause we are not disheartened: but though our outward man decayeth, yet the inward man is renewed daily. **17** For our short and light affliction is working out for us an infinite and eternal weight of glory, as we aim not at the things which are visible, but invisible: **(aiōnios g166) 18** for those, which are visible, are temporary, but the invisible are eternal. **(aiōnios g166)**

5 For we know that if our earthly house, which is but as a tent, were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (aionios g166) 2 And therefore whilst we are in this tabernacle we groan, being very desirous to be covered with our house which is from heaven: since though unclothed of this body, 3 yet we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tabernacle do groan, being burthened; wherefore we desire, not to be wholly unclothed, but to put on immortality, that the mortal part may be swallowed up in life. 5 Now He, that hath wrought us hereunto, is God; who hath also given us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we dwell in the body, we are absent from the Lord, **7** (for we walk by faith, not by sight,) we are confident, I say, 8 and well-pleased rather to be absent from the body, and to dwell with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we are also ambitious, whether dwelling in the body, or out of it, to be well-pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the tribunal of Christ, that every one may receive for the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it were good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men: but if not, we are manifest unto God, and I hope we are also manifested to your consciences: 12 for we are not again recommending ourselves to you, but giving

you an occasion of glorying on our account; that ye may have somewhat to answer those who glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we be in extasies, it is to God: or if we be composed, it is for your benefit. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us, being fully persuaded of this, that if One died for all, then were all dead. 15 And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live to themselves, but to Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Wherefore we henceforth know no one according to the flesh: and if we have known even Christ after the flesh, yet now we thus know Him no more. 17 And therefore if any one be in Christ, he is created anew: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. 18 But all these things are from God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and made us ministers of the reconciliation; 19 to declare, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing to them their trespasses, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore ambassadors for Christ, and as God exhorteth you by us, we intreat you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For He hath made Him, who knew no sin, to be a sin-offering for us, that in Him we might be made righteous before God.

6 And we co-operating with Him do also exhort you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain: **2** for He saith, "I have heard thee in an acceptable time, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee." Behold now is the acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation. **3** We give no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: **4** but in every thing approving ourselves as the ministers of God; by much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in straits, **5** in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults,

in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the holy Spirit, 7 by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, with the armour of righteousness on the right and on the left; through honor and dishonor, 8 through evil report and good report; 9 as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, but not put to death; 10 as sorrowing, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things. 11 O Corinthians, our mouth is opened unto you, our heart is enlarged: 12 ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. 13 Now as a return of our love (I speak as to my children) be ye also enlarged towards us. 14 Be not unsuitably connected with infidels: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? or what communion hath light with darkness? 15 what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath a believer with an infidel? 16 and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, "I will dwell in them, and I will walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 17 Wherefore, "come out from the midst of them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing," and I will receive you: 18 and I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be to me for sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore, my beloved, these promises, let us purify ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Receive us---we have injured no man, we have corrupted no one, we have over-reached no one.
3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I said before that ye are

so much in our hearts that we could live and die with you. 4 I use much freedom of speech to you, and I boast much of you: I am filled with comfort, and superabound in joy above all our affliction. 5 For when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. 6 But God, who comforteth those that are brought low, comforted us by the coming of Titus: 7 and not only by his coming, but especially by the consolation wherewith he was comforted on your account, acquainting us with your earnest desire towards us, your grief, and your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced greatly. 8 For though I grieved you by my letter, I do not repent, though I did repent; for I perceive that that epistle grieved you, though it was but for a little while. 9 However, now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were grieved after a godly manner, so that ye received no damage from us. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. **11** For behold this very thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly manner, what diligence it wrought in you! yea, what apology, what indignation, what fear, what earnest desire, what zeal, what revenge! by all which ye have shewn yourselves to be clear in the affair. 12 Wherefore if I wrote in such a manner to you, it was not merely on his account who had done the wrong, nor for his sake who had been injured; but that our care for you in the sight of God might be manifested among you. 13 We were therefore comforted by your consolation; and rejoiced the more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all; 14 and because if I boasted of any thing to him concerning you, I was not ashamed; but as we have spoken

all things to you in truth, so likewise our boasting of you to Titus was truth. **15** And his bowels are exceedingly moved towards you, when he calls to mind the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. **16** I rejoice therefore that in every thing I have confidence in you.

 ${f 8}$ Now we make known to you, brethren, the grace of God conferred on the churches of Macedonia: 2 how in a great trial of affliction, their abundant chearfulness and their deep poverty, hath munificently shewn the riches of their bounty. 3 For to their power, I bear them witness, yea and beyond their power, they contributed of their own accord: 4 intreating us with much importunity, that we would convey the gift, and so take upon us a part of the ministration to the saints. 5 And this they did not merely as we hoped, but first gave themselves unto the Lord, and to us by the will of God. 6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had already begun, so he would also complete this grace among you. 7 And as ye abound in every other grace, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, that ye may abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by way of command, but to prove the sincerity of your love also, by means of the forwardness of others. 9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye by his poverty might be rich. **10** And herein I give my opinion: for this is to your advantage, who not only began to act, but also to be forward to it above a year ago. 11 Now therefore perfect also the doing it; that as there was a readiness of will, so there may be also a performance according to your ability. 12 For if there be first a willing mind, any me is accepted according to what he hath, not according to

what he hath not. 13 For I do not mean that others should have relief, and you be burdened: 14 but by an equality, that your abundance may at this time be a supply to their want; and their abundance may be the like to your want, if need be: that there may be an equality: 15 as it is written, "He that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack." 16 But thanks be to God, who put the same concern for you into the heart of Titus: 17 for he not only complied with the exhortation, but being more forward he went to you of his own accord. 18 And we have sent along with him the brother, whose praise in the gospel is spread through all the churches: 19 (and not only so, but he was also chosen by the churches to accompany us with this grace, which is administered by us for the glory of the same Lord, and to shew your readiness of mind:) 20 hereby taking care that no one might blame us in the disposal of this large sum which is administered by us: 21 looking to things that are right not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 22 And we have sent with them another brother of ours, whom we have often proved diligent in many things, and now I doubt not much more on account of his great confidence in you. 23 If then there be any inquiry about Titus, he is my collegue and fellow-laborer among you: and if our brethren be inquired after, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ. 24 Therefore shew to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and the justness of our boasting concerning you.

9 Now concerning the relief intended for the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: **2** for I know your readiness of mind, which I boast of concerning you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath excited many.

3 But I have sent the brethren, that our boasting of you might not become vain in this respect, but that ye might be ready, as I had said: 4 least if the Macedonians should come with me, and find you unprepared, we should be ashamed (not to say you also) in this confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go first to you, and before our coming to collect your bounty beforementioned, that it may be ready, as of munificence, and not of force. 6 But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. 7 Let every one give as he chuses in his own heart; not with reluctance, or constraint: for God loveth a chearful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that having always all sufficiency in every thing, ye may abound in every good work: 9 (as it is written, "He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness continueth for ever." (aion g165) 10 And may He, who supplieth seed to the sower, and giveth bread for food, furnish and multiply your sowing, and increase the fruits of your bounty:) 11 being in every thing enriched to all liberality, which produceth through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministration of this service not only supplieth the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also, through many thanksgivings, to the glory of God. 13 (While from the experience of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and the liberality of your communication to them, and to all men.) 14 And in their prayer for you, who long after you because of the transcendent grace of God towards you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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If any one is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again of himself, that as he is Christ's, so we also are Christ's. 8 For though I should boast yet more of our authority, (which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction) I should not be ashamed: 9 that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters; 10 for his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. **11** But let such a one know this, that as we are in word by letters, when absent, such also shall we be in fact when present. 12 For we presume not to number, or compare ourselves with some who recommend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are void of understanding. 13 But we will not glory of things beyond our bounds, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath given to us, a measure to come even unto you. 14 For we do not stretch ourselves

beyond measure, as though we were not commissioned to come unto you; for we have reached even to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ. **15** Not boasting of things beyond our limits in other men's labors; but having hope that, when your faith is increased, we shall be abundantly enlarged by you according to our line, **16** to preach the gospel in places beyond you; and not to boast in another's province of things ready prepared for us. **17** But let him, that glorieth, glory in the Lord. **18** For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but he whom the Lord commendeth.

 $\mathbf{11}$ I wish ye would bear with me a little in my folly; and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, having espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear least as the serpent seduced Eve by his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the purity that is in Christ. 4 For if he, that cometh to you, preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached; or if ye receive another Spirit which ye have not received, or another gospel which ye have not embraced, ye might indeed bear with him. 5 For I think I was not inferior to the very chiefest apostles: and if I am unskilled in speech, 6 yet not in knowledge ---but we have been fully manifested among you in all things. 7 Have I committed an offence in humbling myself that ye might be exalted? and in that I have preached the gospel of God to you gratis? 8 I trespassed on other churches, receiving maintenance from them for your service. 9 And when I was present among you, and in want, I was chargeable to no one. For the brethren that came from Macedonia supplied my want: and in every thing I have kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will

keep myself. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boast shall not be taken from me in the regions of Achaia. 11 Wherefore? because I love you not? 12 God knoweth. But what I do, I will do, that I may cut off occasion from those that desire an occasion of boasting or censure, that in what they boast of they may be found to do even as we do. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transformed into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 It is therefore no great thing, if his ministers also be transformed into ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 16 I say again, let no one think me foolish herein; but if they do, yet bear with my weakness, that I also may boast a little. 17 What I speak I speak not as from the Lord, but as in weakness, in this confidence of boasting. 18 Since many boast in the flesh, I will boast also. 19 For ye bear with fools willingly, being yourselves so wise: 20 ye bear it, even if any one enslave you, if any devour you, if any take your substance, if any be lifted up, yea if any one smite you on the face. 21 I speak of their reproaches, as if we were weak: but whereinsoever any one may be confident (though I speak foolishly) I may be confident too. 22 Are they Hebrews? so am I: are they Israelites? so am I: are they the seed of Abraham? 23 so am I: are they ministers of Christ? (if I may speak as a fool) I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes far exceeding, in prisons more frequently, and often even in deaths. 24 From the Jews I have five times received forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice I have been beaten with rods, once I was stoned, thrice I have been shipwrecked, and was a night and a day on the deep: 26 in journies often, in perils from rivers, in perils from robbers, in

perils from my own nation, in perils from the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the desert, in perils on the sea, in perils among false brethren: **27** in labor and toil, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness: and beside these outward troubles, **28** that which besets me daily, the care of all the churches. **29** Who is infirm, and I am not infirm also? who is offended, and I am not inflamed? **30** If I must boast, I will boast of the things which relate to my infirmity. **31** And the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lye not. (**aion g165**) **32** In Damascus the governor under king Aretas, placed guards about the city to seize me: **33** and I was let down by the wall through a window in a basket, and so escaped his hands.

12 To boast indeed does not become me: but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, or out of the body, I know not, God knoweth) such a one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man (whether then in the body, or out of the body, 4 I know not, God knoweth) that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unutterable words, which it is not permitted unto man to speak. 5 Of such a one I will boast; but of myself I will not boast, unless in my infirmities. 6 For though I should incline to boast, I shall not be a fool; for I should speak truth. But I forbear least any one should think of me above what he seeth me to be, or heareth from me. 7 And least I should be too much lifted up with the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, least I should be too much elevated. 8 For this I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And He said unto

me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is manifested in thy weakness." With the greatest pleasure therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 And therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, and in straits for the sake of Christ: for when I am thus weak, then am I made strong. 11 Am I become vain in boasting? ye have forced me to it: for I ought to have been recommended by you, as I have in nothing fallen short of the very chiefest of the apostles, though in myself I am nothing. 12 The marks indeed of an apostle have been shewn among you with all patience, by signs, and wonders, and miracles. 13 For what is it that ye were inferior in to the rest of the churches, unless it be that I myself was not burdensome to you?--- Forgive me this injury. 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not your substance, but your selves. For children are not expected to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 And I will with the greatest pleasure spend and be spent for your souls; even though the more I love you, the less I should be loved. 16 Be it so, that I did not burden you myself, yet, may some say, being crafty I over-reached you by subtilty. 17 But did I make a gain of you by any of those whom I sent to you? 18 I desired Titus to come to you, and with him I sent a brother: did Titus make a gain of you? did we not walk in the same spirit? did we not tread in the same steps? 19 Do ye then think that we are making apologies to you? No, we speak before God in Christ: and all, my beloved, for your edification. 20 For I am afraid least when I come, I should not find you such as I could wish, and I should be found to you such

as ye would not: least there should be contentions, emulations, animosities, strifes, thwartings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: and least, **21** when I come again, my God should humble me among you, and I should be grieved for many of those who have sinned heretofore, and have not repented of the impurity, and fornication, and lewdness which they have practised.

13 This, I say, is the third time I am coming to you: and at the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. 2 I said before, and I again tell you beforehand, as if I were present the second time; and being absent I now write to those who have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare: 3 since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but is powerful among you. 4 For if He was crucified as from weakness, yet He now liveth by the power of God: for we also are weak in Him, but shall live with Him by the power of God manifested to you. 5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove yourselves: do ye not know yourselves to be such that Jesus Christ is in you? unless ye are reprovable. 6 But I hope ye will soon know that we are not disapproved. 7 I pray to God that ye may do no evil: and not that we may appear to be approved by your punishment, but that ye may do that which is good, though we should seem to be disapproved. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we exert not our power, and when ye are strong: as this is what we wish, even your perfection. 10 Therefore I write these things while absent, that when present I may not use severity, according to the power which the Lord hath given me for edification, and not for destruction. 11 Finally, my brethren, farewel: be reformed, be

exhorted, be of one mind, live in peace: and the God of love and peace will be with you. **12** Salute one another with an holy kiss. **13** All the saints salute you. May the favor of the Lord Jesus Christ, **14** and the love of God, and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Galatians

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ an apostle (not from men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren that are with me, to the churches of Galatia: 3 grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from the present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father: (aion g165) 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 6 I wonder that ye are so soon removed from him who called you by the grace of Christ to another gospel: which is not another; 7 but there be some that disturb you, and would subvert the gospel of Christ. 8 But tho' we or an angel from heaven should preach to you any other gospel than what we have preached to you; let him be accursed. 9 I say it again, if any one preach to you any other gospel than what ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade you to obey men or God? Or do I seek to please men? if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 11 But I assure you, brethren, that the gospel preached by me is not of human invention. 12 For I neither received it, nor was taught it by man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For ye have heard of my conversation formerly in Judaism, that I outragiously persecuted the church of God, and laid it waste: 14 and I made a proficiency in Judaism above many of the same age with me in my own nation, being excessively zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, (who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,) 16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach Him among the gentiles; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, 17 nor

went I up to Jerusalem to those that were apostles before me, but I departed into Arabia, and afterwards returned again to Damascus. **18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and I staid with him fifteen days. **19** But I saw no other of the apostles, except James the brother of our Lord. **20** (Now in what I write to you, behold, before God, I do not lie.) **21** Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, **22** and was not known in person to the churches of Judea, which were in Christ. **23** But only they had heard that he who persecuted us before, now preacheth the faith which he formerly would have destroyed. **24** And they glorified God on my account.

 $\mathbf{2}_{\mathsf{Fourteen years after, I went up again to Jerusalem with}$ Barnabas, and took Titus also with me. 2 But I went up according to a divine revelation, and laid before them the gospel which I preach among the gentiles: though privately to those of note, least I should run, or had run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was not compelled to be circumcised; 4 and that because of the false brethren clandestinely introduced, who had crept in as spies upon our liberty, which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 to whom we yielded no submission, not even for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 And as to those who seemed to be men of note, whatever they were, it is all one to me, (God accepteth no man's person) for even these eminent persons added nothing more to me. 7 But on the contrary, seeing that I was intrusted with the gospel of uncircumcision, as Peter was with that of the circumcision; 8 (for He who wrought effectually in Peter as to the apostleship of the circumcision, wrought effectually also in me as to the gentiles:) 9 and knowing

the grace which was given to me; James, and Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars of the church, gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go to the gentiles, and they to the circumcision. 10 Only desiring that we would remember the poor: which I also was forward to do. 11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was indeed to be blamed. 12 For before certain men came from James, he did eat with the gentiles; but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews dissembled also with him; so that Barnabas too was carried away with their dissimulation. **14** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, ---If thou, who art a Jew, livest sometimes after the manner of the gentiles, and not like the Jews, why dost thou now in a manner compel the gentiles to judaize? 15 We, who are Jews by birth, and not sinners of the gentiles, **16** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? 18 God forbid. And if I build again the same things which I demolished, I shew myself a transgressor: for I through the law am dead to the law, 19 that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ; yet I live, though no longer I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved

me, and gave up himself for me. **21** I do not frustate the grace of God: for if righteousness be by the law, then Christ died in vain.

 $\mathbf{3}_{\mathsf{O}}$ senseless Galatians, who hath so bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth? you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth as crucified. 2 This only would I learn of you, Did ye receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so void of understanding? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 have ye suffered so many things in vain? if indeed in vain. 5 He therefore that imparteth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doth he it by the works of the law, or by the doctrine of faith? 6 As Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness: 7 so ye know that they who believe, are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture foreseeing that God would justify the gentiles through faith, preached the gospel to Abraham long ago, saying, "In thee shall all nations be blessed." 9 So then they that believe, are blessed with believing Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed be every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them. 11 And that by the law no one is justified before God is evident; for it is written "The just shall live by faith:" **12** now the law is not of faith, but saith, "The man that doth them, shall live in them." 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, having been made a curse for us: for it is written, "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:" 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles by Christ Jesus; that we through faith might receive the promise of the Spirit. 15 Brethren, (I speak after the manner of men,) no one cancelleth

or addeth to a covenant which hath been ratified, though it be but the covenant of a man. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham, and to his seed. He doth not say, "and to seeds," as of many; but as of one, "and to thy seed," which is Christ. 17 This then I say, that the law, which was given four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul the covenant, which was so long before confirmed by God unto Christ, to make void the promise. 18 For if the inheritance be from the law, it is no more from the promise: whereas God gave it to Abraham by promise. 19 What then availeth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come, to whom the promise was made; and it was delivered by angels in the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator is not the mediator of one only; and God is but one. 21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? not at all: for if a law had been given, which could have confered life, certainly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath shut up all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept shut up under the law, till the faith appeared which was to be revealed. 24 So that the law was our guide to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now faith is come we are no longer under a pedagogue. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ: 28 and there is neither Jew nor Greek, those is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4 Now as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he is to be lord of all: 2 but is under guardians and managers till the time appointed by the father. 3 So we when we were children, were in servitude under the elements of the world: 4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son born of a woman made under the law, 5 that He might redeem those that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 So that thou art no longer a servant, but a son; and if a son, an heir also of God through Christ. 8 But then indeed, when ye knew not God, ye served those which in reality are no gods. 9 But now that ye know God, or rather are known by God, how is it that ye turn again to the poor weak elements, to which ye desire again to be in bondage as before? 10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years: 11 so that I am afraid for you, least I have indeed bestowed upon you labour in vain. 12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I also was as ye are: and ye have not injured me at all. 13 But ye know that in the infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel to you at first: 14 and my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected me for it; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 What then was your blessedness? for I bear you witness that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. 16 And am I become your enemy for telling you the truth? 17 They are zealous for you, but not as they ought: for they would exclude us, that ye may be zealous for them: 18 But it is good to be zealously affected always in that which is good, and not only

when I am present with you. 19 My little children, of whom I do as it were travail in birth again, 20 till Christ be formed in you, I should be glad to be present with you even now, and to change my voice; for I am in doubt about you. 21 Tell me, you that are so desirous to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? 22 where it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by a servant, and one by a free-woman? 23 But he who was of the servant, was born according to the course of nature; whereas the son of the free-woman was by virtue of the promise. 24 Which things are figurative; for these persons are emblems of the two covenants, the one from mount Sinai, bringing forth children unto bondage, which is Hagar: for this name Hagar, 25 a rock, is expressive of mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to the present Jerusalem, which is in bondage with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is represented by the free-woman, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written, Rejoice thou barren, that for a while didst not bear, break forth and cry aloud for joy, thou that didst not travail with child; for many more are the children of the desolate than of her that hath an husband." 28 Now we, brethren, like Isaac, are children of the promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh, persecuted him who was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 But what saith the scripture? "Cast out the servant and her son: for the son of the servant shall not inherit with the son of the free-woman." 31 Now we, my brethren, are not children of the servant, but of the free-woman.

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage. **2** Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. **3** And I testify again to every man that is

circumcised, that he is a debtor to the whole law. 4 Christ is become nothing to you, whosoever of you are seeking to be justified by the law: ye are fallen from the grace of the gospel. 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love. 7 Ye did run well: who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion came not from him that called you: but a little leaven leaveneth the whole mass. 9 I have confidence in you however through the Lord, 10 that ye will not think otherwise: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgement, whosoever he be. 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted by the Jews? for then the offence of the cross is ceased. 12 I wish they were even cut off from your communion, that make such disturbance amongst you. 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only abuse not this liberty for an occasion to indulge the flesh, but by mutual love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one precept, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not destroyed by one another. 16 I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye will not fulfil the desire of the flesh: 17 for the flesh desireth things contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit things contrary to the flesh: and these are opposite to each other; so that ye do not those things which ye would. 18 But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, such as, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, 20 lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, enmities, strifes, emulations, animosities, contentions, divisions, 21 heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and

the like: of which I forewarn you, as I have also told you before, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, **23** gentleness, goodness, fidelity, meekness, temperance: against such things there is no law. **24** And they, that are Christ's, have crucified the flesh with it's passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be vain-glorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

6 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in any fault, do ye, who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, least thou also shouldst be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if any one thinketh that he is something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every one try his own work, and then he will have matter of glorying in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every one shall bear his own burthen. 6 And let him, that is instructed in the word, communicate in all good things to him that instructeth. 7 Be not deceived, God is not to be mocked: for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 He then, who soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he, that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (aionios g166) 9 And let us not be weary in doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 And therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the houshold of faith. 11 Ye see in how large letters I have written to you with my own hand. **12** They, who want to make a fair appearance in the flesh, would constrain you to be circumcised; only that they may not

be persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13** For they, who are circumcised, do not themselves keep the law: but they would have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. **14** But God forbid that I should glory, unless in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. **15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but being created anew. **16** And as many as shall walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be on them, even upon all the Israel of God. **17** For the future, let no one give me uneasiness: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. **18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brethren. Amen.

Ephesians

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, to the saints, who are at Ephesus, even the faithful in Christ Jesus; 2 grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things by Christ; 4 according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unblameable before Him in love: 5 having before appointed us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ unto Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will; 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, whereby He hath made us acceptable in the Beloved: 7 in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the remission of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 wherein He hath abounded towards us with the highest wisdom and prudence; 9 having made known to us the secret of his will, according to his good pleasure, which He had before purposed in Himself: 10 that in the dispensation of the fulness of times, He might reduce all things, both in heaven and on earth, under one head in Christ: 11 even in Him, in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated to it according to the purpose of Him who effecteth all things after the counsel of His own will: 12 that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, when ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also when ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the pledge of our inheritance, till the redemption of his purchased possession, to the praise of his glory. 15 Wherefore I also, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, 16 and your

love to all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to the knowledge of Him, 18 and enlighten the eves of your understanding; that ye may know, what is the hope of his calling, and how rich the glory of his inheritance in the saints; 19 and what the exceeding greatness of his power towards us who believe, according to the energy of his mighty strength; 20 which He exerted in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at his own right hand in heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (aion g165) 22 and hath put all things under his feet, and given Him to be head over all things to the church; 23 which is his body, the complete work of Him, who filleth all in all.

2 And you hath he made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which ye formerly walked after the manner of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that still operates in the children of disobedience: (aion g165) 3 among whom also we were all conversant heretofore in our carnal desires, indulging the appetites of the flesh and of our imaginations; and were by nature children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God being rich in mercy, through his great love wherewith He loved us, 5 hath made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses, (for by grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, 6 and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

kindness towards us through Christ Jesus. (aion g165) 8 For by grace ye are saved, through faith: and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not by works, that no one may boast: 9 for we are his workmanship, 10 created in Christ Jesus unto good works, for which God before prepared us, that we might walk in them. 11 Wherefore remember that ye were formerly Gentiles in the flesh, called uncircumcision by that which is called circumcision made by hands in the flesh; 12 and ye were at that time without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus, 13 ye, who were formerly afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and removed the wall of partition from between us; 15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that He might form the two into one new man, in Himself, so making peace; **16** and that He might reconcile both in one body unto God, by the cross, having thereby slain the enmity: 17 and He came and preached peace to you that were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the houshold of God; 20 being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone: 21 in whom the whole building fitly joined together increaseth to an holy temple in the Lord: 22 in whom ye also are built up together for an habitation of God by the Spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul am the prisoner of Jesus Christ for the sake of you Gentiles: **2** as ye have heard the dispensation of the

grace of God, which was given me to preach unto you: 3 that by immediate revelation He made known to me the mystery, (as I wrote before in brief, by which, 4 when ye read it, ye may perceive my knowledge in the mystery of Christ,) 5 which in other generations was not made known to men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be co-heirs, 6 and of the same body, and jointpartakers of his promise in Christ, by the gospel: 7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God conferred on me by the effectual operation of his power. 8 On me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace bestowed, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and make all men to see the communication of the mystery, which from the ages past hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; (aion g165) 10 that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly regions; 11 according to the ancient purpose, which He executed in Christ Jesus our Lord: (aion g165) 12 by whom we have freedom and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye would not be discouraged at my afflictions on your account, which is your glory. 14 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to his glorious riches, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit, as to the inner man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: and be ye rooted and grounded in love, 18 that ye may be able, with all the saints, to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, 19

and height, and to know the love of Christ, which surpasseth knowledge; that ye may be filled according to the abundant fulness of God. **20** Now to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power operating in us, **21** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all the generations of eternal ages. Amen. (aiōn g165)

4 I therefore, a prisoner for the sake of the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all humility and meekness; 2 and with long-suffering forbear one another in love, 3 endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: for there is but one body and one Spirit, 4 even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all. 7 But grace is given to each of us, according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9 Now this expression "He ascended" what does it mean, but that He descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. 11 And therefore He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; to gualify holy men for the work of the ministry, 12 to the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 till we all arrive in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, at perfect maturity, even to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. 14 That we may be no longer children fluctuating and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the artful insinuations of men, and their crafty

methods of deceiving; 15 but holding the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, even Christ: 16 from whom the whole body being fitly joined together and compacted by the aid of every joint, according to the operation proportioned to every part, maketh an increase to the edification of itself in love. 17 This I say therefore, and charge you in the name of the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, 18 in the vanity of their mind, darkened in their understanding, and alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, by reason of the hardness of their heart: 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves up to lasciviousness, to commit all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 if ye have indeed hearkened to Him, and been instructed in Him, as the truth is in Jesus; to put off the old man, 22 which according to your former conversation was corrupted with deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 and to put on the new man, which according to the image of God is created in righteousness, and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak ye every one truth to his neighbor; for we are all members of one society. 26 Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath; 27 and give not the devil room to ensnare you. 28 Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, doing some good with his hands, that he may have something to bestow on him that hath need of it. 29 Let no corrupt word come out of your mouth; but what is good to useful edification, that it may benefit the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed to the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and fury, and clamor, and calumny, be put away from you,

with all malice: and be kind one to another, **32** tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgiveth you.

 $\mathbf{5}_{\mathsf{Be}}$ ye therefore imitators of God as his dear children; and walk in love, 2 even as Christ hath loved us, and given Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of sweet perfume. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or inordinate desire, let it not be even named among you; for so it becometh saints: 4 nor ribaldry, nor buffoonery, nor wanton jesting, which are not meet: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, (who is an idolater,) hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Therefore be not partners with them. 8 For ye were heretofore darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord: 9 walk therefore as children of light, (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth,) 10 approving what is well-pleasing to the Lord. 11 And have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to relate the things that are done by them in secret. 13 But all things to be reproved: are made manifest by the light: for whatever doth make manifest, is light. 14 Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise men: 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be not thoughtless, but consider what is the will of the Lord. 18 And be not drunk with wine, in which there is riotous excess; but be filled with the Spirit: 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms, and

hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord: 20 always giving thanks for all to God even the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: 21 submitting yourselves to each other in the fear of God. 22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord: 23 for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and the saviour of that body. 24 As the church then is subject to Christ, so also should wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave up Himself for it: 26 to sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might prepare it for Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and unblameable. 28 Men ought so to love their wives, as their own bodies: he that loveth his wife, loveth himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord also doth the church: **30** for we are members of his body, as if taken out of his flesh, and of his bones, as Eve was out of Adam's. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This mystery is great: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. 33 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and let the wife reverence her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** Honour thy father and thy mother, (which is the first commandment with promise,) **3** that it may be well with thee, and thou shalt be long-lived upon the earth. **4** And ye fathers, do not exasperate your children: but educate them in the nurture and admonition of

the Lord. 5 Servants, obey them that are your masters according to the flesh, with reverential fear, in the simplicity of your heart, as unto Christ: 6 not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 with good-will, as serving the Lord rather than men: 8 knowing that whatever good any one doth, he shall receive the reward of it from the Lord, whether He be a slave or free. 9 And ye masters, do the same to them, forbearing threatening: knowing that ye yourselves also have a Master in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with Him. **10** Moreover, my brethren, strengthen yourselves in the Lord, and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. 12 For our conflict is not with flesh and blood only, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the world and of the darkness of this age, against wicked spirits in heavenly places. (aion g165) 13 Take therefore the complete armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. 14 Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and putting on the breast-plate of righteousness: 15 and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: **16** over all taking the shield of faith, whereby ye will be able to guench all the fiery darts of the wicked one: 17 take also the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 praying at all seasons with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and intercession for all the saints; 19 and for me particularly, that utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth with freedom, to make known the mystery of the gospel: 20 for which

I am an ambassador though in chains: that I may speak boldly in behalf of it, as I ought to speak. **21** But that ye also may know my affairs, and what I am doing here, Tychicus a beloved brother, and a faithful minister in the Lord, shall make all known to you: whom I have sent to you, **22** for this very end, that ye might know our concerns, and that he may comfort your hearts. **23** Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **24** Grace be with all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

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 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 grace be unto you, and peace from God our father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I give thanks unto my God upon every mention of you, 4 (always making supplication for you all with joy 5 in every prayer of mine) for your attachment to the gospel, from the first day even till now; 6 being confident of this, that He who hath begun a good work in you will continue to perfect it till the day of Jesus Christ. **7** As it is just for me to think this of you all, because ye have me in your heart, both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, being all of you partakers of the same grace with me. 8 For God is my witness, how much I long for you all, as with the bowels of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment; 10 that ye may try things that differ, that ye may be sincere and without offence until the day of Christ; 11 being full of the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God. 12 But I would have you know, my brethren, that the things, which have befallen me, have proved rather to the advancement of the gospel: 13 so that my bonds are manifest in all the palace, and all other places, to be for the sake of Christ; 14 and many of the brethren in the Lord, encouraged by my bonds, are much more bold to publish the word without fear. 15 Some indeed through envy and strife, and some also through good-will: 16 the former preach Christ out of contention, not sincerely, thinking to add affliction to my bonds; 17 the others out of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? yet every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached: and in this I rejoice, yea and I will rejoice; 19 for I know that this shall turn to my safety through your prayer, and the aid of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20 According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall be put to shame in nothing; but that with all freedom of speech, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain: and if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: 22 so that I know not what to chuse; 23 for I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is much preferable: 24 but to abide in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 And as I am confident of this, I know that I shall abide and shall continue with you all, for your improvement and the joy of your faith: 26 that your rejoicing in Christ Jesus may abound through me, by my coming to you again. 27 Only behave worthy of the gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or be absent, I may hear of you, that ye stand firm in one Spirit, striving together as with one soul for the saith of the gospel; 28 and are in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is a demonstration of ruin to them, but to you of salvation, and this from God. 29 For to you it is granted as a favor from Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for his sake: 30 having the same conflict as ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

2 If therefore there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any participation of the Spirit, **2** if any bowels of compassion, compleat ye my joy, be like-minded, maintaining the same love, with your souls united, in attending to the one thing needful. **3** Do nothing through strife or vain-glory, but in

lowliness of mind each esteeming others better than themselves. 4 Look not every one to his own interests only, but every one also to the concerns of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be as God. 7 Yet He emptied himself, assuming the form of a servant, when made in the likeness of men: 8 and being in the human state, He humbled himself, and was obedient even unto death, and that the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name above every name: 10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of celestial beings, as well as of those on earth, and of those under the earth; 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed the gospel, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence; be still working out your own salvation though with fear and trembling: 13 for it is God that worketh in you both to will, and to work, out of his own good-pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 that ye may be blameless and inoffensive, the children of God without reproof, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; among whom ye shine as lights in the world, 16 exhibiting the word of life; to my rejoicing in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, nor laboured in vain. 17 But if I be even poured forth as a libation on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and congratulate with you all. 18 And for the same cause do ye also rejoice, and congratulate with me. 19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be refreshed, by knowing the state of your affairs. 20 For I have no one of a like spirit, who will with a

kind of natural affection take care of your affairs. **21** For all seek their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But ye know the proof I have had of him, that as son with a father he served with me in the gospel. 23 I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see the issue of my own affairs. 24 But I trust in the Lord, that I shall soon come myself too. 25 However, I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother, and fellow-laborer, and fellow-soldier, but your messenger, who ministred to my wants: 26 for he much longed after you all, and was greatly concerned because ye had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick and nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I have sent him therefore the more desirously, that when ye see him again ye may rejoice, and I may be the less sorrowful. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and have such in high esteem: 30 because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his own life, so that he might fill up what was wanting in your kind offices towards me.

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not irksome to me, and for you it is safe. **2** Beware of those that are like dogs, beware of evil doers, beware of the concision. **3** For we are of the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and having no confidence in the flesh. **4** Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other thinks he hath whereof to trust in the flesh, I more: **5** having been circumcised on the eighth day, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of Hebrews, with respect to the law a pharisee, **6** as to zeal persecuting the church, as to the righteousness of the law blameless: but those

things, 7 which were once gain to me, I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless and I count all but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all, and I account them but dung, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, 9 not having my own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is by the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, 10 and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death; **11** if by any means I may attain to the resurrection of the dead: 12 not that I have yet won the prize, or am already perfect: but I press forward to acquire that perfection, for which also I have been apprehended by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have attained it: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to those before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, attend to this: and if in any thing ye think differently, God will reveal this also unto you. 16 But in what we have attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. 17 Brethren, be imitators of me, and observe those that walk as ye have us for an example. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, 19 whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame; who mind earthly things) For our conversation is in heaven, 20 from whence also we expect the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ: who will change our vile body, 21 that it may be made like his glorious body,

according to the energy of his ability to subdue all things to Himself.

 $\mathbf{4}$ Wherefore, my brethren, beloved and much desired, my joy and crown, so stand ye fast in the Lord, my beloved. 2 I exhort Euodia, and Syntyche to be perfectly united in the Lord. 3 And I entreat thee likewise, my faithful collegue, to assist them, for they laboured with me in the gospel, and Clement also, and my other fellow-laborers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious in nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known before God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally my brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are venerable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are friendly, whatever things are reputable, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things: 9 and what ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, these practise; and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord, that your care for me has now flourished again; for whom ye were indeed careful before, but ye wanted opportunity. **11** Not that I speak on account of want; for I have learnt in whatever circumstances I am, to be contented. 12 I know both how to be abased, and how to abound: in every place, and in all conditions I am instructed, both to be full and to be hungry, to abound and to be in want. 13 I can do all things through Christ strengthening me. 14 Nevertheless ye did well in communicating to the relief of my affliction. 15 And

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ye Philippians know, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I was departing from Macedonia, no church communicated to me on the score of giving and receiving, but you only. **16** For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again to supply my wants. **17** Not that I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. **18** And indeed I have it all, and now abound: I am fully supplied, having received of Epaphroditus the things sent by you, a fragrant odor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. **19** And my God will supply all your wants, according to his riches, in glory, by Christ Jesus. **20** Now to our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **(aion g165) 21** Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren that are with me salute you: **22** and all the saints here salute you, but especially those of Cesar's household. **23** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Colossians

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, ${\bf 2}$ and Timothy our brother, to the holy and faithful brethren in Christ at Colosse: grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, always in our prayers for you: 4 (having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and your love to all the saints:) 5 for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which ye have heard before in the word of truth, that is the gospel; 6 which is come unto you, even as in all the world, and is fruitful; as it hath been also among you, from the day in which ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth. 7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ for you; 8 who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this cause we also, from the day that we heard it, cease not to pray for you, and to request that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: 10 that ye may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joy; 12 giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us meet for a portion of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son: 14 in whom we have redemption by his blood, even the remission of sins. 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of the whole creation: 16 for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are on the earth, the visible and the

invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all were created by Him, and for Him. 17 He is before all, and by Him all things subsist. 18 And He is the head of the body, which is the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. **19** For it pleased the Father, that all fulness should dwell in Him; 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace by the blood of his cross; by Him only, whether they be things on earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you that were formerly alienated, and enemies in your mind by wicked works, 22 yet now hath He reconciled in the body of his flesh, through death, to present you holy, and unblameable, and unreproveable in his sight: 23 if so be ye continue grounded and settled in the faith, and be not moved from the gospel, which ye have heard, and which hath been preached throughout the whole creation, of which I Paul am a minister. 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up what is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for the sake of his body, which is the church. 25 Of which I was made a minister according to the dispensation of God, which is given me towards you, that I might fully declare the word of God: **26** even that mystery which was hid from former ages and generations, but is now manifested to his saints: (aion g165) 27 to whom God would make known the rich glory of this mystery, among the gentiles; which is this, that Christ is in you the hope of glory: 28 whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 in order to which I also labour, striving earnestly according to his energy which operates in me with power.

 $\mathbf{2}_{\mathsf{For}}$ I would have you know what a great conflict I have for you, and for those in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen me in person: 2 that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all the riches of a full assurance of understanding in these things, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of our God and Father, and of Christ: 3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 And this I say, least any one should deceive you with fine speeches. 5 For though I be absent in body, yet am I with you in spirit, rejoicing and beholding your regularity, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 Therefore as ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him; 7 rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught it, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Take heed least any one make a prey of you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, after the elements of the world, and not after Christ: 9 for all the fulness of the deity dwelleth personally in Him. 10 And ye are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision not performed by hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision which is of Christ: 12 being buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are raised together with Him, through faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And when ye were dead in trespasses, and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 and cancelled the obligation we were under by ritual decrees, which was grievous to us, and hath taken it guite away, even nailing it to his cross. 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made them

an open spectacle, triumphing over them by it. 16 Let no one therefore judge you on account of meat, or drink, or in respect of a feast, or a new-moon, or sabbaths; 17 which are a shadow of good things to come, but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no one deprive you of your reward by an affected humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into what he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his carnal mind; 19 and not adhering to the head, from which all the body, being supplied and held together as by joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 If therefore ye be dead with Christ from the elements of the world; why, as if living in the world, are ye subject to ceremonial ordinances, 21 (such as "touch not, taste not, 22 handle not," which all tend to corruption in the using,) according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 which things indeed have a pretence to wisdom in voluntary worship, and humiliation, and bodily penance, as having no regard to the satisfying of the flesh.

3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. **2** Mind the things above, not those on the earth. **3** For ye are dead as to the world, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members that are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, disorderly passion, evil concupiscence, and insatiable desire, which is indeed idolatry: **6** for which things the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. **7** In which ye also formerly walked, when ye lived among them. **8** But now put away all these also, wrath, animosity, malice, calumny, and filthy discourse out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another,

seeing ye have put off the old man with his evil practices; 10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of Him that created him. 11 Wherein there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free: but Christ is all and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God holy and beloved, bowels of mercy, benignity, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if any one has a complaint against any: even as Christ hath forgiven you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these put on love, which is the band of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God preside in your hearts, to which ye are also called as united in one body: and be thankful for it. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another by psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude singing in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to our God and Father by Him. 18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as becometh you in the Lord: 19 and ye husbands, love your wives, and be not embittered against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing to the Lord: 21 and ye fathers, do not irritate your children, least they be discouraged. 22 Servants, be obedient in all things to your lawful masters, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in uprightness of heart, fearing God; and whatever service ye do, 23 do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men; 24 knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ; 25 but he that doth unjustly, shall receive for what wrong he hath done; and there is no respect of persons with God:

4 and ye masters, render to your servants justice and equity, knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. 2 Persevere in prayer, and be watchful in it, with thanksgiving. 3 Praying at the same time for us also, that God would open to us a door of utterance, to declare the mystery of Christ, for which also I am in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought. 4 Behave yourselves wisely towards them that are without, 5 redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with discretion to know how ye ought to answer every one. 7 All things concerning me will Tychicus make known to you, who is a beloved brother, and faithful minister, and fellow-servant in the Lord: 8 whom I have sent to you for this purpose also that he may know your affairs, and comfort your hearts; 9 together with Onesimus a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will inform you of all things here. 10 Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus nephew to Barnabas, concerning whom ye have received orders; (if he come to you, receive him;) and Jesus who is called Justus: 11 these are the only persons, who, of the circumcision, have been my fellowlaborers in the kingdom of God, and who were a comfort to me. 12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you; who always strives earnestly for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God: 13 for I bear him witness, that he is very zealous for you, and for those in Laodicea, and Hierapolis. 14 Luke the beloved physician, and Demas, greeteth you. 15 Salute the brethren in Laodicea; and Nymphas, and the church that is in his house. 16 And when this letter has been read amongst you, cause it to be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; that ye may also read that from

Laodicea. **17** And say ye to Archippus, Look well to the ministry, which thou hast received of the Lord, that thou fulfil it. **18** The salutation of me Paul, with my own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

1 Thessalonians

 $\mathbf{1}_{\mathsf{Paul}}$ and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. 3 Incessantly remembering your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father: 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel came not to you in word only, but also in power, and in the holy Ghost, and in much certainty; as ye know what sort of persons we were among you for your sakes. 6 And ye became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word tho' in much affliction, yet with joy of the holy Ghost. 7 So that ye became examples to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia; but also in every place your faith towards God is spread abroad, so that we have no need to say any thing of it. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what kind of entrance we had among you, and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God; 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

2 For ye yourselves, brethren, know our entrance among you, that it was not in vain. **2** But though we had suffered before and been injuriously treated, as ye know, at Philippi, we spake boldly in the name of our God to declare unto you the gospel of God with much conflict. **3** For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of impurity, nor in guile: **4** but as we have been approved by God

to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, who trieth our hearts. 5 For neither at any time used we flattering speech, as ye know, nor covetous pretence, God is witness: 6 nor sought we glory of men, neither of you, nor of others: though we might have expected maintenance, as the apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: **8** so we, being affectionately desirous of you, were willing to impart to you, not only the gospel of God, but even our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for working night and day, that we might not be burthensome to any of you, we preached among you the gospel of God. 10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily, and justly, and unblameably we behaved towards you that believe: 11 as ye know likewise, how we exhorted and comforted every one of you, as a father his children; 12 and charged you, that ye should walk worthy of God, who hath called you to his kingdom and glory. 13 For this also we thank God continually, that when ye received the word of God, which ye heard from us, ye received it not as the word of men, but (as it is in truth) the word of God, which also worketh effectually in you that believe. 14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God, which are in Judea, in Christ Jesus, in that ye also have suffered the same things from your own countrymen, as they have from the Jews: 15 who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; who are displeasing to God, and contrary to all men: 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, thus going on to fill up their sins perpetually: but wrath is coming upon them to extremity. 17 But we, brethren, being separated

from you for a season, in person not in heart, endeavoured the more earnestly to see you again with much desire. **18** Wherefore we would have come unto you (even I Paul) once and again; but Satan hindered us. **19** For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting? are not ye also among others in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? **20** for ye are our glory and our joy.

 ${f 3}$ Wherefore being able to contain no longer, we were content to be left alone at Athens, 2 and sent Timothy our brother, and a minister of God, and our fellow-labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you concerning your faith; 3 that no one might be shaken by these afflictions: for ye yourselves know that we are appointed hereunto. 4 For when we were with you, we told you before that we should be afflicted, as it came to pass, and ye know. 5 For this cause being able to wait no longer, I sent to know the state of your faith, least the tempter should have tempted you, and our labor have been in vain. 6 But now Timothy being come back to us from you, and having brought us good tidings concerning your faith and love, and that ye have always a good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we indeed do to see you; 7 by this we were comforted in you, my brethren, under all our affliction and distress, because of your faith: 8 for now we are revived, since you are stedfast in the Lord. 9 For what thanks can we render to God concerning you, for all the joy wherewith we rejoice on your account before our God, 10 night and day most ardently praying, that we may see your face, and perfect whatever is wanting in your faith? 11 And may God himself even our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way to you: 12 and the Lord make you to increase and

abound in love to one another, and to all men, as we do towards you: **13** that your hearts may be established unblameable in holiness, before God even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints.

4 As to what remains therefore, my brethren, we intreat and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received instructions from us, how ye ought to walk and to please God, ye would abound therein more and more. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you from the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification: that ye should abstain from fornication, 4 and that every one of you should possess his vessel in sanctification and honor, **5** not in the passion of lust, like the heathens who know not God. 6 That no one overreach, or wrong his brother in any thing: because the Lord is an avenger of all such crimes, as we also told you before, and testified to you. 7 For God hath not called us to impurity, but to holiness. 8 He therefore who rejecteth us, rejecteth not man, but God; who hath given us his holy Spirit. 9 But as to brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 10 And indeed ye do it to all the brethren, that are in all Macedonia; but we exhort you, brethren, to abound in it more and more: 11 and endeavour to be quiet, and mind your own affairs, and work with your own hands, 12 as we gave you in charge, that ye may walk decently toward those that are without, and may have need of no one's assistance. 13 But I would not have you ignorant, my brethren, concerning those that are fallen asleep, that ye may not be grieved like others who have no hope: 14 for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also those, that sleep in Jesus, will God bring

with Him. **15** For this we tell you in the word of the Lord, that we who shall be living and remain to the coming of the Lord, shall not be before those that are asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with acclamation, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; **17** then we who are living and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we for ever be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

 $\mathbf{5}$ But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need of my writing to you: 2 for ye yourselves know full well, that the day of the Lord cometh like a thief in the night. 3 And when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, my brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should seize you as a thief: 5 ye are all children of the light, and of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep like others, but let us watch and be sober: 7 for they, that sleep, sleep in the night; and drunkards are drunk in the night: **8** but let us, who are of the day, be sober; putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we be awake, or asleep, we may live together with Him. 11 Wherefore comfort one another, and edify each other, as indeed ye do. 12 And we entreat you, brethren, to respect those that labour among you, and preside over you in the Lord, and instruct you; 13 and to esteem them very highly in love, on account of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And admonish the disorderly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be of a patient spirit towards all. 15 See that no one render evil for evil to any man; but always pursue that which is good, both to each other and to all men. 16 Be always joyful. 17 Pray continually. 18 In every circumstance be thankful; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Slight not prophesyings: 21 yet try all things, and hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly: and grant that your whole frame, spirit, soul, and body may be kept blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. 25 Brethren, pray for us. 26 Salute all the brethren with an holy kiss. 27 I adjure you by the Lord, that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

2 Thessalonians

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ; 2 grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We ought always to give thanks to God on your account, my brethren, as it is fit; because your faith increaseth greatly, and the love of every one of you towards each other aboundeth: 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God, for your patience and faith under all your persecutions and afflictions which ye endure. 5 Which are a demonstration of the just judgement of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 seeing it is a righteous thing with God to render affliction to those that afflict you; 7 and to you, who are in trouble, rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven, 8 with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on those who know not God, and who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 who shall be punished with everlasting destruction, by the presence of the Lord and by his glorious power: (aionios g166) 10 in that day, when He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe; because our testimony among you was believed. **11** Wherefore we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 But as to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him, **2** we beseech you, brethren, that

ye be not soon moved from your steadiness of mind, or troubled, neither by Spirit, nor by word, nor by letter, as from us, that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let not any one deceive you by any means; for it shall not come till there come an apostasy first, and the man of sin be revealed, 4 the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or the object of worship; so that he sits as God in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Do ye not remember, that when I was with you, I told you these things? 6 And ye know what now hindereth him from being revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity is already working, only there is one that hindreth till he be taken out of the way. 8 And then the wicked one shall be detected, whom the Lord will destroy by the breath of his mouth, and abolish by the brightness of his coming: 9 who comes, through the efficacy of Satan, with all kind of lying power, and signs, 10 and wonders, and with all iniquitous fraud, among those that shall perish; because they received not the love of the truth, by which they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God will send upon them the efficacy of error, so that they shall themselves believe the lie: 12 that they may all be condemned, who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in iniquity. 13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord; because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth: 14 to which He hath called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, be steady, and hold fast the traditions, which ye have been taught, whether by word or by our letter. 16 And may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and our God and Father, who hath

loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, (aiōnios g166) 17 and establish you in every good word and work.

 $\mathbf{3}$ As for the rest, my brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run, and be glorified, as it is among you: 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for all have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you, and preserve you from the evil one. 4 And we trust in the Lord concerning you, that ye both do and will do the things which we give you in charge. 5 And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ. 6 Now we charge you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw yourselves from every brother who walketh disorderly, and not according to the instruction which he received from us. 7 For ye know how ye ought to imitate us: for we were not disorderly among you; **8** neither did we eat any one's bread for nothing; but with labor and toil, working night and day, that we might not be burthensome to any of you. 9 Not that we have not power, but that we might give ourselves as an example to you to imitate us. 10 For when we were with you, we gave you this charge, if any will not work, neither let him eat. **11** For we hear that there are some among you that walk disorderly, doing no work themselves, but very busy in the affairs of others. 12 Such we charge and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that they work quietly and earn their own bread. 13 But be not you, my brethren, discouraged from well-doing. And if any obey not our order, 14 by this epistle, mark such a one, and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 However do not look upon him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 16 Now the Lord

of peace himself give you peace at all times and in all places. The Lord be with you all. **17** The salutation of me Paul by my own hand, which is the token in every epistle; for so I write, **18** "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." Amen.

1 Timothy

 ${f 1}$ Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the appointment of God our Saviour, and the Lord Jesus Christ our hope, 2 to Timothy my true son in the faith, be grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 As I exhorted thee to stay at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain persons not to teach other doctrine, 4 nor attend to fables and endless genealogies, which occasion debates, rather than pious edification in the faith: 5 so do, and acquaint them that the end of that charge is charity, out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and faith unfeigned: 6 from which some having swerved are turned aside to vain discourses; 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, though they neither understand what they say, nor what things they assert. 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; 9 knowing this, that a law does not lie against a righteous person, but against the lawless and unruly, the impious and wicked, the unholy and profane, 10 parricides, murderers, whoremongers, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, false-swearers, and if there be any thing else contrary to that sound doctrine, 11 which is according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I was intrusted. 12 And I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who gave me ability for the work, that He accounted me faithful, having put me into the ministry, 13 who before was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and an oppressor. But I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief: and the grace of our Lord superabounded, 14 with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a truth highly to be believed, and worthy to be received by all, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: ---of whom I am one of the chief. 16 But

for this end I obtained mercy, that in me a chief sinner Jesus Christ might display his long-suffering, for an example to those who should afterwards believe on Him to eternal life. (aiōnios g166) 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (aiōn g165) 18 This charge I commit to thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which before came on thee, that by them thou mightest war a good warfare, 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some putting away have made shipwreck concerning the faith: 20 of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander, whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

 $\mathbf{2}$ This then I exhort thee first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings he made for all men; 2 particularly for kings, and all that are in authority, that we may lead a guiet and peaceful life in all piety and virtue. **3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour: 4 who is willing that all men should be saved, and therefore come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, a testimony to be published in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle. I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not; I am a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I direct therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and debate: 9 likewise that women dress themselves in decent apparel with modesty and prudence, not in braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly garments; 10 but in good works, as becometh women professing godliness. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all submission:

but I permit not a woman to teach, **12** nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be silent. **13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not seduced by the serpent, but the woman being led astray was first in the transgression. **15** Yet shall she be saved through childbirth, if they continue in faith and love, in holiness and modesty.

3 It is certain, if any one is desirous of the episcopal office, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, sober, prudent, grave, 3 hospitable, able to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of sordid gain, moderate, not guarrelsome, 4 not covetous, governing his own family well, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (for if any one know not how to govern his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 not one newly converted, least being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil. **7** He ought also to have an honorable testimony from those that are without, least he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 8 The deacons should likewise be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of base gain, 9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 (And let these also first be proved, then let them take the office of deacons, if they be found blameless.) 11 And their wives likewise grave, not slanderers, sober, and faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons too be husbands of one wife only, governing their children and their own houses well. **13** For they, that discharge the office of a deacon well, gain to themselves a good degree of honor, and much freedom in promoting the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 14 These things I write unto thee, hoping to come to thee shortly. 15 But if I should be retarded, that thou

mayst know how thou oughtest to behave in the house of God, the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. **16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

4 Now the Spirit expressly saith, that in latter times some shall apostatize from the faith, attending to seducing spirits, 2 and doctrines of demons founded in the hypocrisy of liars, who are seared in their own conscience, forbidding to marry, 3 and enjoining abstinence from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving by those that believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and by prayer. 6 If thou lay these things before the brethren, thou wilt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, as one brought up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, to which thou hast attained. 7 But profane and groundless fables reject, and exercise thyself unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little, but piety is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come: 9 this is a certain truth and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labour and suffer reproach, because we have hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of the faithful. 11 These things declare and teach. 12 Let no one have cause to despise thy youth; but he thou an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come attend to reading, to exhortation, and teaching. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was

given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. **15** Meditate on these things, be wholly in them, that thy proficiency may be manifest in all. **16** Take heed to thyself, and to thy doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this, thou wilt both save thyself and those that hear thee.

 ${f 5}$ Do not chide a senior, but exhort him as a father; and younger men as brethren: 2 the elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters, with all purity. 3 Honour widows who are widows indeed. 4 But if any widow have children or grandchildren, let these learn first to shew piety at home, and to make suitable returns to their parents: for this is becoming, and acceptable in the sight of God. 5 Now she, that is really a widow and desolate, hopeth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. 6 But she that indulgeth to luxury, is dead while she liveth. 7 These things give in charge, that they may be blameless. 8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own family, he hath renounced the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 9 Let not a widow be chosen into the number under sixty years old, 10 having been the wife of one man: in repute for good actions, if she have educated children, if she have entertained strangers, if she have washed the feet of saints, if she have relieved the afflicted, and diligently followed every good work. **11** But the younger widows refuse: for when they grow wanton against Christ, they will needs marry: 12 and are therefore to be condemned, because they violate their first faith. 13 And withal being idle they learn to go about from house to house: and are not only idle, but tatlers also and busy-bodies, talking of things unbecoming them. 14 I would therefore have the younger widows marry, bear children, manage houshold

affairs, and give no occasion to the adversary for reproach. 15 For some are already turned aside after Satan. **16** And if any believer have relations widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve those that are indeed widows and desolate. 17 Let the elders, who preside well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially those that labour in preaching and teaching. 18 For the scripture saith, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn:" and, "The workman is worthy of his hire." 19 Receive not an accusation against an elder, unless from two or three witnesses. 20 Those that offend reprove before all, that others also may fear. 21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou keep to these things without preference of persons, doing nothing with partiality. 22 Lay hands on no man precipitately, and be not hereby a partaker in the sins of others. Keep thyself pure. 23 Drink no longer water only, but use a little wine with it, for the sake of thy stomach and thy frequent infirmities. 24 The sins of some men are notorious, leading as it were to their condemnation; and some more artful they follow after. 25 So also the good works of some are manifest; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

6 Let as many as are servants under the yoke account their own masters worthy of all honor; that the name of God and his doctrine may not be blasphemed: **2** and let not those who have believing masters, despise them, because they are brethren; but serve them more readily, because they are faithful and beloved by God, partakers of his grace. **3** These things teach and exhort. If any one teach otherwise, and adhere not to the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the doctrine which is according

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to godliness; 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is delirious about questions and strifes of words: from which cometh envy, contention, calumnies, wicked suspicions, perverse debates of men corrupted in mind, 5 and void of truth, accounting gain to be godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out: 8 having therefore food and raiment, let us be herewith content. 9 But they, that will be rich, fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into ruin and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evils, which some coveting after have been led astray from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But do thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, piety, fidelity, love, patience, meekness. 12 Maintain the glorious combat of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which thou hast been called, and hast made a good profession before many witnesses. (aionios g166) 13 I charge thee before God, who giveth life to all, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed a good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that thou keep this commandment, unspotted and blameless, till the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ; 15 which He will manifest in his own times, who is the blessed and only potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, 16 who alone hath immortality, dwelling in light inaccessible, whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen. (aionios g166) 17 Charge them, that are rich in this world, not to be high-minded nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who richly affords us all things for enjoyment: charge them to do good, (aion g165) 18 to be rich in good works, to be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; **19** treasuring up to themselves a good foundation for the future, that they may obtain eternal life. **20** O Timothy, keep that with which thou art entrusted, avoiding profane empty babblings, and the oppositions of science falsely so called: **21** which some pretending to, have erred from the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

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 ${f 1}$ Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy my beloved son, grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I give thanks to God, whom I serve as my forefathers did, with a pure conscience, having remembrance of thee continually in my prayers night and day; 4 greatly desiring to see thee, (for I remember thy tears,) that I may be filled with joy: 5 keeping in memory the unfeigned faith, that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice: and I am persuaded that it dwells in thee also; 6 for which cause I remind thee to stir up the gift of God which is in thee through the imposition of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but of vigor, and of love, and of prudence. 8 Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but bear thy part in the afflictions of the gospel, according to the power of God; 9 who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose, and grace bestowed upon us through Christ Jesus, before the world was, (aionios g166) 10 but now made manifest by the appearance of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light by the gospel: for which I was appointed an herald, 11 and an apostle, and a teacher of the gentiles: 12 for which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed: for I know in whom I have trusted, and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him against that day. 13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14 The good thing committed to

thee keep, through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us. **15** Thou knowest that all those of Asia are turned from me, of whom is Phygellus and Hermogenes. **16** The Lord shew mercy to the family of Onesiphorus; for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: but when he was at Rome, **17** he sought for me the more diligently, and found me. **18** (The Lord grant that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day!) And how much he ministered to me at Ephesus too, thou knowest full well.

 $\mathbf{2}$ Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus: 2 and the things which thou hast heard from me, before many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Do thou therefore endure hardship, as becomes a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one, that enters into military service, embarrasseth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him. 5 And if any one contend in the public games, he gains not the crown unless he contend fairly. 6 The husbandman must labour first, in order to partake of the fruits. 7 Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember Jesus Christ of the seed of David, who was raised from the dead, according to my gospel: 9 for whose sake I suffer trouble even unto bonds, as if I were a malefactor; but the word of God is not bound. 10 Therefore I submit to every thing for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is by Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (aionios g166) 11 It is an undoubted truth, if we are dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: 12 if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we disown Him, He will also disown us. 13 If we are unfaithful, He continueth faithful notwithstanding; He cannot renounce Himself. 14 These things remind them of, charging them before the Lord not to contend about words, which is profitable for nothing, and tends to the subversion of the hearers. 15 Endeavour to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But avoid prophane empty harangues; for they will proceed to more impiety, 17 and their discourse will eat like a gangrene. Of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus; who have erred from the truth, 18 saying that the resurrection is already past; and subvert the faith of some. 19 However, the foundation of God standeth firm, having this inscription, The Lord knoweth them that are his; and, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, some for meaner uses. 21 If therefore any one purify himself from these corruptions, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and fitted for the Master's use, being prepared for every good work. 22 Flee youthful passions: and follow righteousness, fidelity, love, and peace, with all those that call upon the Lord out of a pure heart: 23 but foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they produce guarrels; for the servant of the Lord ought not to wrangle, 24 but to be gentle towards all men, ready to teach, patient under injuries, 25 with meekness instructing those of different sentiments, not knowing but God may give them repentance to the acknowledgement of the truth; 26 and they may awake out of the snare of the devil, who have been captivated by him to his will.

3 But this know, that in the last days there will be difficult times; **2** for men will be selfish, covetous, arrogant, proud,

blasphemers, undutiful to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without natural affection, perfidious, false accusers, intemperate, savage, enemies to the good, traitors, 4 headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness, but strangers to the power of it: from such turn away. 6 For of these are they who insinuate themselves into families, and captivate weak women, that are laden with sins, 7 and led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 And as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; being men of corrupt minds, and of no judgement in the faith. 9 But they shall not proceed far: for their folly shall be evident to all, as theirs also was. **10** But thou art well acquainted with my doctrine, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience, persecutions, 11 sufferings, which befel me at Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and how the Lord delivered me out of them all. **12** And indeed all, that are desirous to live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution. 13 But wicked men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learnt, and been assured of, knowing from whom thou hast learned them; 15 and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus: for all scripture is by inspiration from God, 16 and is profitable for doctrine, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly fitted for every good work.

4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing, in his

kingdom; 2 preach the word, be instant both in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and instruction. 3 For the time will come, when they will not bear sound doctrine; but having itching ears, will heap up to themselves teachers after their own hearts: 4 and turn away their attention from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But be thou watchful in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, give full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now going to be sacrificed, and the time of my dissolution is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished my race, I have kept the faith. 8 As to what remains, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me in that day: and not to me only, but also to all those who have longed for his appearance. 9 Endeavour to come to me soon: for Demas hath forsaken me, 10 through love of this world, and is gone to Thessalonica; as is Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia: Luke only is with me. (aion g165) 11 Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is useful to me in the ministry. 12 And I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When thou comest, bring with thee the cloke, that I left at Troas with Carpus; and the books, but especially the parchments. 14 Alexander the brazier did me many ill turns: the Lord will reward him according to his deeds. 15 Of whom do thou also beware: for he hath greatly opposed our doctrine. 16 In my first defence no one stood by me, but all men forsook me: God grant it may not be laid to their charge! 17 But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that by me the gospel might be fully spread, and that all the nations might hear: and so I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from

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every evil work, and will preserve me to his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory throughout all ages. Amen. (aion g165) 19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the family of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus staid at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. 21 Endeavour therefore to come to me before winter. Eubulus saluteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and indeed all the brethren. 22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Titus

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for promoting the faith of God's chosen people, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness: 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before all ages; (aionios g166) 3 and hath in his own times manifested his word, by the preaching, with which I was intrusted according to the commandment of God our Saviour: 4 to Titus my son in the common faith, grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. 5 For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou mightest set in order what remained, and ordain elders in every city as I directed thee: 6 to wit, if any one be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of debauchery, or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless as the steward of God, not self-willed, not passionate, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of sordid gain: 8 but hospitable, benevolent, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 holding fast the faithful word, according as he hath been taught, that he may be able both to instruct in sound doctrine, and to convince gainsayers. 10 For there are many disorderly persons, vain-talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; whose mouths must be stopped: 11 who subvert whole families, teaching what they ought not, for shameful gain: 12 as said one of themselves, a prophet of their own, "The Cretans are always liars, mischievous beasts, sluggish gluttons." 13 This testimony is true: for which cause rebuke them sharply, that they may be found in the faith; 14 not attending to Jewish fables, and the precepts of men who turn away from the truth. 15 To the pure indeed all things are pure; but to the polluted and unbelieving

nothing is pure; even their mind and conscience is polluted. **16** They profess to know God, but in works deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and to every thing that is good void of understanding.

2 But do thou speak the things which become sound doctrine: **2** that aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in the faith, in love, in patience: 3 the aged women likewise in behaviour as becometh saints, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of that which is good; 4 that they may instruct the young women to be temperate, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be prudent, 5 chaste, keepers at home, good, submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be evil spoken of. 6 Exhort the young men in like manner to be temperate: 7 in all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works, with uncorruptness in teaching, gravity, sound doctrine that cannot be condemned; 8 that he who opposeth it may be ashamed, having no evil to say of you. 9 Exhort servants to submit to their masters, to be obsequious in all things, 10 not answering frowardly, not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. **11** For the grace of God, that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men; 12 teaching us that denying ungodliness, and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and righteously, and piously in this present world; (aion g165) 13 looking for the blessed hope, and glorious appearance of the great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ: 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort; and reprove offenders with all authority: that none may despise thee.

 ${f 3}$ Admonish them to be submissive to governors and magistrates, to obey their orders, and to be ready to every good work; 2 to slander no man, to avoid contention, to be gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we also were formerly foolish, disobedient, going astray, enslaved to various disorderly appetites and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour towards man appeared, 5 not for works of righteousness which we had done, but according to his own mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the holy Spirit; 6 which He hath plentifully shed upon us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: 7 that being justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (aionios g166) 8 This is a word which ought to believed and observed, and concerning these things I would have thee stedfastly affirm, that they who have believed in God be careful to excel in good works: for these things are good and profitable to men. 9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and strifes and contentions about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain: 10 reject therefore such an heretical man, after the first and second admonition; knowing that such a one is perverted, 11 and sinneth as being self-condemned. 12 When I shall send Artemas to thee, or Tychicus, endeavour to come to me to Nicopolis: for there I have determined to winter. 13 Forward Zenas the lawyer, and Apollos, on their journey carefully, that nothing may be wanting to them. 14 And let our brethren-also learn to excel in good works for necessary exigencies, that they may not be unfruitful. 15 All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Philemon

 ${f 1}_{\sf Paul}$ a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy a brother, to Philemon our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, and to the beloved Apphia, 2 and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thine house, 3 grace and peace be to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always making mention of thee in my prayers, 5 (hearing of the faith which thou hast towards the Lord Jesus, and of thy love to all the saints,) 6 that the communication of thy faith may become effectual in the acknowledgement of all the good that is in you towards Christ Jesus: 7 for we have much joy and comfort in thy love, because by thee, dear brother, the bowels of the saints are refreshed. 8 Wherefore though I have sufficient authority in Christ to enjoin thee what is meet, 9 I would rather intreat thee out of love to me, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now a prisoner too for the sake of Jesus Christ. 10 I intreat thee then for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds, 11 who was formerly unprofitable to thee, but now profitable both to thee and to me; whom I have sent back to thee: 12 him therefore, as my own bowels, do thou receive. 13 Whom I would gladly have kept with me, that he might have ministered unto me as thou wouldst have done, in the bonds of the gospel. 14 But I would do nothing without thy knowledge, that thy kindness might not be as it were forced, but voluntary. 15 For perhaps he was therefore parted from thee for a season, that thou mightest receive him for ever: (aionios g166) 16 not now as a servant, but above a servant, a dear brother, especially to me, and how much more to thee both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 If therefore thou accountest me a friend, receive him as

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thou wouldst receive me. **18** If he hath wronged thee in any thing, or is indebted to thee, place it to my accompt: **19** I Paul have written it with my own hand, I will pay it: not to say that thou indeed owest even thy own self to me. **20** Yea, my brother, let me enjoy this satisfaction from thee in the Lord: and thus refresh my bowels in the Lord. **21** Being fully persuaded of thy compliance, I have written to thee; knowing that thou wilt indeed do more than I ask. **22** But I must add, prepare me also a lodging; for I hope that through your prayers I shall be restored to you. **23** Epaphras my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, and Marcus, **24** Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke my fellow-laborers, salute thee. **25** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Hebrews

 $\mathbf{1}_{\mathsf{God}}$, who at sundry times, and various ways, spake of old unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son, 2 whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds. (aion g165) 3 Who being the refulgence of his glory and the imprest image of his person, and sustaining all things by his powerful word, having by Himself performed the purging away of our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high. 4 Being as much superior to the angels, as He inheriteth a name more excellent than they. 5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?" and again, "I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?" 6 and when He again introduceth the First-born into the world, he saith, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." 7 And as to the angels He saith, "Who maketh his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire:" 8 but to the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness: (aion g165) 9 thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thine associates." 10 And in another place, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands: 11 they shall perish, but thou remainest; and they shall all grow old as a garment, 12 and as a mantle wilt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." 13 But to which of the angels hath He ever said, "Sit thou at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?" 14 Are they not all ministring spirits, sent forth to attend on those who shall be heirs of salvation?

 $\mathbf{2}_{\mathsf{For}}$ this reason we ought the more earnestly to attend to what we have heard, least by any means we should be found deficient. 2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received it's just recompence; 3 how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which began to be declared by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him; 4 God also testifying together with them by signs, and wonders, and divers miracles, and gifts of the holy Spirit, according to his own will. 5 For He hath not subjected to angels the world to come, of which we speak. 6 But one in a certain place hath testified, saying, "What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest Him? 7 Thou madest Him for a little while inferior to the angels; with glory and honor hast thou crowned Him, and hast set Him over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet," 8 For in putting all things under Him, He left nothing which was not to be in subjection to Him: though we do not yet see all things subjected to Him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made for a little while lower than the angels, in order to suffer death, that by the grace of God He might taste death for every man, crowned with glory and honor. 10 For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect by sufferings: 11 since He that sanctifieth, and they that are sanctified, are all of one. For which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee." 13 And again, "I will trust in Him:" and again, "Behold, I, and the children which God hath given me." 14 Seeing then the children

are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself in like manner partook of them; that by death He might destroy him that had the empire of death, that is, the devil: **15** and deliver those who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage. **16** For indeed He taketh not hold of angels to save them, but of the seed of Abraham. **17** Whence it behoved Him to be made in all things like unto his brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high-priest in the things concerning God, to make atonement for the sins of the people: **18** for as He himself hath suffered, in being tempted, He is able to succour those that are tempted.

 $\mathbf{3}$ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high-priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 who was faithful to Him that appointed Him, as Moses also was in all his house. 3 For He was accounted worthy of more honor than Moses, as he who hath built it, hath more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by some one: and He who built all things is God. 5 Now Moses was indeed faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of the things which were to be spoken: 6 but Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house we are, if we maintain the free profession and exultation of hope firm unto the end. 7 Therefore, as the holy Ghost saith, "To-day if ye will hear his voice, 8 harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, when your fathers tempted me, 9 proved me, and saw my works forty years: 10 wherefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, They are always erring in their heart, and they have not known my ways: 11 so I sware in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest." 12 Take heed, my brethren, least

there be in any of you a wicked heart of unbelief in departing from the living God: **13** but exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day; that none of you may be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin: **14** for we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold fast our first confidence firm unto the end; inasmuch as it is said, **15** "To-day if ye will hear his voice, **16** harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." For some that heard did provoke; but not all that came out of Egypt with Moses. **17** But with whom was He provoked forty years? was it not with those that sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? **18** and to whom did He swear that they should not enter into his rest, but to those that were disobedient? **19** and so we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us therefore fear least a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of us should seem to fall short of it: 2 for we are graciously offered it, as they also were. But the word, which they heard, did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we who believe shall enter into rest, as He said above, "So I sware in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest:" though the works of creation were finished from the foundation of the world: 4 for it is thus said concerning the seventh day, "And God rested the seventh day from all his works." 5 And yet in this place, "They shall not enter into my rest." 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some are to enter into it, and they to whom it was at first offered did not enter because of their unbelief, 7 He appoints a certain day, called To-day, saying by David so long after, (as it is recorded) "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them the rest, He would not afterwards have

spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God: 10 for he that is entered into his rest, hath also himself ceased from his works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, least any one fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the word of God is lively and efficacious, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of the very joints and marrow, and judging the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature concealed from his sight: but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him, to whom we are to give an account. 14 Having therefore a great highpriest, that is passed into the heavens, even Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession: 15 for we have not an highpriest who cannot sympathize with our infirmities, but was in all respects tempted in like manner with us, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come with freedom to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace for our seasonable help.

5 For every high-priest taken from among men, is appointed for the sake of men in things relating to God, that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins: **2** who can have due compassion on the ignorant and those that are going astray; seeing he himself also is surrounded with infirmity: **3** and for this reason he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifice for sins. **4** And no one taketh this honor to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was. **5** So also Christ did not glorify himself to be made an high-priest; but He that said unto Him, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." **6** As He saith also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." **(aion g165) 7** Who in the days of his flesh, offered prayers and

supplications with strong crying and tears, to Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in what He feared; 8 but though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered: and being thus perfected, 9 He became the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him: (aiōnios g166) 10 having been declared by God an high-priest after the order of Melchisedec. 11 Concerning whom we have much to say and difficult to be explained, since ye are become dull of hearing. 12 For whereas ye ought for the time to be teachers of others, ye have need again of some one to teach you the first rudiments of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk and not of solid food. 13 For every one that wanteth milk, is unacquainted with the doctrine of justification; for he is an infant: 14 but firm food is for persons come to age, who by habit have their senses exercised to a discernment both of good and evil.

6 Wherefore omitting the discourse about the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us proceed to perfection: not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, **2** and of faith in God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and laying on of hands, and of the resurrection from the dead, and of eternal judgement: (tho' we will do this also, if God permit:) (aionios g166) **3** for it is impossible that those, **4** who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the holy Spirit, **5** and of the good word of God, (aion g165) **6** and the powers of the gospel-age, and yet fall away, should be renewed again to repentance: since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and make an open example of Him. **7** For as the earth, which imbibeth the rain that is frequently coming upon it, and produceth herbs fit for those by whom it is cultivated,

receiveth a blessing from God: 8 but that which bringeth forth thorns and briars, is rejected and near to a curse, (whose end is burning) so are they. 9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak for your caution. **10** For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewn to his name, by having ministred to the saints, and yet ministring. 11 And we desire that every one of you would shew the same diligence to acquire the full assurance of hope even unto the end: 12 that ye would not be sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience are inheriting the promises. 13 For when God made the promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He sware by Himself, saying, 14 "Verily blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee." 15 And thus waiting patiently he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by a greater Being, and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all controversy. 17 Wherefore God being willing more abundantly to manifest unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it with an oath: 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to fail, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us; 19 which we have as an anchor of the soul safe and stedfast, and which entereth within the veil. 20 Whither Jesus our fore-runner is entered for us, being made an high-priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedec. (aion g165)

7 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings,
2 and blessed him, to whom also Abraham divided the tenth of all his spoils; being in the first place, by interpretation of his name,

king of righteousness, and moreover king of Salem, which is king of peace; 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days recorded, nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, remaineth a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great a man this was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. 5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment according to the law to take tithes of the people, that is, of their brethren, though they came out of the loins of Abraham: 6 but he, whose pedigree is not reckoned among them, took tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. 7 Now without all contradiction the inferior is blessed by the superior: **8** besides, here men that die receive tithes; but there he of whom it is testified that he liveth. 9 And (as one may say) even Levi, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham: 10 for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. 11 Now if perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law) what farther need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchisedec, and not after the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change also of the law. 13 Now He, of whom these things are said, is of another tribe, of which none ever attended at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang from Judah, as to which tribe Moses spake nothing about the priesthood. 15 And it is yet more abundantly evident, that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 who is made not according to the law of a temporary command, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever

after the order of Melchisedec. (aion g165) 18 For there is indeed a disannulling of the preceding command, on account of it's weakness and unprofitableness; 19 for the law made nothing perfect, but the introducing of a better hope did, by which we draw near to God. 20 Moreover inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath, 21 (for they indeed are become priests without the solemnity of an oath; but He with an oath, by Him who said unto Him, "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:") (aion g165) 22 by so much is Jesus become the surety of a better covenant. 23 And they were many priests, because they were by death hindered from continuing in their office; 24 but He, because He abideth for ever, hath a priesthood that passeth not to any other: (aion g165) 25 wherefore also He is able to save to the uttermost, those that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26 For such an high-priest was meet for us, who was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and higher than the heavens; 27 who hath no need, as the Levitical high-priests had, daily to offer sacrifices first for his own sins, and then for those of the people: for this He did once for all, in offering up Himself. 28 For the law appointeth men high-priests, who have infirmity; but the oath, recorded since the law, appointeth the Son to be priest for ever, being fully perfected for it. (aion g165)

8 Now the sum of the things that have been said is this, that we have such an high-priest, who is sat down at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens; **2** a minister of holy things, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord hath raised, and not man. **3** For every high-priest is appointed to offer gifts

and sacrifices; wherefore it was necessary that He also should have something to offer. 4 For if He were on earth, He could not be a priest, seeing there are priests already that offer gifts according to the law: 5 who worship under the representation and shadow of heavenly things; as Moses was ordered by God, when he was about to finish the tabernacle. For see, saith He, that thou make all according to the model shewn thee in the mount. 6 But now He hath obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which is established upon better promises. 7 For if the first covenant had been unexceptionable, there had been no room for a second: **8** as we see there was, for after complaining of them, He adds, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 9 not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers, in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their mind, and I will inscribe them on their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. **11** And they shall not teach every one his neighbour, and every one his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the lest even to the greatest of them. 12 For I will forgive their crimes, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more." 13 Now by saying, a new covenant, He hath antiquated the first: and what is antiguated, and groweth old, is near it's exit.

 $\boldsymbol{9}$ Therefore the first covenant had also rites of worship and a worldly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared; the first part, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the loaves set on it, which is called the sanctuary. 3 And beyond the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies, having the golden censer, 4 and the ark of the covenant which was overlaid all round with gold, and in which was the golden pot with the manna in it, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; **5** and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat: of which it is not necessary now to speak particularly. 6 Now these things being thus disposed, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle to perform their daily services: 7 but into the second only the highpriest went once a year; and that not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the sins of the people committed through ignorance. 8 The Holy Ghost shewing by this, that the way into the Holy of holies was not yet manifested, the first tabernacle being yet standing. 9 Which figure remains to the present time, wherein gifts and sacrifices are offered, that cannot perfect the worshipper as to his conscience, **10** relating only to meats and drinks, and different washings, and such carnal ordinances as were required till the time of reformation. 11 But Christ being come an high-priest of the good things to come, hath entered once for all into the holy places, through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this building, 12 nor by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (aionios **g166) 13** For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purification

of the flesh; 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself spotless to God, purify your conscience from dead works, that ye may serve the living God? (aionios g166) 15 And on this account He is the mediator of a new covenant, that undergoing death for the redemption of transgressions against the first covenant, they that are called might receive the promise of an eternal inheritance. (aionios g166) 16 For where a testament is, there is a necessity of proving the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is valid after men are dead, but is of no force while the testator is living. 18 Whence neither was the first covenant entered into without blood: 19 for when every command was spoken according to the law, by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled the book and all the people, 20 saying, this is the blood of the covenant, which God hath enjoined you. 21 And the tabernacle, and all the vessels of public worship he likewise sprinkled with blood. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood; and without shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 It was therefore necessary that the representations of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with more excellent sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into holy places made with hands, which were but types of the true ones; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 nor to offer Himself often, as the high-priest entereth into the holy of holies every year with the blood of others; 26 (for then He must indeed have suffered often since the foundation of the world) but now once at the conclusion of the ages He hath been made manifest for

the abolishing of sin by the sacrifice of himself. (aion g165) 27 And as it is appointed to men once to die, and after this the judgement; 28 so Christ, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear the second time without sin, to those who are waiting for Him, unto salvation.

 $\mathbf{10}_{\mathsf{For}}$ the law having but a faint shadow of good things to come, and not the full image of the things, can never, even by the great annual sacrifices which they offer statedly, make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then they would have ceased to be offered, because the sacrificers, being once purified, would no longer retain any consciousness of sins. 3 Whereas in these very sacrifices there is a recalling of sins to mind every year. 4 For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore upon his coming into the world He saith, "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 in whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hadst no pleasure: 7 then said I, Lo I come, as in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God." 8 Having said before, "Thou didst not desire, nor hadst pleasure in, sacrifice and offering, and whole burnt-offerings, and sacrifices for sin," (which are offered by the law) then He adds, 9 "Lo I come to do thy will, O God." (He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second.) 10 By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And indeed every priest under the law standeth daily ministring, and frequently offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 but He having offered one sacrifice for sins, is for ever sat down at the right hand of God; 13 waiting for the future, till his enemies be put under his feet. 14 For by one offering He

hath perfected for ever those that are sanctified. 15 And of this the holy Ghost also beareth witness with us: 16 for after He had said, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and on their minds will I inscribe them; 17 He adds, and their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is such a remission of these, there needs no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, free admission into the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 the new and living way which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, 21 his flesh, and having a great high-priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with sincerity, in the full assurance of faith, having our hearts cleansed from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us inflexibly retain the profession of our hope, 24 (for He is faithful who hath promised) and let us observe each other to the incitement of love and good works: 25 not forsaking our assemblies, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. 26 For if we sin wilfully after having received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins; 27 but a dreadful expectation of judgement, and a fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 If any one that violateth the law of Moses, dieth without mercy under two or three witnesses, 29 of how much greater punishment, think ye, shall he be counted worthy, who hath trampled under foot the Son of God, and accounted the blood of the covenant, by which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and abused the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know who hath said, "To me belongeth vengeance, I will recompense, saith the Lord:" and again, "The

Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. 32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which after being enlightened, ye sustained a great conflict of sufferings; 33 partly, being made a public spectacle by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, as ye became associates of those who were so treated: 34 for ye sympathized with me in my bonds, and ye took joyfully the plundering of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. 35 Cast not away therefore your couragious profession, which hath a great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that having done the will of God ye may receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and He, that is coming, will come, and will not delay: 38 and the just shall live by faith, but if any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of those who withdraw to perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

11 Now faith is the confident expectation of things hoped for, and a conviction of things not seen: **2** for by it the ancients obtained an honorable testimony. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, for the things which are seen were not made of things which appear. (**aion g165**) **4** By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God bearing witness to his gifts: and by it, though dead, he yet speaketh. **5** By faith Enoch was translated, that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God: **6** whereas without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe, that He is, and is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. 7 By faith Noah being warned by God of things which were not yet seen, moved with pious fear, prepared an ark for the safety of his family; whereby he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. 8 By faith Abraham when called to go out to a place which he was afterwards to receive for an inheritance obeyed: and went out, though he knew not whither he was going. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land promised him, as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob the heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose maker and founder is God. 11 By faith also Sarah received strength to conceive seed, and brought forth a son when she was past age, because she accounted Him faithful who had promised. 12 So that there descended even from one, and him in a manner dead, a posterity like the stars of heaven for multitude, and as the sand on the sea shore, innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but seen them from afar, and been persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and sojourners on the earth. 14 Now they that say such things shew plainly that they are seeking their own country: 15 and if they had been mindful of that from which they came, they might have had opportunity to have returned. **16** But they desire a better, that is, an heavenly one; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He hath prepared for them a city. 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he who had received the promises, offered up his only son; 18 of whom it was told him, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 concluding that God was able to raise him even from the

dead; from whence indeed he had in a manner received him. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things future. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph; and worshipped leaning on the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph when he died, mentioned the departure of the children of Israel and gave a charge concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a fine child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 chusing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin: 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he looked to the recompence of reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he continued firm as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he observed the passover and sprinkling of the blood, that he, who destroyed the first-born of the Egyptians, might not touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red-sea, as by dry land, which the Egyptians attempting to do were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encompassed seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with the unbelievers, having received the spies with peace. 32 And what need I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and Barak, and Sampson, and Jephthah, and David, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 who by faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made powerful, became strong in battle,

and turned to flight the armies of their enemies. **35** Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. **36** And others had the trial of mockings and scourgings, and of bonds too and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain by the sword: they went about in sheep-skins, and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, **38** distressed, (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, and mountains, and dens, and caves of the earth. **39** And these all, though they obtained an honorable testimony by faith, yet received not the promise; **40** God having provided something better concerning us, that without us they might not be made perfect.

12 Having therefore so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every incumbrance, and the sin that easily besets us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus the leader 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. 3 Wherefore consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, that ye may not give out, fainting in your minds: 4 for ye have not resisted unto blood in striving against sin. 5 Have ye forgotten the exhortation, which speaketh to you as to sons, saying, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor saint when rebuked by Him? 6 for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." 7 If ye endure chastening, God treateth you as sons; for what son is there, whom the father doth not chastise? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then

are ye bastards and not sons. 9 Now if we had fathers of our flesh, who corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they indeed corrected us for a while, as seemed good to them; but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems for the present to be matter of joy but of grief: and yet afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those that are exercised thereby. 12 Lift up therefore the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees. 13 And make strait paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be turned out of the way, but rather be healed. 14 Follow peace with all men; and holiness, without which none shall see the Lord: 15 looking to it, least there be any one falling short of the grace of God, least any root of bitterness springing up should be troublesome, and by it many be defiled: 16 least there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one repast gave away his birthright. 17 For ye know that, when he would afterwards have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no room for repentance, though he sought it earnestly even with tears. 18 Ye are not come to a tangible mountain, and burning fire, and a thick cloud, and darkness, and tempest, **19** and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words, which they that heard, intreated that the word might not any more be thus delivered to them: 20 (for they could not bear the strict command, if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or shot through with a dart; 21 and so terrible was the appearance that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and tremble:) 22 but ye are come to mount Sion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of

angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the just made perfect, 24 and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than Abel. 25 See that ye reject not Him that speaketh; for if they escaped not, who rejected him that gave forth divine oracles on earth, much less shall we, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven: **26** whose voice then shook the earth; but now He hath promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." 27 Now this expression "yet once more" signifieth the removing of the things that are shaken, as of things which had been appointed only for a season, that those which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore since we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and holy fear: 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

13 Let brotherly love continue. **2** Be not forgetful of hospitality; for thereby some have entertained angels, not knowing it. **3** Remember those that are in bonds, as if bound with them: and those that suffer evil as being yourselves also in the body. **4** Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed is not defiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. **5** Let your conversation be free from covetousness, and be contented with what ye have: for He hath said, I will not leave thee; I will never, never forsake thee. **6** So that we may say with courage, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. **7** Remember your guides, who spake the word of God to you; whose faith imitate, considering the happy end of their conversation. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to day, and

for ever: (aion g165) 9 be not then carried about by various and strange doctrines; for it is good that the heart be established by grace, and not in meats, in which those that have been most exact, have not profited by them. 10 We have an altar, of which those who perform service in the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 As the bodies of those animals, whose blood being offered for sin is brought into the holy place by the high-priest, are not eaten, but are burnt without the camp. 12 Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us then go out unto Him without the camp, bearing his reproach: for we have here no continuing city, 14 but are seeking that which is to come. 15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Be ruled by those that are your guides, and submit to them: for they watch for your souls; (as those that must give an account) that they may do it with joy and not with uneasiness: for this were unprofitable for you. 18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, desiring in all things to behave well. 19 And I the more earnestly intreat you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. 20 Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, (aionios g166) 21 make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 22 I beseech you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation: as I have written to you in brief. 23 Know that our

brother Timothy is set at liberty, with whom (if he come soon) I will see you. **24** Salute all that preside over you, yea and all the saints. They of Italy salute you. **25** Grace be with you all. Amen.

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 ${f 1}$ James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in dispersion sendeth greeting. 2 Account it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into various trials: 3 knowing this, that the trial of your faith worketh patience; 4 but let patience have it's perfect work, that ye may be entirely perfect, failing in nothing. 5 And if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask it of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting; for he that doubteth is like a wave of the sea blown about and tossed by the wind. 7 Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing from the Lord. 8 A double-minded man is inconstant in all his ways. 9 Let the brother that is low rejoice in his exaltation: but the rich in his humiliation, 10 because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. 11 For when the sun is risen with it's sultry heat, it drieth up the grass, and the flower of, it falleth, and the beauty of it's appearance is lost: so shall the rich man fade away in his projects. **12** Happy is the man who sustaineth temptation; for being approved he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. 13 Let no one that is tempted say, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted by evils, and He tempteth no one. 14 But every man is tempted, when drawn aside and insnared by his own vehement desire. 15 Then desire having conceived bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. 16 Be not therefore deceived, my beloved brethren: for every good gift, 17 and every perfect gift, but no evil one, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, nor shadow of turning: 18 who hath of his own will begotten us by the word of

truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man doth not practise the righteousness of God. 21 Laying aside therefore all filthiness, and excess of malice, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror, 24 who beheld himself, and went away, and immediately forgot what manner of man he was. 25 But he that looketh well into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his heart, this man's devotion is vain. 27 Pure and uncorrupt religion before God and our Father is this, to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

2 My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, in a partial respect of persons. **2** For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring in fine clothes, and there come in also a poor man in a mean habit; **3** and ye turn your eyes toward him that weareth the fine clothes, and say to him, Sit thou here in an honorable place; and say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: **4** do ye not make a partial difference within yourselves, and become judges that reason wickedly? **5** Hear, my beloved brethren; hath not God chosen the poor of this world who are rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom, which He hath promised to them

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that love Him? but ye have slighted the poor. 6 Do not the rich tyrannize over you; and drag you to their tribunals? 7 Do they not blaspheme the glorious name by which ye are called? 8 If ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, which saith, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well. 9 But if ye partially respect persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law besides, but offend in one point, he is under the penalty of all: 11 for He that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou do not commit adultery, but committest murder, thou art a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak, and so act, as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For he shall have judgement without mercy, that hath not shewn mercy: but mercy triumpheth over judgement. 14 What is the advantage, my brethren, if any one say that he has faith, and he hath not works, can faith alone save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food; 16 and one of you say to them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and be ye filled: but ye give them not the necessaries of life, what profit is it to them? 17 so faith, if it have not works, being alone, is dead. 18 But one may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith by thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou dost well: the devils also believe and tremble. 20 But desirest thou to know, O vain man, that faith without works, is dead? 21 consider, Was not our father Abraham justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? 22 Thou seest that faith co-operated with his works, and that by his works his faith was perfected. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, Abraham believed God, and it

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was counted to him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. **24** Ye see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. **25** And in like manner also was not the harlot Rahab justified by works, when she entertained the spies, and let them out another way? **26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

 $\mathbf{3}$ My brethren, be not many teachers, knowing that we who are such shall pass a stricter trial than others: for in many things we all offend; 2 and if any offend not in word, he is a compleat man, able to manage also the whole body. 3 Behold we put bridles into the mouths of horses, that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body as we please. 4 Behold also the ships which are of so great bulk, and even when they are driven by hard winds, yet are turned about by a very small helm which way soever the pilot pleaseth. 5 So the tongue is a small part of the body, yet boasteth great things. Behold how much fuel a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our several parts, defiling the whole body, inflaming the course of nature, and is set on fire by hell. (Geenna g1067) 7 For every kind of wild beasts, and birds, and reptiles, and fishes, is tamed and hath been tamed by mankind: 8 but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless God even the Father; and with it we curse men, who are made after the likeness of God: 10 out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not so to be. 11 Does a fountain from the same opening send forth sweet water and bitter? 12 Can a fig-tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine figs? so can no fountain produce salt water and sweet. 13 Is there any wise

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and understanding man among you? let him shew his works by a good conversation in the meekness of wisdom: **14** but if ye have bitter envy and strife in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth; **15** this is not the wisdom, that cometh down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and diabolical: **16** for where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. **17** But the wisdom that is from above first is pure, then peaceable, mild, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. **18** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those that promote peace.

4 Whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence? even of your carnal appetites making war in your bodies? 2 Ye desire, and ye have not: ye are envious, and jealous, and cannot obtain: ye fight and contend; but ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask wickedly; that ye may spend it in your pleasures. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity to God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Do ye think the scripture speaks in vain? or does the Spirit that dwelleth in us, excite to envy? 6 No, He giveth more grace: wherefore it is said, God resisteth the proud, but sheweth favor to the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God: resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you: cleanse your hands, O sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be grieved, and mourn, and weep: let your mirth be turned into mourning, and your joy to sadness. 10 Be humbled before the Lord, and He will exalt you. 11 Speak not against one another, my brethren; he that speaketh against his brother, and

judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law; but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. **12** Now there is but one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou then that judgest another? **13** Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go to such a city, and spend a year there, and trade and get gain; **14** (though ye know not what will be on the morrow; for what is your life? a vapor, which appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away:) whereas ye ought to say, **15** If the Lord will, and we should live, and do this or that: **16** but ye glory in your presumption: all such glorying is wicked. **17** To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doth it not, to him it is sin.

 ${\bf 5}$ Weep now, ye rich men, and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten: **3** your gold and silver is cankered, and their rust shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh like fire: ye have been treasuring them up for these last days. 4 Behold the hire of the laborers, that reaped your fields, of which they are defrauded by you, crieth out against you: and the complaints of the reapers are come into the ears of the Lord of hosts. **5** Ye have lived upon earth delicately and luxuriously; ye fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned, ye have murdered the just one, who resisted you not. 7 Wait patiently therefore, my brethren, till the coming of the Lord: behold the husbandman expecteth the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it, till he receive the former and the latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient, establish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Repine not, my brethren, against each other, that ye be not condemned: behold, the judge is at

the door. 10 Take for an example of enduring evil and of longsuffering the prophets, who spake in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we account those happy, that are patient. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. 12 But above all, my brethren, swear not; neither by heaven, nor by the earth, nor any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay nay; that ye may not fall under condemnation. 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray: is any chearful? let him sing psalms. 14 ls any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed: the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not upon the land for three years and six months: 18 and he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth put forth its fruit. 19 Brethren, if any among you be seduced from the truth, and one convert him; 20 let him know that he, who turneth back a sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

 ${f 1}_{\sf Peter}$ an apostle of Jesus Christ to the strangers who are dispersed through Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, 2 Asia, and Bithynia, chosen according to the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience, and to the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, ---may grace and peace be multiplied unto you. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath regenerated us to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In which ye rejoice, tho' now for a little while, if need be, ye are grieved through various trials. 7 That the proof of your faith, which is much more precious than of gold, (that perisheth, though tried by fire) may be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, when Jesus Christ shall be revealed: 8 whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy ineffable and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, 9 even the salvation of your souls: 10 concerning which salvation the prophets, who prophesied of the grace to be conferred on you, enguired and diligently sought after it: 11 searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ in them did declare in testifying beforehand the sufferings that were to come upon Christ, and the glories following them: 12 to whom it was revealed, that it was not to themselves, but to us they ministered these things, which are now declared unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you, through the holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels

desire to look into. 13 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober, and stedfastly hope for the grace to be conferred upon you at the appearing of Jesus Christ; 14 as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 but as He who hath called you is holy, be ye also holy in all your conversation: since it is written, 16 Be ye holy, for I am holy. 17 And if ye call upon the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: 18 knowing that ye were redeemed from your vain conversation learned by tradition from your fathers, not with corruptible things, as silver and gold; **19** but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 who was indeed appointed before the foundation of the world, but manifested in these last times, for your sakes, 21 who through Him trust in God that raised Him from the dead, and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be fixed in God. 22 Having therefore purified your souls by obedience to the truth, through the Spirit, to brotherly love unfeigned, love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 being regenerated not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever. (aion g165) 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass: the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; 25 but the word of the Lord abideth for ever. And this is the word which is preached to you in the gospel. (aion g165)

2 Therefore laying aside all malice, and all deceit, and hypocrisies, **2** and envies, and all evil-speakings, as new-born babes desire that rational milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby: **3** for ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious;

4 to whom coming as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen of God, 5 and precious, ye also are built up as living stones, a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Whence also it is said in scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, choice and precious: and he that confideth on it shall not be ashamed. 7 To you therefore who believe it is precious: but to them that are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner, a and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence. These stumble at the word through unbelief, unto which also they were appointed. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should declare the glories of Him, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 who heretofore were not a people, but are now the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I exhort you as strangers and sojourners here, to abstain from carnal lusts, which war against the soul: 12 having a good conversation among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may glorify God in the day of their visitation, on account of the good works which they behold in you. 13 Be subject therefore to every human form of government, for the Lord's sake: whether it be to a king as supreme; 14 or to governors as persons sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that by your good behaviour ye may silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 as free, and yet not using your liberty as a cloke for wickedness, but as the servants of God. 17 Give due honor to all men. Love the brotherhood.

Fear God. Honour the king. 18 Ye who are servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and mild, but also to the morose: 19 for this is an evidence of grace, if any one for conscience towards God endure griefs, suffering unjustly. 20 For what glory is it, if when ye sin and are punished for it, ye bear it patiently? but if when ye do well and suffer for it, ye bear it patiently, this will gain favor with God. 21 For unto this are ye called; because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye might follow his steps. 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously. 24 Who Himself bare our sins in his own body on the cross, that we being dead to sins, might live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now turned unto the shepherd and bishop of your souls.

3 Ye women likewise, be subject to your own husbands, that if any believe not the word, they may yet without the word be gained over by the deportment of the wives, **2** beholding your chaste conversation in the fear of God. **3** Whose adorning, let it not be that without, of plaiting the hair, and putting on of gold, or wearing fine clothes; **4** but the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. **5** For so also formerly the holy women, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being submissive to their husbands; as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him her lord: **6** whose daughters ye are, if ye do well, and are not terrified with any sinful fear. **7** Ye husbands likewise, dwell with them according to knowledge, yielding due respect

to the wife as the weaker vessel, and as joint-heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. 8 Finally, my beloved, be unanimous, be sympathizing, love as brethren, be compassionate, be courteous: 9 not returning evil for evil, or reproach for reproach: but on the contrary blessing even those that curse you: knowing ye are called unto this, that ye may obtain a blessing. 10 "For he that would desire life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile; 11 let him turn away from evil, and do good: 12 let him seek peace, and pursue it: for the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 13 And who will hurt you, if ye be imitators of Him that is good? 14 But if ye should even suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and therefore be not afraid of their menaces, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: 15 and be always ready to answer every one that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and reverence: 16 having a good conscience, that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may be ashamed who calumniate your good conversation in Christ. 17 For it is better (if it be the will of God) to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 As Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust (that He might introduce us to God) being indeed put to death in the flesh, but raised to life by the Spirit: 19 by which also He went and preached to the spirits now in prison; 20 who of old were disobedient, when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing; wherein a few, that is eight souls, were saved by water. 21 The resemblance of which, even baptism, doth

also now save us, (not the outward cleansing of filth from the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who is gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to Him.

4 Seeing therefore Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same thought, that he, who hath mortified the flesh, hath ceased from sin; 2 that he should no longer live the rest of his time in the flesh according to the lusts of men, but after the will of God. 3 For the time past of our life is sufficient for us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, walking in lasciviousness, inordinate desires, excess of wine, revellings, drunkenness, and abominable idolatries: 4 in which they think it strange that ye run not with them into the same excess of riot, and therefore speak evil of you: 5 who shall give an account to Him, who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For to this end was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged indeed according to men in the flesh, but might live according to God in the spirit. 7 But the end of all things draws nigh: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer: 8 having above all things fervent love to each other; for love will cover a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable one to another, without grudging; 10 as every one hath received a gift, imparting it to each other, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any one speak, let it be as declaring the oracles of God: if any one minister, let it be as from the power which God affordeth him: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 12 Beloved, be not surprised at the fiery trial coming

upon you, which is to try you, as if some strange thing befel you: 13 but rejoice in that ye are partakers in the sufferings of Christ; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may also rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: and though as to them He is blasphemed, yet as to you He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as a malefactor, or as an intermeddler with other people's affairs. 16 But if any suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God herein. 17 For the time is coming when judgement is to begin at the house of God: and if at us first, what will be the end of those that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous be saved with difficulty, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them, that suffer according to the will of God, commit their souls in well-doing to Him as to a faithful Creator.

5 The elders that are among you I exhort, who am also an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker of the glory which shall be revealed; feed the flock of God that is among you, **2** taking the episcopal charge of it, not by constraint, but willingly; not for shameful lucre, but with a ready mind: **3** nor as lording it over the people, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the sovereign Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive an unfading crown of glory. **5** Likewise ye younger, be subject to the elder; and all of you behaving with due submission one to another, be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, but sheweth favor to the humble. **6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; **7** casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. **8**

Be sober, be vigilant; for your adversary the devil, like a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** whom resist, stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are endured by your brethren in the world. **10** But may the God of all grace, who hath called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered a little while, make you perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (aiōnios g166) **11** To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (aiōn g165) **12** Thus I have written briefly by Silvanus, a faithful brother to you (as I judge) exhorting and testifying, that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. **13** The church in Babylon, chosen together with you saluteth you, and so doth Marcus my son. **14** Salute one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

2 Peter

 ${f 1}$ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us, in the righteousness of our God, and of our saviour Jesus Christ: 2 grace and peace be multiplied unto you, in the acknowledgement of God, and of Jesus our Lord; 3 as his divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who hath called us by that glory and virtue, 4 by which are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye may become partakers of a divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And to this giving all diligence, add to your faith fortitude; 6 and to fortitude knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience piety; 7 and to piety brotherly affection; and to brotherly affection charity. 8 For if these be in you and abound, they will not suffer you to be idle, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he, that hath not these, is blind, or short-sighted, having forgot his baptismal purification from his former sins. 10 Wherefore, my brethren, be the more diligent thus to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. 11 For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (aionios g166) 12 Wherefore I will not neglect to put you always in mind of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the present truth. 13 And I think it my duty, while I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by way of remembrance: 14 knowing that I must soon lay down this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 And I will endeavour that after

my departure also ye may always be able to call these things to remembrance. **16** For we did not follow artfully devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; but were eye-witnesses of his majesty. **17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when a voice came to Him from the magnificent glory, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **18** And this voice, from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. **19** We have also the more sure word of the prophets, to which ye do well to attend, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, till the day dawn, and the morning-star rise in your hearts: **20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation; **21** for prophecy was not delivered of old at the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy Spirit.

2 But there were indeed false prophets among the people of old, as there will be also among you false teachers, who will privately introduce pernicious heresies, denying even the Lord that bought them, and bringing upon themselves swift destruction, 2 And many will follow their pernicious tenets, on whose account the way of truth will be reproached: 3 and by artful speeches they will make sale of you for gain. Whose judgement is long since hastening, and their destruction doth not slumber. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement; and if He spared not the old world, (Tartaroō g5020) 5 (but preserved Noah an eighth person, a preacher of righteousness,) bringing a deluge upon the world of the ungodly; 6 and reducing the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha to ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an

example to those that should afterwards be impious; 7 and delivered righteous Lot grieved at the lewd conversation of the wicked: 8 (for that good man by seeing and hearing their crimes, when he dwelt among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day with their **9** iniquitous deeds) then the Lord knoweth how to deliver the pious from temptation, and to reserve the wicked to the day of judgement to be punished: 10 especially those who walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise authority; who, being audacious and self-willed, are not afraid to speak evil of dignities: 11 whereas angels, who are greater in strength and power, bring not a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these men, like brute beasts naturally produced to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil of things which they do not understand, shall perish by their own corruption; receiving the reward of their unrighteousness: 13 who account it a pleasure to riot even in the day; spots and disgraces; revelling in their frauds, while they partake of your feasts: 14 having eyes full of adultery, and which cannot be restrained from sin: ensnaring unstable souls, and having a heart practised in rapine; cursed people: 15 who have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of iniquity; 16 but was reproved for his transgression: for a dumb beast speaking with the voice of a man checked the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm, for whom thick darkness is reserved for ever. (questioned) 18 For when they speak swelling words of vanity, they ensnare in the lusts of the flesh, through their lasciviousness, those who had indeed withdrawn from such as deal in error; 19 promising them

liberty, while they themselves are the slaves of corruption: for by whom any one is vanquished, by him he is also enslaved. **20** For if, after they had escaped the pollutions of the world, through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled and vanquished by them, their last state is worse than the first; **21** for it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than when they knew it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. **22** But it is happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog is returned to his own vomit, and, The swine that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

3 This second epistle, my beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your sincere mind in remembrance, 2 that ye may be mindful of the words formerly spoken by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: knowing this first, 3 that there will come in the last days scoffers, 4 walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the declaration of his coming? for except that the fathers are fallen asleep, all things remain as they were from the beginning of the creation. **5** For they are willingly ignorant of this, that by the Word of God the heavens were made of old, and the earth too from the water, and subsisting on the water. 6 Whence the old world being drowned in water perished. 7 But the heavens and the earth, that now are, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire on the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved; be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow as to his promise (as some count it slowness) but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements being set on fire shall be dissolved, and the earth and the works therein shall be burnt up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in holy conversation and godliness, 12 expecting and hastening on the coming of the day of God, whereby the heavens being set on fire shall be dissolved, and the burning elements shall be melted. 13 But we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwelleth. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing ye expect these things, give diligence to be found of Him in peace, spotless and blameless; 15 and account the longsuffering of our Lord salvation, as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, hath written unto you; 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things: in which are some things hard to be understood, which the illiterate and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 Do ye therefore, beloved, as ye know these things before, take heed least being seduced together with them by the error of the wicked, ye should fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: to Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (aion g165)

1 John

 ${f 1}$ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have contemplated, and our very hands have felt concerning the Word of life, 2 (for this Life was manifested, and we saw it; and we testify and declare unto you that eternal Life, which was with the Father, (aionios g166) 3 and was manifested unto us) what we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that ye also may have communion with us: and our communion is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write unto you, that your joy may be complete. 5 Now this we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have communion with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practise the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness: 10 but if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I write these things unto you, that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And 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 known Him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whosoever keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: and by this we know that we are in Him. 6 He that saith, he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to walk even as He walked. 7 Brethren, I write not a new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning: **8** though I write it again as a new commandment, which is truth in Him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 9 Now he that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is still in darkness: 10 whereas, he that loveth his brother, abideth in the light, and is in no danger of stumbling. 11 But he, that hateth his brother, is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not where he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes. 12 I write unto you, little children, because for his sake your sins are forgiven you: 13 l write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning: and I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. Yea I have written to you, little children, because ye have known the Father: 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning: and I have written to you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one--- 15 Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world; for if any one love the world to excess, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the desire of it: but he, that doth the will of God, abideth for ever. (aion g165) 18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that an antichrist will come,

there are even now many antichrists, whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been indeed of us, they would have continued with us; but this was done that they might be made manifest, because all, that are with us, are not indeed of us. 20 And ye have an unction from the holy One, and know all. 21 I have not therefore written to you, because ye know not the truth; but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar, if not he who denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, that denieth the Father as well as the Son; 23 for whosoever denieth the Son, hath not the Father: but he that confesseth the Son acknowledgeth the Father also. 24 Let that therefore, which ye have heard from the beginning, abide in you: for if that, which ye heard from the beginning, remain in you, ye also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise which He hath promised us, even eternal life. (aionios g166) 26 These things have I written unto you concerning those who would seduce you. 27 But the unction, which ye have received from Him, abideth in you; and therefore ye have no need that any should teach you: since this very unction teacheth you concerning all things, and is truth and not falshood; even as that hath taught you, abide in Him. 28 And now, little children, abide, I say, in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and may not be ashamed before Him at his coming. 29 If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one, who practiseth righteousness, is born of Him.

3 Behold then what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God: though for this reason the world knoweth us not, because it knew not Him.

2 Beloved, we are now the children of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be: we know however, that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And every one, that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure. 4 Every one that committeth sin, transgresseth the law; for sin is the violation of the law. 5 And ye know that He was manifested, to take away our sins: and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, nor known Him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you: he that practiseth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous: 8 he, that makes a practise of sin, is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. And for this the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not practise sin, because his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doth not practise righteousness, and he who loveth not his brother, is not of God: 11 for this is the injunction which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: not as Cain who was of the evil one, and slew his brother; 12 and why did he slay him? because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Wonder not then, my brethren, if the world hate you: 14 since we know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren: he, that loveth not his brother, remaineth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. (aionios g166) 16 In this we know his love, that He laid down his life for us: and we should be ready to lay down our

lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one, who hath the good things of the world, seeth his brother in want, and shutteth up his bowels from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, or in tongue only, but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For, if our heart condemn us, God is still greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God: 22 and whatsoever we ask, we receive from Him, because we keep his commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He hath given us a charge to do. 24 And he, that keepeth his commandments, abideth in Him, and He in him: and hereby we know that He abideth in us, even by the Spirit which He hath given us.

4 Beloved, believe not every Spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God: for many false prophets are gone out into the world. **2** By this ye may know the Spirit of God: every Spirit that confesseth Jesus Christ, who is come in the flesh, is of God: **3** and every spirit that doth not confess Jesus Christ, who is come in the flesh, is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, which ye have heard was coming, and is already in the world. **4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He, that is in you, than he that is in the world. **5** They are of the world; therefore they speak as men of the world, and the world heareth them. **6** We are of God: he, that knoweth God, heareth us; but he, who is not of God, heareth not us. By this we know the Spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. **7** Beloved, let

us love one another: for love is from God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He, that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love. 9 In this was the love of God manifested towards us, that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 Herein is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be a propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No one hath ever seen God: but if we love one another, God dwelleth in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we are in Him, and He in us; because He hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen, and do testify, that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love which God hath towards us: for God is love; and he, that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; for as He is, we also are in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment; but he that feareth is not perfected in love. 19 We love Him, because He first loved us. If any one say, 20 I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for how can he, that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And we have this commandment from Him, that he, who loveth God, should love his brother also.

5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one, that loveth Him that begat, loveth Him also that is begotten of Him: **2** and in this we know that we love the children of God, since we love God and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that vanguisheth the world, even our faith. **5** Who then is he that overcometh the world, but he who believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is He that came by water and by blood, even Jesus the Messiah; not with water only, but with water and blood: and of this the Spirit beareth witness, for the Spirit is truth. 7 Yea there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: 8 and these three agree in one. 9 Now if we admit the testimony of men, sure the testimony of God is greater: and this is the testimony of God, which He hath testified concerning his Son. 10 He, that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself: he, that believeth not God, hath in effect made Him a liar, because he believed not the testimony which God hath testified of his Son. 11 And the testimony is this, that God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in his Son. (aionios g166) 12 He that hath the Son hath life: he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written to you, who believe on the name of the son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may the more firmly believe on the name of the Son of God. (aionios g166) 14 And this is the confidence, which we have towards Him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, He heareth us: 15 and if we know that He heareth us in whatsoever we ask; we know that we shall have the petitions, which we have requested of Him. 16 If any one see his brother commit a sin which is not unto death, let him pray for him, and God will give him life, that is for them that do not sin unto death.

There is a sin unto death: and for that I do not say that he should pray. **17** All unrighteousness indeed is sin, and yet there is a sin not unto death. **18** We know that whosoever is born of God, doth not practise sin: but keepeth himself from it, and the wicked one doth not touch him. **19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth under the wicked one. **20** But we know that the son of God is come, and hath given us understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, and in his son Jesus Christ: He is the true God, and eternal life. **(aiōnios g166) 21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

2 John

 ${f 1}$ The elder unto the excellent Lady, and her children, whom I love in truth: and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; 2 for the sake of the truth which dwelleth in us, and will be with us for ever: (aion g165) 3 grace, mercy, and peace be with you from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 4 I rejoiced greatly that I found among thy children such as walked in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, Lady, not as writing to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we may love one another. 6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are come out into the world, who disown that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. Such a one is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that ye lose not the things which ye have wrought, but that ye may receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God: but he, that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, hath both the Father and the Son. 10 Now if any one come unto you, and bringeth not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, nor wish him success: for he, 11 that biddeth him welcome, is partaker of his evil deeds. 12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not with paper and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and speak mouth to mouth, that our joy may be full. 13 The children of thy elect sister salute thee. Amen.

3 John

 ${f 1}_{{f The}}$ elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. 2 Beloved, I earnestly pray, that thou mayst prosper and be in health, as thy soul prospereth. 3 For I greatly rejoiced, when the brethren came, and bore testimony to thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. 4 And I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth. 5 Beloved, thou actest faithfully in whatsoever service thou dost to the brethren, and to strangers too; 6 who have borne witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well in forwarding, as is worthy of God. 7 For they went forth for his name's sake, taking nothing of the gentiles. 8 We ought therefore to receive such, that we may become fellow-laborers in the truth. 9 I wrote to the church: but Diotrephes, who affects the pre-eminence among them, doth not receive us. 10 Therefore when I come, I will remember his deeds, prating against us with wicked words: and not content with these, he neither receiveth the brethren himself, nor suffers those that would; and casteth them out of the church. 11 Beloved, do not thou follow that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doth good is of God: but he, that doth evil, hath not seen God. 12 A good testimony is borne to Demetrius by all men, and by the truth itself: yea, and we also bear him like witness, and ye know that our testimony is true. 13 I had many things to write: but I would not write to thee with pen and ink; 14 for I hope to see thee soon, and we shall speak mouth to mouth. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

Jude

 ${f 1}$ Jude a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified in God the Father, and who are preserved and called in Jesus Christ; 2 mercy, and peace, and love be multiplied unto you. 3 Beloved, having an earnest desire to write to you concerning the common salvation, I was under a necessity of writing to exhort you that ye would strive earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. 4 For there have crept in some men, who have been of old described as under this condemnation, impious people, that turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and deny God the only Lord, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 But I would remind you of this, which ye know already, that though the Lord saved the people out of the land of Egypt, yet He afterwards destroyed those that believed not: 6 and the angels that kept not their primitive state, but left their proper abode, hath He reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, to the judgement of the great day: (aidios g126) 7 as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them, in like manner with them committing lewdness, and going after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of perpetual fire. (aionios g166) 8 So these vile dreamers also defile the flesh, despise authority, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Whereas Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, did not presume to bring against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee." 10 But these men speak evil of what they know not: and what they know naturally, as brute animals, in these things they are corrupt. 11 Wo unto them; for they have gone in the way of Cain, and been carried away by Balaam's error, the love of

lucre, and perished as in the contradiction of Korah. 12 These are spots in your love-feasts, feeding themselves without fear, when they are feasting with you: clouds without water, carried about by the winds; trees withered and without fruit, twice dead and rooted up; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; 13 wandering stars, for whom blackness of darkness is reserved for ever. (aion g165) 14 And Enoch the seventh from Adam prophesied against these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with his holy myriads, 15 to pass judgement upon all, and to convict all the ungodly among them of all their wicked works, which they have impiously committed, and of all the hard things which impious sinners have spoken against Him. 16 These are murmurers, complainers, who walk according to their own irregular desires; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, with admiration of certain persons for some advantage of their own. 17 But, beloved, remember the words which were formerly spoken by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; for they told you, 18 that in the latter days there will be scoffers, walking according to their own impious lusts. 19 These are they who separate themselves, sensualists, not having the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, edifying yourselves in your most holy faith, and praying in the holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, 21 looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (aionios g166) 22 And on some have compassion, making a difference; others save with fear, 23 as snatching them out of the fire: hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy: **25** to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen. **(aion g165)**

Revelation

 ${f 1}$ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew to his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John, 2 who bare witness to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, and to whatever He saw. 3 Happy is he that readeth, and those that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is near. 4 John to the seven churches in Asia---Grace and peace be to you, from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 and hath made us kings and priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, even they that pierced Him: and all the tribes of the earth shall lament before Him. Even so, Amen! 8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. 9 I John, who am also your brother, and companion in the affliction, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the island called Patmos, for the sake of the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 Here I was in the Spirit on the Lord's-day: and heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest write in a book, and send it to the seven churches in Asia, to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia,

and to Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake to me: and when I turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like the Son of man, clothed with a long robe, and girded about the breasts with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like white wool, as white as snow; and his eyes as a flame of fire; 15 and his feet like fine brass, as if they were glowing in a furnace: and his voice as the sound of many waters: 16 and He had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun when he shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as dead; and He laid his right hand upon me, and said to me, "Fear not, 18 I am the first and the last, who live, though I was dead; and behold, I am alive for ever and ever, Amen, and have the keys of hades and of death. (aion g165, Hades g86) 19 Write what thou hast seen, the things which are, and which are to be hereafter." 20 As to the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks; the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

2 To the angel of the church at Ephesus write, These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; **2** I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and that thou canst not bear those that are evil: and thou hast tried those who say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne trouble, and hast patience; **3** and for my name's sake thou hast laboured, and hast not fainted. **4** Yet I have somewhat against thee; for thou hast left thy first love. **5** Remember

therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works: else I will come unto thee guickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, if thou repent not. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. 8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, These things saith the First and the Last, who was dead and is alive; 9 I know thy works and affliction and poverty (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of those that say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of the things which thou wilt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall suffer affliction ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. He, that overcometh, shall not be hurt by the second death. 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, These things saith He, who hath the sharp two-edged sword; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and yet thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr; who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee; for thou hast there those that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So thou hast also them that hold the like doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which I hate. 16 Repent therefore---if not, I will come unto thee

guickly, and will fight against them with the sword that goeth out of my mouth. 17 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna: and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth, but He that receiveth it. 18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, These things saith the Son of God, who hath eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet like fine brass; I know thy works, 19 and thy love, and thy service, and thy faith, and thy patience, and that thy last works are more than the first. 20 But I have a few things against thee; because thou sufferest the woman Jezabel, who saith that she is a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her fornication, and she repented not. 22 Behold I will cast her into a bed, and those that commit whoredom with her, into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds: 23 and I will cut off her children by death; and all the churches shall know, that I am He who searcheth the reins and hearts, and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But to you I say, to the rest in Thyatira, As many as do not hold this doctrine, and who are unacquainted with the depths of Satan, as they speak, I will lay on you no other burden: 25 but what ye have hold fast till I come. 26 And to him that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, will I give power over the nations: 27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken in pieces; as I also have received of my Father; 28 and I will give him the morning-star. 29 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

 $\mathbf{3}$ And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things saith He that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead: 2 be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect in the sight of God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent: for if thou be not watchful, I will come upon thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know at what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name from the book of life; but I will own his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things saith the holy One, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth and no one shutteth, and shutteth and no one openeth: 8 I know thy works, and behold I have given thee an open door, and no one shall be able to shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will give up those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but speak falsely; behold, I will make them come and bow before thy feet, and they shall know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which is to come upon the whole world, to try those that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly; hold fast what thou hast, that no one may take thy crown. 12 Him, that overcometh, I will make a pillar

in the temple of my God, and he shall go out no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, (the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God,) and my own new name. 13 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 14 And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: 15 I wish thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will cast thee out of my mouth: 17 because thou sayst, I am rich, and wealthy, and have want of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayst be rich; and white raiment that thou mayst be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness may not appear: and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayst see. 19 Whomsoever I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I also have overcome, and am set down with my Father on his throne. 22 Let him, that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

4 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as of a trumpet speaking to me; and it said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must come to pass hereafter. **2** And immmediately I was in the Spirit: and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one

sitting on the throne. 3 And He that sat upon it, was to look at like a jasper and a sardine stone, and there was a rainbow round the throne like the appearance of an emerald. 4 And around the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw twenty four elders sitting, clothed in white garments; and they had upon their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne; which are the seven spirits of God. 6 And before the throne was a sea of glass, like crystal: and in the middle of the throne, and the circle of it, were four animate beings full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third had a face like a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four animals had each of them six wings round about, and within were full of eyes; and they cease not day and night saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come. 9 And when the animals give glory and honor and thanks to Him that sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, (aion g165) 10 the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sitteth on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, (aion g165) 11 and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they exist, and were created.

5 And I saw on the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and without, sealed with seven seals: **2** and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals of it? **3** And no one in heaven, nor on earth, nor under the earth, was able to open the

book, or to look into it: 4 and I wept much because no one was found worthy to open and read the book, nor to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, Weep not; ---Behold the lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose its seven seals. 6 And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four animals, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb, as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. 7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when He had taken the book, the four animals, and the twenty four elders, fell down before the Lamb, having every one harps and golden vials full of perfumes, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open its seals; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 and hast made us to our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round the throne and the animals and the elders: and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. 13 And I heard every creature in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all that are in them, saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever. (aion g165) 14 And the four animals said, Amen:

and the twenty four elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth to endless ages.

6 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard one of the four animate beings saying, as with a voice of thunder, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon it had a bow, and a crown was given Him, and He went forth conquering and to conquer. 3 And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second animal saying, Come and see. 4 And there came out another horse, which was red: and it was given to him, that sat upon it, to take peace from the earth, that they should kill one another: and there was given him a great sword. 5 And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third animal say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse, and he that sat upon it had a balance in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four animals saying, One measure of wheat for a denary, and but three measures of barley for a denary: but see that thou hurt not the oil and the wine. 7 And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth animal saying, Come and see. 8 And I saw, and behold a pale horse, and the name of him that sat upon it was Death, and Hades followed him: and power was given them to slay a fourth part of the earth, by sword, and by famine, and by pestilence, and by wild beasts. (Hades g86) 9 And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they maintained. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on those that dwell upon the earth? 11 And white robes were given to each of them, and it

was told them to rest a little while longer, till the number of their fellow-servants, and their brethren that should be killed as they were, should be complete. 12 And I saw when He opened the sixth seal, and behold there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sack-cloth of hair, and the moon was red as blood; 13 and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a figtree droppeth it's unripe figs, when shaken by a strong wind; 14 and the heaven passed away as a book rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places: 15 and the kings of the earth, and the grandees, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caverns and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 and said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall upon us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 for the great day of his wrath is come, and who can stand before Him?"

7 And after these things, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind might not blow upon the earth, nor upon the sea, nor upon any tree. 2 And I saw another angel which ascended from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 saying, Hurt not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of those that were sealed; and there were an hundred forty and four thousand sealed out of all the tribes of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of

Gad were sealed twelve thousand: 6 of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Manasseh were sealed twelve thousand: 7 of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand: 8 of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. 9 After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no one could number, out of all nations, and tribes, and people, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and with palms in their hands; 10 and crying with a loud voice, saying, Salvation be ascribed to our God, who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round the throne, and round the elders, and the four animate beings; and fell on their faces before the throne, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: 12 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and strength be ascribed to our God for ever and ever. Amen. (aion g165) 13 And one of the elders said unto me, Who are these that are clothed in white robes, and from whence did they come? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they who come out of great affliction, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in his temple: and He that sitteth upon the throne shall dwell among them. **16** They shall hunger no more, nor thirst any more, nor shall the sun nor any violent heat fall upon them. 17 For the Lamb, that is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them,

and shall lead them to fountains of living waters: and God will wipe off every tear from their eyes.

 ${f 8}$ And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour: 2 and I saw the seven angels, that stood before God; and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to Him much incense, that He might present it with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar, which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints, out of the hand of the angel, before God. 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 And the seven angels, that had the seven trumpets, prepared themselves to sound their trumpets. 7 And the first angel sounded his trumpet, and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast down upon the earth: and a third part of the trees and every green herb was burnt up. 8 And the second angel sounded, and I saw as it were a great mountain on fire cast into the sea, and a third part of the sea became blood. 9 And a third part of the creatures in the sea, that had life, died; and a third part of the ships were destroyed. 10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star burning like a torch, and it fell upon a third part of the rivers, and the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is Wormwood; 11 and a third part of the waters became as wormwood: and many men died of the waters, because they were bitter. 12 And the fourth angel sounded, and a third part of the sun was smitten, and a third part of the moon, and a third

part of the stars; so that the third part of them was darkened, and the day lost a third part of it's light, and the night likewise. **13** And I beheld, and heard an angel flying in the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice, Wo, wo, wo to the inhabitants on the earth from the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, that are yet to sound.

 ${f 9}$ And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star fall from heaven to the earth: and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. (Abyssos g12) 2 And he opened the bottomless pit: and there came up smoke out of the pit as the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. (Abyssos g12) 3 And out of the smoke there came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, even as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And order was given them, not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree; but only the men, who had not the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And to them was given power, not to kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it: and they shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the resemblance of the locusts was like horses prepared for war; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breast-plates like breast-plates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, with many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five

months. 11 And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit; whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek tongue Apollyon. (Abyssos g12) 12 Thus one wo is past, but behold two woes more are coming after. 13 And the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a certain voice from the four horns of the golden altar, which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, Let loose the four angels, that are bound by the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were let loose; who were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, to kill the third part of men. 16 And the number of their armies was two hundred millions: for I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those that sat on them, that is, having breast-plates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, and smoke, and brimstone. 18 And by these three things, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which came out of their mouths, the third part of men were killed. 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails also; for their tails are like serpents, having heads: and with these likewise they do mischief. 20 And the rest of the men, who were not killed by these plaques, yet repented not of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 neither did they repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their whoredom, nor of their thefts.

10 And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven invested with a cloud: and there was a rainbow on his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. **2** And he

had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth. 3 And he cried with a loud voice like the roaring of a lion; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was going to write: but I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up what the seven thunders spake, and write them not. 5 And the angel which I saw standing on the sea and on the earth, 6 lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by Him that liveth for ever, who created the heaven and the things therein, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things therein, that there shall be time no longer: (aion g165) 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall sound his trumpet, the mystery of God shall be finished, as He hath declared to his servants the prophets. 8 And the voice, which I heard from heaven, spake to me again, and said, Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went to the angel, and said to him, Give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it, and eat it up: and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it will be sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up: and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and when I had eaten it my belly was bitter. 11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again of many people and nations and tongues and kings.

11 And there was given me a reed like a measuring rod; and the angel stood and said, Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and the extent of those that worship at it. **2** But leave the outer court of the temple, and measure it not, for it is given to the gentiles: and they shall trample on the holy city forty

two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive-trees, and two candlesticks that stand before the God of the earth. 5 And if any one seek to injure them, fire cometh out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: yea, if any one shall desire to injure them, thus shall he be slain. 6 These have power to shut the heavens, so that no rain may fall in the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague as often as they will. 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the abyss, will make war against them, and overcome them, and kill them. (Abyssos g12) 8 And their dead bodies shall fall in the street of the great city, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 And various people, and tribes, and tongues, and nations, shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and not suffer their corpses to be buried. 10 And those that dwell upon the earth shall triumph over them, and be merry, and send presents to one another: because these two prophets had tormented those that dwelt on the earth. 11 But after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them: and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon those that saw them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven, saying to them, Come up hither; and they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them. 13 And at that time there was a great earthquake, and a tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were killed seven thousand men: and the rest were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The

second wo is past, and behold the third wo is coming guickly. 15 And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Anointed, and He shall reign for ever and ever. (aion g165) 16 And the four and twenty elders, who sat before God on their thrones, fell on their faces, and worshipped God, 17 saying, We give thanks unto thee, O Lord God almighty, who art, and who wast, and who art to come; because thou hast assumed thy great power, and hast reigned. 18 The nations were enraged, but thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and to give a reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to those that fear thy name, small and great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth. 19 And the temple of God in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

12 And there appeared a great sign in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. **2** And being with child, she cried out in travail, labouring to be delivered. **3** And there appeared another sign in heaven, and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns; and upon his heads seven crowns. **4** And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman, who was ready to bring forth, that when she was delivered, he might devour her child. **5** And she brought forth a male child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. **6** And the woman fled into the

wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon: and the dragon fought, and his angels; 8 but these prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, who deceiveth the whole world: he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their life unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them: but wo to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea; for the devil is come down to you, in great rage, knowing that he hath but a short time. 13 Now when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the male-child: 14 and there were given to the woman two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent threw water out of his mouth, like a river, after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and opened it's mouth, and swallowed up the flood, which the dragon threw out of his mouth. 17 Then the dragon was enraged against the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep

the commandments of God, and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

 $\boldsymbol{13}_{And\ I}$ stood upon the sand of the sea, and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, which had seven heads and ten horns; and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the names of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were mortally wounded, but his deadly wound was healed: and all the earth wondered and went after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon, who gave his power to the beast, and they worshipped the beast likewise, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war against him? 5 And there was given him a mouth speaking great and blasphemous things, and power was given him to make war forty two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and those that dwell in heaven. 7 And he was permitted to make war upon the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over every tribe, and tongue, and nation. 8 So that all who dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any one hath an ear, let him hear. Whosoever leadeth into captivity shall go away into captivity: 10 and he, that killeth with the sword, shall be slain with the sword. Here then is the patience and faith of the saints. 11 And I saw another beast ascending out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb; but he spake like a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his presence;

and makes the earth, and those that dwell in it, to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doth great wonders, so that even maketh fire to come down from heaven to earth in the sight of men; and deceiveth those that dwell on the earth, 14 by the signs which it was given him to do in the presence of the beast, telling the inhabitants of the earth to make an image to the beast, that had received the wound of the sword, and yet lived. 15 And he was permitted to give life to the image of the beast, that it might both speak, and cause all those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. 16 And he maketh all, both small and great, rich and poor, freemen and slaves, to receive a mark on their right hand, or on their foreheads: and that no one might buy or sell, 17 but he that hath the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom required; and let him, that hath understanding, compute the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred sixty six.

14 Then I looked and behold a Lamb standing on mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, like the noise of many waters, and as the sound of great thunder; and I heard the sound of harpers playing on their harps: **3** and they sung as it were a new song before the throne; and before the four living ones, and the elders: and none could learn the song, but the hundred and forty four thousand, who are redeemed from the earth. **4** These are they who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins: these are they who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth: these were redeemed from among men, as the first-fruits unto God and the Lamb. **5** And in

their mouth was found no quile: for they are blameless before the throne of God. 6 And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel, to preach to those that dwell upon the earth, to every nation, and tribe, and tongue, (aionios g166) 7 and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the time of his judgement is come: and worship Him that made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 8 And another angel followed, saying, Babylon the great city is fallen, is fallen; because she made all nations drink of the wine of her furious fornication. 9 And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any one worship the beast and his image, and receive the mark on his forehead, 10 or on his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of God's indignation poured forth without mixture, in the cup of his wrath; and shall be tormented with fire and brimstone, in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth for ever and ever: and they have no rest, day and night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. (aion g165) 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. 14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud, and one sitting on the cloud like the Son of man; having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat upon the cloud, Put in thy sickle and reap; for the time to

reap is come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. **16** And He that sat upon the cloud put forth his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. **17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over the fire; and he called out with a loud cry to Him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Put in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe. **19** And the angel put forth his sickle to the earth, and stript the vine of the earth, and cast the grapes into the great wine-press of God's wrath. **20** And the wine-press was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine-press, even to the horses bridles, a thousand six hundred furlongs off.

15 And I saw another sign in heaven great and wonderful, --seven angels, having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is finished. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and those that had gained the victory from the beast, and from his image, and from his mark, and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, and having harps to celebrate the praises of God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God almighty; just and true are thy ways, O king of saints: who should not fear thee, 4 O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: and all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous judgements are made manifest." 5 And after these things I saw, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. 6 And the seven angels, who had the seven plagues, came out of the temple, clothed in linen

pure and bright, and girded about their breasts with girdles of gold. 7 And one of the four living beings gave to the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. (aion g165) 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from the display of his power: so that no one could enter into the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

16 And I heard a great voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. 2 And the first angel went forth and poured out his vial upon the earth, and there was a sore and grievous ulcer inflicted upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and upon them that worshipped his image. 3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became blood like that of a dead man: and every living soul in the sea died. 4 And the third angel poured out his vial on the rivers and on the fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art Thou, O Lord, who art, and who ever wast; and who art holy, for Thou hast ordered these things: because they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, 6 and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another from the altar, saying, Yea, O Lord God almighty, true and just are thy judgements. 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who hath power over these plaques, and they repented not to give Him glory. 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was darkened, and they gnawed their tongues for

pain. 11 And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works. 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three impure spirits like frogs: 14 for they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to bring them together to the battle of that great day of God almighty. 15 "Behold, I come as a thief: blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, that he may not walk naked, and his shame be seen." 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in Hebrew Armageddon. 17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as never was since there were men upon the earth, so violent and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came into remembrance before God, to give her the cup of the wine of his fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail-stones of a talent weight came down from heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plaque thereof was exceeding great.

17 And there came one of the seven angels, that had the seven vials, and talked with me and said, Come hither, and I will shew thee the judgement of the great harlot, that sitteth upon many

waters: 2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed whoredom, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her whoredom. 3 And he transported me in spirit into the wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-coloured beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand, full of the stench and filth of her whoredom. 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots, and of the abominations of the earth." 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great amazement. 7 And the angel said unto me, Why dost thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast, which thou sawest, was, and is not; but will rise out of the abyss, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth (whose names are not written on the book of life from the foundation of the world) shall wonder, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is to be. (Abyssos g12) 9 To this the mind that hath wisdom will attend: for the seven heads are seven hills, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, one is, and another is not yet come; and when he cometh, he is to continue but a little while. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, he is the eighth, and is as one of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns, which thou sawest, are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive power as kings for a limited time with the beast. 13

These are of one mind, and will give their power and authority to the beast. **14** These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and those that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful. **15** And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, whereon the harlot sitteth, are people, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. **16** And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall devour her flesh, and burn her with fire. **17** For God hath put it into their hearts to do according to his mind, and to perform one and the same purpose, even to give their kingdoms to the beast, till the words of God be accomplished. **18** And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which beareth rule over the kings of the earth.

18 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was enlightened with his glory. **2** And he cried with vehemence, and with a loud voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of demons, a den of impure spirits, and a cage for every unclean and hateful bird. **3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of her furious whoredom, and the kings of the earth have committed whoredom with her, and the merchants of the earth are grown rich by the abundance of her luxury. **4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out from her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye may not suffer by her plagues: **5** for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. **6** Give to her as she hath given to you, and repay her double according to her works: in the cup, which she hath mixed, mix for her double. **7**

As much as she hath glorified herself and indulged to luxury, so much torment and sorrow give her; because she saith in her heart, I sit as a queen, I am not a widow, and I shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, even death and mourning and famine; and she shall be burnt with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed lewdness and lived luxuriously with her, shall bemoan her and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning; 10 standing afar off for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, that powerful city! for in one hour is thy judgement come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall bewail and mourn over her, because no one will buy their merchandize any more: 12 the lading of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearl, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and all sorts of thyine wood, and vessels of ivory, and of the most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; 13 and their cinnamon, and perfumes, and sweet ointment, and incense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, yea and the souls of men. 14 And the fruits, which thy soul longed after, are gone from thee, and all thy delicate and splendid things are departed, and thou shalt find them no more. 15 The merchants of these things, who grew rich by their trade with her, shall stand afar off for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, 16 and saying, Alas, alas, the great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 for in one hour is so great wealth laid waste. And every pilot, and all on board the ships, and the mariners, and all that traffic by sea, stood afar

off, 18 and cried out, when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like to this great city? 19 And they threw dust on their heads, and cried out, weeping and moaning, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, in which all that had ships at sea were enriched by her sumptuous expences! for in one hour she is become desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets, for God hath avenged you on her. 21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great milstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus shall the great city Babylon be thrown down with violence, and never be found more. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard in thee no more: and no artist of any art whatsoever shall be found in thee any more; and the sound of a milstone shall be heard in thee no more. 23 And the light of a candle shall be seen in thee no more; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall be heard no more in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth, and by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24 And herein was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

19 And after these things I heard a loud voice as of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honor, and power to the Lord our God: for true and righteous are his judgements; **2** He hath judged the great whore, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand: **3** (and again they said, Alleluia:) and her smoke ascendeth for ever and ever. (aiōn **g165) 4** And the four and twenty elders, and the four animals fell down and worshipped God that sat upon the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. **5** And a voice came out from the throne, saying,

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the noise of many waters, and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God the almighty reigneth. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give glory to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And it was given to her, that she should be arrayed in fine linen clean and bright: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. 9 And he said unto me, Write, Happy they who are invited to the marriage-supper of the Lamb. And he said unto me, These are the true words of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him: and he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and a fellow-servant of thy brethren, that hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the Spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and He that sat upon it is called faithful and true, and in righteousness doth He judge and make war. 12 His eyes are as a flame of fire, and many crowns on his head: and He hath a name written, which none knoweth but Himself. 13 And He was clothed with a vesture dipt in blood: and his name is called, "The Word of God." 14 And the armies in heaven followed Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that He may smite the nations therewith: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the wine-press of the indignation and wrath of God almighty. 16 And He hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, "King of kings, and Lord of lords." 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the

midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together to the banquet of the great God; **18** that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of those that sit upon them, and the flesh of all, both freemen and slaves, both small and great. **19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war with him that sitteth upon the horse, and against his army. **20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet, who had wrought signs before him, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Limnē Pyr g3041 **g4442) 21** And the rest were slain with the sword of Him that sitteth upon the horse, the sword that cometh out of his mouth: and all the fowls of heaven were satiated with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, who had the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. (Abyssos g12) 2 And he seized the dragon, that old serpent, who is the devil and satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he might deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years be finished: and then he must be loosed for a little time. (Abyssos g12) 4 And I saw thrones, and persons sat on them, and judgement was given to them: and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God; and who had not worshipped the beast, nor his image, and received not his mark upon their forehead, and on their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again till the thousand years

be finished. 6 This is the first resurrection. Happy and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on these the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are ended, 8 Satan shall be loosed from his confinement, and shall go forth to deceive the nations, that are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to war, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they overspread the surface of the earth, and encompassed the camp of the saints, and the beloved city: but fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (aion g165, Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged by the things written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every one according to their works. (Hades g86) 14 And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire: this is the second death. (Hades g86, Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire. (Limne Pyr g3041 g4442)

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the former heaven and the former earth passed away, and there was no

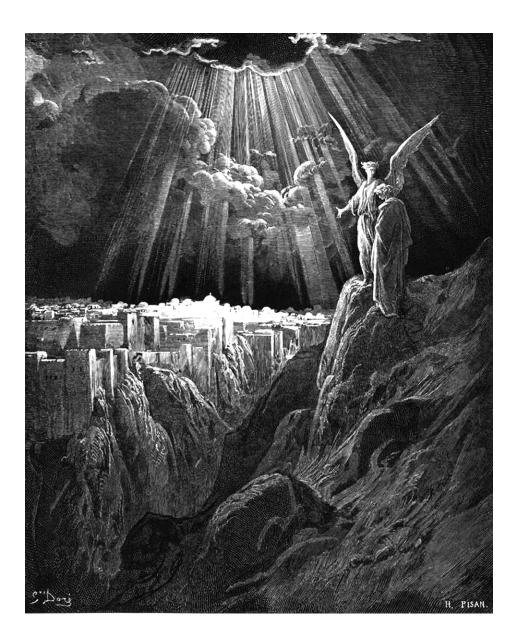
more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be his people, and God himself, even their God, will be with them. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be death no more, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said to me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And He said to me, It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end: I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be a God to him, and he shall be to me a son. 8 But the fearful, and faithless, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death. (Limne Pyr g3041 g4442) 9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels, who had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and he shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: 11 and her light was like a most precious stone, even as a Jasper-stone resembling crystal: 12 having also a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and there were names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. 13 On

the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and it's gates, and it's wall. 16 And the city was four-square, it's length being as much as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. 17 And he measured the wall of it an hundred forty four cubits according to the measure of a man, for such was that of the angel. 18 And the structure of its wall was of Jasper, and the city pure gold, like transparent glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were set off each with precious stones: the first foundation a jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, **20** the fourth an emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprasus, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each of the gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold like resplendent glass. 22 And I saw no temple in it: for the Lord God almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple of it. 23 And the city hath no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God enlighteneth it, and the Lamb is it's light. 24 And the nations of those that are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth bring their glory and their honor into it. 25 And the gates of it are not to be shut by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. 27 And nothing shall enter into it

that defileth, and practiseth abomination and falshood: but those only who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 And he shewed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb. 2 And in the midst of the street, and of the river, which ran on each side, was the tree of life, producing fruits twelve times in the year, yielding its different fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 And every curse shall cease: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve Him. 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there: and they have no need of a candle, nor of the light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever. (aion g165) 6 And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets hath sent his angel to shew unto his servants what must soon be. 7 For behold I come guickly: happy is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. 8 And I John am he who saw and heard these things: and when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel, who shewed me these things. 9 And he said unto me, See thou do it not: for I am a fellow-servant of thine, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of those who observe the words of this book: worship God. 10 And he said unto me, Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is near. 11 Let him, that is unjust, be unjust still: and let him, that is filthy, be filthy still: and let him, that is righteous, be righteous still; and let him, that is holy, be holy still. 12 And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to recompense every one according to his

work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Happy are they that do his commandments, so shall they have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. 15 But without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and every one that loveth and practiseth falshood. 16 l Jesus have sent my messenger to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am both the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him, that thirsteth, Come. And let him, that desireth it, take the water of life freely. 18 I testify to every one that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any one add to these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 and if any one take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book. 20 He who testifieth these things saith, I surely come guickly. Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.



The New Jerusalem

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be his people, and God himself, even their God, will be with them. Revelation 21:2-3

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The Aionian Bible republishes public domain and Creative Common Bible texts that are 100% free to copy and print. The original translation is unaltered and notes are added to help your study. The notes show the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, "As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him." Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, "And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, "Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15. "God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 1:4-8.

Glossary

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Abyssos g12

Greek: proper noun, place *Usage:* 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses *Meaning:*

Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

aïdios g126

Greek: adjective Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6 Meaning:

Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

aiōn g165

Greek: noun

Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses *Meaning:*

A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aions, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

aiōnios g166

Greek: adjective *Usage:* 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses *Meaning:*

From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

eleēsē g1653

Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular *Usage:* 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32 *Meaning:*

To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possiblity, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See ntgreek.org.

Geenna g1067

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses *Meaning*:

Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

Hadēs g86

Greek: proper noun, place *Usage:* 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses *Meaning:*

Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442

Greek: proper noun, place *Usage:* Phrase 5 times in the New Testament *Meaning:*

Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

Sheol h7585

Hebrew: proper noun, place *Usage:* 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses *Meaning:*

The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

Tartaroō g5020

Greek: proper noun, place *Usage:* 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4 *Meaning:*

Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

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Glossary references are below. Strong's Hebrew and Greek number notes are added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Questioned verse translations do not contain Aionian Glossary words and may wrongly imply eternal or Hell. * The note placement is skipped or adjusted for verses with non-standard numbering.

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Revelation 9:1	Romans 11:36	1 John 2:17
Revelation 9:2	Romans 12:2	2 John 1:2
Revelation 9:11	Romans 16:27	Jude 1:13
Revelation 11:7	1 Corinthians 1:20	Jude 1:25
Revelation 17:8	1 Corinthians 2:6	Revelation 1:6
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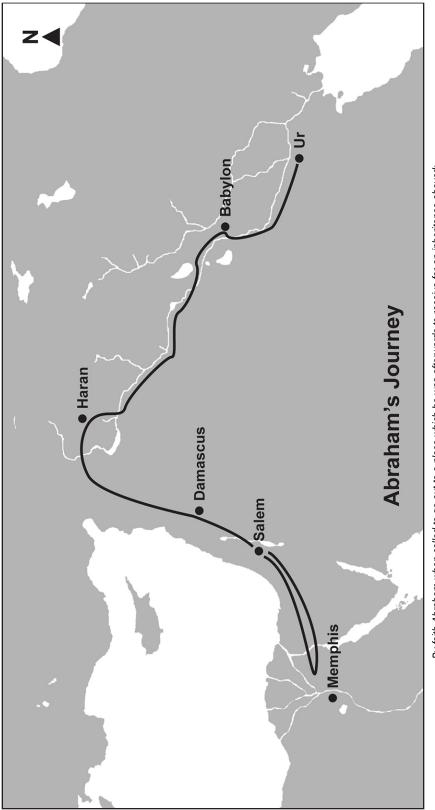
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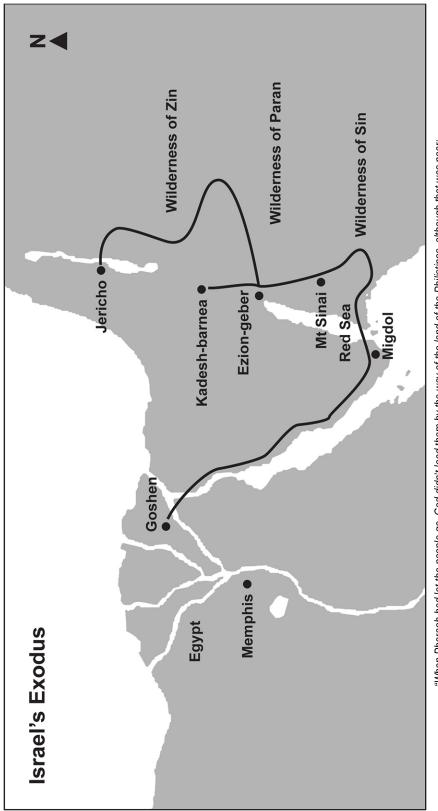
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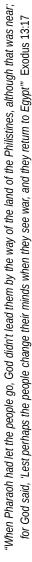
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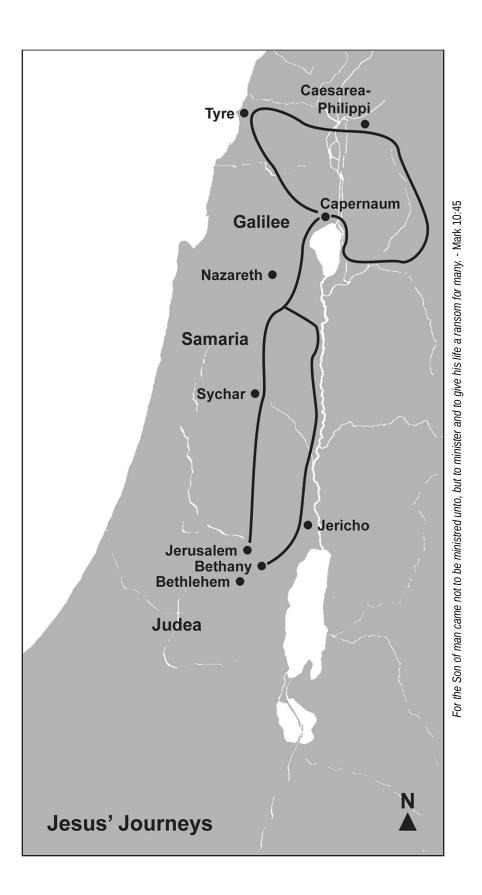
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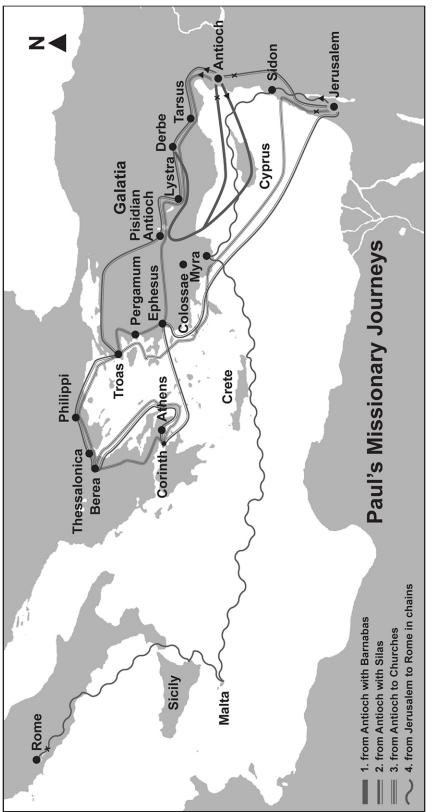












Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, - Romans 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.	New H	New Heavens and Earth
Adam and Eve created 4004 Tubal-cain forges metal 3300	1956	Christ returns for his people Jim Elliot martvrd in Ecuador
	1830	John Williams reaches Polynesia
Methuselah dies at age 969 2349	1731	Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission
God floods the Earth 2349	1614	Japanese kill 40,000 Christians
Tower of Babel thwarted 2247	1572	Jesuits reach Mexico
Abraham sojourns to Canaan 1922	1517	Martin Luther leads Reformation
Jacob moves to Egypt 1706	1455	Gutenberg prints first Bible
Moses leads Exodus from Egypt 1491	1323	Franciscans reach Sumatra
Gideon judges Israel 1245	1276	Ramon Llull trains missionaries
Ruth embraces the God of Israel 1168	1100	Crusades tarnish the church
David installed as King 1055	1054	The Great Schism
King Solomon builds the Temple 1018	266	Adalbert marytyrd in Prussia
Elijah defeats Baal's prophets 896	864	Bulgarian Prince Boris converts
Jonah preaches to Nineveh 800	716	Boniface reaches Germany
Assyrians conquer Israelites 721	635	Alopen reaches China
King Josiah reforms Judah 630	569	Longinus reaches Alodia / Sudan
Babylonians capture Judah 605	432	Saint Patrick reaches Ireland
Persians conquer Babylonians 539	397	Carthage ratifies Bible Canon
Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple 537	341	Ulfilas reaches Goth / Romania
Nehemiah rebuilds the wall 454	325	Niceae proclaims God is Trinity
Malachi prophecies the Messiah 416	250	Denis reaches Paris, France
	197	Tertullian writes Christian literature
Seleucids conquer Greeks 312	20	Titus destroys the Jewish Temple
	61	Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy
~	52	Thomas reaches Malabar, India
	39	Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius
Herod the Great rules Judea 37	33	Holy Spirit empowers the Church
(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)		(Wikipedia, Timeline of Christian missions)
Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.	Resurr	Resurrected 33 A.D.

What a	What are we?		Genesis 1:26	- 2:3	Mankind is	created in God	's image, mal	Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us	eated us
How an	How are we sinful?	nful? 🔰	Romans 5:12-19	-19	Sin entered	the world throu	ugh Adam and	Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin	h sin
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		◀	Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.	Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth
		Father	John 10:30		1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapp	1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light	light		Acts 3:21
	God	Son	God's perfect	Genesis 1:31	John 8:58 Pre-incarnate	ate	John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3
		Holy Spirit	fellowship	God's perfect	Psalm 139:7 Everywhere	5 9	John 14:17 Living in believers	evers	God's perfectly restored
		Living		fellowship with	Ephesians Serving the	Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth	an on Earth		fellowship with all
	Mankind	Deceased believing		Adam in The Garden	Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise	Paradise			Manking Draising Christ
Who		Deceased unbelieving		of Eden	Luke 16:23 Punished ir	Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment):5,13 ie final judgme	ent	as Lord in the Holy
we?		Holy	Genesis 1.1		Hebrews 1:14 Serving manki	Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command	command		City
		Imprisoned	No Creation		2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tarta	2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus			
		Fugitive	No people	Conocie 1.31				Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa	Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10
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		False Prophet		NO UNITORY ANGERS	Rebelling against (Accusing mankind	Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind		Lake of Fire	Devil and his Angels
		Satan						Revelation 20:2 Abyss	0
Why are we?	e we?		Romans 11:25	Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7	For God ha	s bound all ove	er to disobedi∈	For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all	w mercy to all

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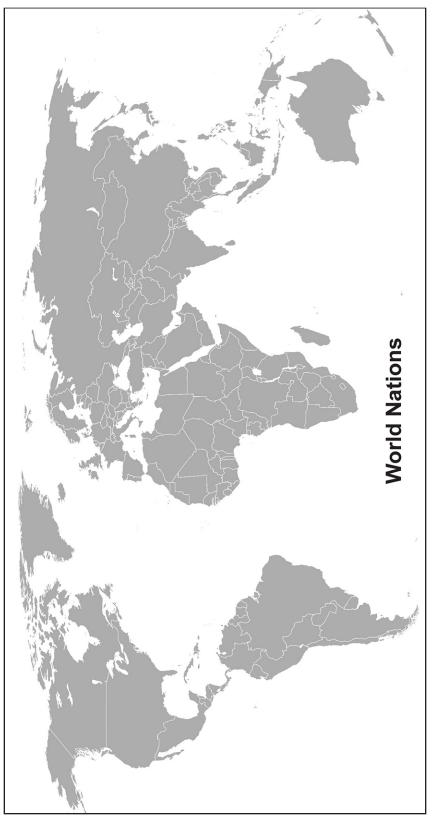
The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are not just two after-life destinies, Heaven or Hell. Instead, there are a number of different locations, each with different purposes, different durations, and different inhabitants. Locations include 1) Old Testament *Sheol* and New Testament *Hadēs*, 2) *Geenna*, 3) *Tartaroō*, 4) *Abyssos*, 5) *Limnē Pyr*, 6) *Paradise*, 7) *The New Heaven*, and 8) *The New Earth*. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The key observation is that fallen angels will be present at the final judgment, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Traditionally, we understand the separation of the Sheep and the Goats at the final judgment to divide believing from unbelieving mankind, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15. However, the presence of fallen angels alternatively suggests that Jesus is separating redeemed mankind from the fallen angels. We do know that Jesus is the helper of mankind and not the helper of the Devil, Hebrews 2. We also know that Jesus has atoned for the sins of all mankind, both believer and unbeliever alike, 1 John 2:1-2. Deceased believers are rewarded in Paradise, Luke 23:43, while unbelievers are punished in Hades as the story of Lazarus makes plain, Luke 16:19-31. Yet less commonly known, the punishment of this selfish man and all unbelievers is before the final judgment, is temporal, and is punctuated when Hades is evacuated, Revelation 20:13. So is there hope beyond Hades for unbelieving mankind? Jesus promised, *"the gates of Hades will not prevail,"* Matthew 16:18. Paul asks, *"Hades where is your victory?"* 1 Corinthians 15:55. John wrote, *"Hades gives up,"* Revelation 20:13.

Jesus comforts us saying, "Do not be afraid," because he holds the keys to unlock death and Hades, Revelation 1:18. Yet too often our Good News sounds like a warning to "be afraid" because Jesus holds the keys to lock Hades! Wow, we have it backwards! Hades will be evacuated! And to guarrantee hope, once emptied, Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire, never needed again, Revelation 20:14.

Finally, we read that anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire, the second death, with no exit ever mentioned or promised, Revelation 21:1-8. So are those evacuated from Hades then, "out of the frying pan, into the fire?" Certainly, the Lake of Fire is the destiny of the Goats. But, do not be afraid. Instead, read the Bible's explicit mention of the purpose of the Lake of Fire and the identity of the Goats, "Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the consummate fire which is prepared for... the devil and his angels," Matthew 25:41. Bad news for the Devil. Good news for all mankind!

Faith is not a pen to write your own name in the Book of Life. Instead, faith is the glasses to see that the love of Christ for all mankind has already written our names in Heaven. Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you," John 15:16. Though unbelievers will suffer regrettable punishment in Hades, redeemed mankind will never enter the Lake of Fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And as God promised, all mankind will worship Christ together forever, Philippians 2:9-11.



Go ye therefore and instruct all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, - Matthew 28:19