ACTS 24:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

*First of all, this is Paul’s testimony and I am not trying to equate myself with Paul’s life or ministry other then by having myself accused of being in a religious heresy.*

*Many religions describe those that differ in doctrine as being heretics but I do believe that most people may not understand what heretic or heresy might be.*

 *Heresy 139 hairesis {hah'-ee-res-is} to choose or select.*

*The word is also translated as sect.*

ACTS 5:

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the **sect** of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

*A Heresy is created when any person choses of themselves any doctrine or religion to follow or identify with.*

JOHN 15:

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have **chosen** you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

*This continues in every believer’s life.*

ROMANS 8:

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

HEBREWS 12:

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

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

*God choose the apostle to reveal what we call the scripture or our bible to preach it and to record it by writings.*

ACTS 1

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

*God choses his ministers and where they will minister as He did Peter and others.*

ACTS 15:

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

ACTS 9:

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

*God also chooses where his ministers will preach and when.*

ACTS 16

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

*At another time all in Asia heard the word.*

ACTS 19

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

*Christ chose us.*

EPHESIANS 1

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

*The only way you will ever be holy and without blame is when you are in Christ.*

*The only church or religion that is not a heresy is the one Christ founded on what is called a rock.*

*No one joins in by their own opinion or decisions but rather by invitation not from a religion but from God Himself.*

JOHN 6:

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

*Heresies cause schism which is divisions which the body of Christ does not have because it has been chosen by God Himself.*

I CORINTHIANS 12

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no **schism** in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

 4978 schisma {skhis'-mah} a division, dissension

*Any teacher, preacher, or whatever they may call themselves that would dare to say any of what God set in the church is not there is themselves a heretic.*

I CORINTHIANS 1:

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

What mind are we joined together with?

I CORINTHIANS 2:

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

I CORINTHIANS 2:

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

*Christ’s church has never lost one.*

JOHN 10:

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and my Father are one.

*My personal testimony has to line up exactly with the Word or it is just another heresy.*

II TIMOTHY 3:

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

*There are ministers and religions that judge other religion to be heresies but fail to judge themselves.*

ROMANS 2

1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

ROMANS 14

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

*Never let your faith stop with what any teacher would say, but seek the final teacher and justifier who along will save you and keep you.*

*Those who believe the gospel will never be judged or condemned of sin.*

JOHN 5:

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into **condemnation**; but is passed from death unto life.

 **condemnation** 2920 krisis {kree'-sis} sentence of condemnation, damnatory judgement, condemnation and punishment.

*God alone will bring the final judgment but to ignore or reject the gospel leave little hope for any mercy at that day.*

MATTHEW 10:

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

JOHN 3:

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.

The only doctrine you must believe is the one that starts you on your spiritually journey.

*This is a scriptural description of every one that comes to Christ you must see yourself as God sees you.*

ROMANS 3:

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, 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 together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, 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 have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

*The only remedy is Christ.*

ACTS 16:

30 And brought them out, and 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 thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

ACTS 13:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

HEBREWS 10

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

I PETER 2:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

***After that in God’s eyes.***

EPHESIANS 1

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:.

EPHESIANS 5:

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

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*All that ever was within us still dwells in our flesh Paul who wrote Romans tells us this.*

ROMANS 7:

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

I TIMOTHY 1:

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

I CORINTHIANS 15:

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

*If we have any righteousness other than the righteousness of Christ it is self-righteousness.*

LUKE 18:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

PHILIPPIANS 3:

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

I CORINTHIANS 15

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

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## When Paul was sitting in a Roman prison for preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, he lacked the necessities that he needed to maintain his physical strength. The believers at Philippi found out about Paul’s deplorable circumstances and sent relief to him by the hand of their pastor. Having received the gift from them, he wrote back to them saying, *"I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God*" (Phil. 4:18). Paul also assured them that the Almighty God would take care of all their need, "*My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*." (Phil. 4:19).

Believer, although we have a great need of all spiritual blessings; to ascend and to stand in His presence (Psalm 24:3), we can fully rest in this and many other precious promises of our Lord Jesus Christ that He will meet all our need, not according to our puny efforts of religious work, but rather according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ (Rom.8:32). Although we are poor and needy sinners, yet the Lord thinketh upon us (Psa. 40:17).

We have a great need of pardon and forgiveness from all sin (Rom. 3:23). The Lord Jesus Christ is ready to abundantly pardon His people from all their sin; seeing, that in our room and stead He paid all our indebtedness to God’s offended justice and put away all our sin (Neh. 9:17; Isa. 55:6-7; Jer. 50:20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:26).

We have a great need of righteousness (Isa. 64:6). Men before and after regeneration and conversion have no ability to perform or produce a righteousness that is well pleasing and acceptable unto God. But thank God, He does not ask us to produce a righteousness, but rather to receive the Lord Jesus Christ by God given faith, Who is the believer’s righteousness (Jer. 23:5; Phil. 3:9). *Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord would impute* (freely give) *righteousness without works* (Rom.4:6).

We have a great need of salvation (Heb.2:3). Our blessed Lord and Saviour came into this world to accomplish salvation for His people (Matt. 1:21). His blood atonement at Calvary was not a payment for some of the sin of all people, nor for all of the sin of all people, but rather a full payment for all of the sin of some people, His elect (Heb.2:17). It is clearly taught throughout the scriptures that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished eternal salvation for the people God gave Him in the eternal covenant of grace (Isa. 53:8; John 10:15; Acts 20:28).

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