

The Holy Bible

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Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created heaven and earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, with a divine wind sweeping over the waters.

Gen 1:3 God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.

Gen 1:4 God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness.

Gen 1:5 God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night'. Evening came and morning came: the first day.

Gen 1:6 God said, 'Let there be a vault through the middle of the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was.

Gen 1:7 God made the vault, and it divided the waters under the vault from the waters above the vault.

Gen 1:8 God called the vault 'heaven'. Evening came and morning came: the second day.

Gen 1:9 God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:11 God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees on earth, bearing fruit with their seed inside, each corresponding to its own species.' And so it was.

Gen 1:12 The earth produced vegetation: the various kinds of seed-bearing plants and the fruit trees with seed inside, each corresponding to its own species. God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 Evening came and morning came: the third day.

Gen 1:14 God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years.

Gen 1:15 Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was.

Gen 1:16 God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars.

Gen 1:17 God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth,

Gen 1:18 to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

Gen 1:20 God said, 'Let the waters be alive with a swarm of living creatures, and let birds wing their way above the earth across the vault of heaven.' And so it was.

Gen 1:21 God created great sea-monsters and all the creatures that glide and teem in the waters in their own species, and winged birds in their own species. God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply on land.'

Gen 1:23 Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

Gen 1:24 God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature in its own species: cattle, creeping things and wild animals of all kinds.' And so it was.

Gen 1:25 God made wild animals in their own species, and cattle in theirs, and every creature that crawls along the earth in its own species. God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:26 God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground.'

Gen 1:27 God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

Gen 1:28 God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all the living creatures that move on earth.'

Gen 1:29 God also said, 'Look, to you I give all the seed-bearing plants everywhere on the surface of the earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this will be your food.

Gen 1:30 And to all the wild animals, all the birds of heaven and all the living creatures that creep along the ground, I give all the foliage of the plants as their food.' And so it was.

Gen 1:31 God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Gen 2:1 Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array.

Gen 2:2 On the seventh day God had completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day

after all the work he had been doing.

Gen 2:3 God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he rested after all his work of creating.

Gen 2:4 Such was the story of heaven and earth as they were created. At the time when Yahweh God made earth and heaven

Gen 2:5 there was as yet no wild bush on the earth nor had any wild plant yet sprung up, for Yahweh God had not sent rain on the earth, nor was there any man to till the soil.

Gen 2:6 Instead, water flowed out of the ground and watered all the surface of the soil.

Gen 2:7 Yahweh God shaped man from the soil of the ground and blew the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living being.

Gen 2:8 Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned.

Gen 2:9 From the soil, Yahweh God caused to grow every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:10 A river flowed from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided to make four streams.

Gen 2:11 The first is named the Pishon, and this winds all through the land of Havilah where there is gold.

Gen 2:12 The gold of this country is pure; bdellium and cornelian stone are found there.

Gen 2:13 The second river is named the Gihon, and this winds all through the land of Cush.

Gen 2:14 The third river is named the Tigris, and this flows to the east of Ashur. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

Gen 2:15 Yahweh God took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden to cultivate and take care of it.

Gen 2:16 Then Yahweh God gave the man this command, 'You are free to eat of all the trees in the garden.

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you are not to eat; for, the day you eat of that, you are doomed to die.'

Gen 2:18 Yahweh God said, 'It is not right that the man should be alone. I shall make him a helper.'

Gen 2:19 So from the soil Yahweh God fashioned all the wild animals and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it.

Gen 2:20 The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild animals. But no helper suitable for the man was found for him.

Gen 2:21 Then, Yahweh God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And, while he was asleep, he took one of his ribs and closed the flesh up again forthwith.

Gen 2:22 Yahweh God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 And the man said: This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh! She is to be called Woman, because she was taken from Man.

Gen 2:24 This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Gen 2:25 Now, both of them were naked, the man and his wife, but they felt no shame before each other.

Gen 3:1 Now, the snake was the most subtle of all the wild animals that Yahweh God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?'

Gen 3:2 The woman answered the snake, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden.

Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." '

Gen 3:4 Then the snake said to the woman, 'No! You will not die!

Gen 3:5 God knows in fact that the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good from evil.'

Gen 3:6 The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was enticing for the wisdom that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Gen 3:8 The man and his wife heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9 But Yahweh God called to the man. 'Where are you?' he asked.

Gen 3:10 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'

Gen 3:11 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating from the tree I forbade you to eat?'

Gen 3:12 The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'

Gen 3:13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, 'Why did you do that?' The woman replied, 'The snake tempted

me and I ate.'

Gen 3:14 Then Yahweh God said to the snake, 'Because you have done this, Accursed be you of all animals wild and tame! On your belly you will go and on dust you will feed as long as you live.

Gen 3:15 I shall put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; it will bruise your head and you will strike its heel.'

Gen 3:16 To the woman he said: I shall give you intense pain in childbearing, you will give birth to your children in pain. Your yearning will be for your husband, and he will dominate you.

Gen 3:17 To the man he said, 'Because you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, Accursed be the soil because of you! Painfully will you get your food from it as long as you live.

Gen 3:18 It will yield you brambles and thistles, as you eat the produce of the land.

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face will you earn your food, until you return to the ground, as you were taken from it. For dust you are and to dust you shall return.'

Gen 3:20 The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all those who live.

Gen 3:21 Yahweh God made tunics of skins for the man and his wife and clothed them.

Gen 3:22 Then Yahweh God said, 'Now that the man has become like one of us in knowing good from evil, he must not be allowed to reach out his hand and pick from the tree of life too, and eat and live for ever!'

Gen 3:23 So Yahweh God expelled him from the garden of Eden, to till the soil from which he had been taken.

Gen 3:24 He banished the man, and in front of the garden of Eden he posted the great winged creatures and the fiery flashing sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Gen 4:1 The man had intercourse with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. 'I have acquired a man with the help of Yahweh,' she said.

Gen 4:2 She gave birth to a second child, Abel, the brother of Cain. Now Abel became a shepherd and kept flocks, while Cain tilled the soil.

Gen 4:3 Time passed and Cain brought some of the produce of the soil as an offering for Yahweh,

Gen 4:4 while Abel for his part brought the first-born of his flock and some of their fat as well. Yahweh looked with favour on Abel and his offering.

Gen 4:5 But he did not look with favour on Cain and his offering, and Cain was very angry and downcast.

Gen 4:6 Yahweh asked Cain, 'Why are you angry and downcast?'

Gen 4:7 If you are doing right, surely you ought to hold your head high! But if you are not doing right, Sin is crouching at the door hungry to get you. You can still master him.'

Gen 4:8 Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out'; and while they were in the open country, Cain set on his brother Abel and killed him.

Gen 4:9 Yahweh asked Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' 'I do not know,' he replied. 'Am I my brother's guardian?'

Gen 4:10 'What have you done?' Yahweh asked. 'Listen! Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground.

Gen 4:11 Now be cursed and banned from the ground that has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood at your hands.

Gen 4:12 When you till the ground it will no longer yield up its strength to you. A restless wanderer you will be on earth.'

Gen 4:13 Cain then said to Yahweh, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Gen 4:14 Look, today you drive me from the surface of the earth. I must hide from you, and be a restless wanderer on earth. Why, whoever comes across me will kill me!'

Gen 4:15 'Very well, then,' Yahweh replied, 'whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.' So Yahweh put a mark on Cain, so that no one coming across him would kill him.

Gen 4:16 Cain left Yahweh's presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Gen 4:17 Cain had intercourse with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. He became the founder of a city and gave the city the name of his son Enoch.

Gen 4:18 Enoch fathered Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael; Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.

Gen 4:19 Lamech married two women: the name of the first was Adah and the name of the second was Zillah.

Gen 4:20 Adah gave birth to Jabal: he was the ancestor of tent-dwelling herdsmen.

Gen 4:21 His brother's name was Jubal: he was the ancestor of all who play the harp and the pipe.

Gen 4:22 As for Zillah, she gave birth to Tubal-Cain: he was the ancestor of all who work copper and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Gen 4:23 Lamech said to his wives: Adah and Zillah, hear my voice, wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I killed a man for wounding me, a boy for striking me.

Gen 4:24 Sevenfold vengeance for Cain, but seventy-sevenfold for Lamech.

Rom 1:2 set apart for the service of the gospel that God promised long ago through his prophets in the holy scriptures.

Rom 1:3 This is the gospel concerning his Son who, in terms of human nature

Rom 1:4 was born a descendant of David and who, in terms of the Spirit and of holiness, was designated Son of God in power by resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Rom 1:5 through whom we have received grace and our apostolic mission of winning the obedience of faith among all the nations for the honour of his name.

Rom 1:6 You are among these, and by his call you belong to Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:7 To you all, God's beloved in Rome, called to be his holy people. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:8 First I give thanks to my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because your faith is talked of all over the world.

Rom 1:9 God, whom I serve with my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness that I continually mention you in my prayers,

Rom 1:10 asking always that by some means I may at long last be enabled to visit you, if it is God's will.

Rom 1:11 For I am longing to see you so that I can convey to you some spiritual gift that will be a lasting strength,

Rom 1:12 or rather that we may be strengthened together through our mutual faith, yours and mine.

Rom 1:13 I want you to be quite certain too, brothers, that I have often planned to visit you -- though up to the present I have always been prevented -- in the hope that I might work as fruitfully among you as I have among the gentiles elsewhere.

Rom 1:14 I have an obligation to Greeks as well as barbarians, to the educated as well as the ignorant,

Rom 1:15 and hence the eagerness on my part to preach the gospel to you in Rome too.

Rom 1:16 For I see no reason to be ashamed of the gospel; it is God's power for the salvation of everyone who has faith -- Jews first, but Greeks as well-

Rom 1:17 for in it is revealed the saving justice of God: a justice based on faith and addressed to faith. As it says in scripture: Anyone who is upright through faith will live.

Rom 1:18 The retribution of God from heaven is being revealed against the ungodliness and injustice of human beings who in their injustice hold back the truth.

Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is perfectly plain to them, since God has made it plain to them:

Rom 1:20 ever since the creation of the world, the invisible existence of God and his everlasting power have been clearly seen by the mind's understanding of created things. And so these people have no excuse:

Rom 1:21 they knew God and yet they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but their arguments became futile and their uncomprehending minds were darkened.

Rom 1:22 While they claimed to be wise, in fact they were growing so stupid

Rom 1:23 that they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for an imitation, for the image of a mortal human being, or of birds, or animals, or crawling things.

Rom 1:24 That is why God abandoned them in their inmost cravings to filthy practices of dishonouring their own bodies-

Rom 1:25 because they exchanged God's truth for a lie and have worshipped and served the creature instead of the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 That is why God abandoned them to degrading passions:

Rom 1:27 why their women have exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural practices; and the men, in a similar fashion, too, giving up normal relations with women, are consumed with passion for each other, men doing shameful things with men and receiving in themselves due reward for their perversion.

Rom 1:28 In other words, since they would not consent to acknowledge God, God abandoned them to their unacceptable thoughts and indecent behaviour.

Rom 1:29 And so now they are steeped in all sorts of injustice, rottenness, greed and malice; full of envy, murder, wrangling, treachery and spite,

Rom 1:30 libellers, slanderers, enemies of God, rude, arrogant and boastful, enterprising in evil, rebellious to parents,

Rom 1:31 without brains, honour, love or pity.

Rom 1:32 They are well aware of God's ordinance: that those who behave like this deserve to die -- yet they not only do it, but even applaud others who do the same.

Rom 2:1 So no matter who you are, if you pass judgement you have no excuse. It is yourself that you condemn when you judge others, since you behave in the same way as those you are condemning.

Rom 2:2 We are well aware that people who behave like that are justly condemned by God.

Rom 2:3 But you -- when you judge those who behave like this while you are doing the same yourself -- do you think you will escape God's condemnation?

Rom 2:4 Or are you not disregarding his abundant goodness, tolerance and patience, failing to realise that this generosity of God is meant to bring you to repentance?

Rom 2:5 Your stubborn refusal to repent is only storing up retribution for yourself on that Day of retribution when God's just verdicts will be made known.

Rom 2:6 He will repay everyone as their deeds deserve.

Rom 2:7 For those who aimed for glory and honour and immortality by persevering in doing good, there will be eternal life;

Rom 2:8 but for those who out of jealousy have taken for their guide not truth but injustice, there will be the fury of retribution.

Rom 2:9 Trouble and distress will come to every human being who does evil -- Jews first, but Greeks as well;

Rom 2:10 glory and honour and peace will come to everyone who does good -- Jews first, but Greeks as well.

Rom 2:11 There is no favouritism with God.

Rom 2:12 All those who have sinned without the Law will perish without the Law; and those under the Law who have sinned will be judged by the Law.

Rom 2:13 For the ones that God will justify are not those who have heard the Law but those who have kept the Law.

Rom 2:14 So, when gentiles, not having the Law, still through their own innate sense behave as the Law commands, then, even though they have no Law, they are a law for themselves.

Rom 2:15 They can demonstrate the effect of the Law engraved on their hearts, to which their own conscience bears witness; since they are aware of various considerations, some of which accuse them, while others provide them with a defence . . . on the day when,

Rom 2:16 according to the gospel that I preach, God, through Jesus Christ, judges all human secrets.

Rom 2:17 If you can call yourself a Jew, and you really trust in the Law, and are proud of your God,

Rom 2:18 and know his will, and tell right from wrong because you have been taught by the Law;

Rom 2:19 if you are confident that you are a guide to the blind and a beacon to those in the dark,

Rom 2:20 that you can teach the ignorant and instruct the unlearned because the Law embodies all knowledge and all truth-

Rom 2:21 so then, in teaching others, do you teach yourself as well? You preach that there is to be no stealing, but do you steal?

Rom 2:22 You say that adultery is forbidden, but do you commit adultery? You detest the worship of objects, but do you desecrate holy things yourself?

Rom 2:23 If, while you are boasting of the Law, you disobey it, then you are bringing God into contempt.

Rom 2:24 As scripture says: It is your fault that the name of God is held in contempt among the nations.

Rom 2:25 Circumcision has its value if you keep the Law; but if you go on breaking the Law, you are no more circumcised than the uncircumcised.

Rom 2:26 And if an uncircumcised man keeps the commands of the Law, will not his uncircumcised state count as circumcision?

Rom 2:27 More, the man who, in his native uncircumcised state, keeps the Law, is a condemnation of you, who, by your concentration on the letter and on circumcision, actually break the Law.

Rom 2:28 Being a Jew is not only having the outward appearance of a Jew, and circumcision is not only a visible physical operation.

Rom 2:29 The real Jew is the one who is inwardly a Jew, and real circumcision is in the heart, a thing not of the letter but of the spirit. He may not be praised by any human being, but he will be praised by God.

Rom 3:1 Is there any benefit, then, in being a Jew? Is there any advantage in being circumcised?

Rom 3:2 A great deal, in every way. First of all, it was to the Jews that the message of God was entrusted.

Rom 3:3 What if some of them were unfaithful? Do you think their lack of faith could cancel God's faithfulness?

Rom 3:4 Out of the question! God will always be true even if no human being can be relied on. As scripture says: That you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence and your victory may appear when you give judgement.

Rom 3:5 But if our injustice serves to bring God's saving justice into view, can we say that God is unjust when -- to use human terms -- he brings his retribution down on us?

Rom 3:6 Out of the question! It would mean that God could not be the judge of the world.

Rom 3:7 You might as well say that if my untruthfulness makes God demonstrate his truthfulness, to his greater glory, then I should not be judged to be a sinner at all.

Rom 3:8 In this case, the slanderous report some people are spreading would be true, that we teach that one should do evil that good may come of it. In fact such people are justly condemned.

Rom 3:9 Well: are we any better off? Not at all: we have already indicted Jews and Greeks as being all alike under the dominion of sin.

Rom 3:10 As scripture says: Not one of them is upright, not a single one,

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God consists not in spoken words but in power.

1Co 4:21 What do you want then? Am I to come to you with a stick in my hand or in love, and with a spirit of gentleness?

1Co 5:1 It is widely reported that there is sexual immorality among you, immorality of a kind that is not found even among gentiles: that one of you is living with his stepmother.

1Co 5:2 And you so filled with your own self-importance! It would have been better if you had been grieving bitterly, so that the man who has done this thing were turned out of the community.

1Co 5:3 For my part, however distant I am physically, I am present in spirit and have already condemned the man who behaved in this way, just as though I were present in person.

1Co 5:4 When you have gathered together in the name of our Lord Jesus, with the presence of my spirit, and in the power of our Lord Jesus,

1Co 5:5 hand such a man over to Satan, to be destroyed as far as natural life is concerned, so that on the Day of the Lord his spirit may be saved.

1Co 5:6 Your self-satisfaction is ill founded. Do you not realise that only a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

1Co 5:7 Throw out the old yeast so that you can be the fresh dough, unleavened as you are. For our Passover has been sacrificed, that is, Christ;

1Co 5:8 let us keep the feast, then, with none of the old yeast and no leavening of evil and wickedness, but only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1Co 5:9 In my letter, I wrote to you that you should have nothing to do with people living immoral lives.

1Co 5:10 I was not including everybody in this present world who is sexually immoral, or everybody who is greedy, or dishonest or worships false gods -- that would mean you would have to cut yourselves off completely from the world.

1Co 5:11 In fact what I meant was that you were not to have anything to do with anyone going by the name of brother who is sexually immoral, or is greedy, or worships false gods, or is a slanderer or a drunkard or dishonest; never even have a meal with anybody of that kind.

1Co 5:12 It is no concern of mine to judge outsiders. It is for you to judge those who are inside, is it not?

1Co 5:13 But outsiders are for God to judge. You must banish this evil-doer from among you.

1Co 6:1 Is one of you with a complaint against another so brazen as to seek judgement from sinners and not from God's holy people?

1Co 6:2 Do you not realise that the holy people of God are to be the judges of the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you not competent for petty cases?

1Co 6:3 Do you not realise that we shall be the judges of angels? - then quite certainly over matters of this life.

1Co 6:4 But when you have matters of this life to be judged, you bring them before those who are of no account in the Church!

1Co 6:5 I say this to make you ashamed of yourselves. Can it really be that it is impossible to find in the community one sensible person capable of deciding questions between brothers,

1Co 6:6 and that this is why brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?

1Co 6:7 No; it is a fault in you, by itself, that one of you should go to law against another at all: why do you not prefer to suffer injustice, why not prefer to be defrauded?

1Co 6:8 And here you are, doing the injustice and the defrauding, and to your own brothers.

1Co 6:9 Do you not realise that people who do evil will never inherit the kingdom of God? Make no mistake -- the sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, the self-indulgent, sodomites,

1Co 6:10 thieves, misers, drunkards, slanderers and swindlers, none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 Some of you used to be of that kind: but you have been washed clean, you have been sanctified, and you have been justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God.

1Co 6:12 'For me everything is permissible'; maybe, but not everything does good. True, for me everything is permissible, but I am determined not to be dominated by anything.

1Co 6:13 Foods are for the stomach, and the stomach is for foods; and God will destroy them both. But the body is not for sexual immorality;

1Co 6:14 it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God raised up the Lord and he will raise us up too by his power.

1Co 6:15 Do you not realise that your bodies are members of Christ's body; do you think one can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Out of the question!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not realise that anyone who attaches himself to a prostitute is one body with her, since the two, as it is said, become one flesh.

1Co 6:17 But anyone who attaches himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.

1Co 6:18 Keep away from sexual immorality. All other sins that people may commit are done outside the body; but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Do you not realise that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you and whom you received from God?

1Co 6:20 You are not your own property, then; you have been bought at a price. So use your body for the glory of God.

1Co 7:1 Now for the questions about which you wrote. Yes, it is a good thing for a man not to touch a woman;

1Co 7:2 yet to avoid immorality every man should have his own wife and every woman her own husband.

1Co 7:3 The husband must give to his wife what she has a right to expect, and so too the wife to her husband.

1Co 7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and in the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

1Co 7:5 You must not deprive each other, except by mutual consent for a limited time, to leave yourselves free for prayer, and to come together again afterwards; otherwise Satan may take advantage of any lack of self-control to put you to the test.

1Co 7:6 I am telling you this as a concession, not an order.

1Co 7:7 I should still like everyone to be as I am myself; but everyone has his own gift from God, one this kind and the next something different.

1Co 7:8 To the unmarried and to widows I say: it is good for them to stay as they are, like me.

1Co 7:9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry, since it is better to be married than to be burnt up.

1Co 7:10 To the married I give this ruling, and this is not mine but the Lord's: a wife must not be separated from her husband-

1Co 7:11 or if she has already left him, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband -- and a husband must not divorce his wife.

1Co 7:12 For other cases these instructions are my own, not the Lord's. If one of the brothers has a wife who is not a believer, and she is willing to stay with him, he should not divorce her;

1Co 7:13 and if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to stay with her, she should not divorce her husband.

1Co 7:14 You see, the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through the brother. If this were not so, your children would be unclean, whereas in fact they are holy.

1Co 7:15 But if the unbeliever chooses to leave, then let the separation take place: in these circumstances, the brother or sister is no longer tied. But God has called you to live in peace:

1Co 7:16 as a wife, how can you tell whether you are to be the salvation of your husband; as a husband, how can you tell whether you are to be the salvation of your wife?

1Co 7:17 Anyway let everyone continue in the part which the Lord has allotted to him, as he was when God called him. This is the rule that I give to all the churches.

1Co 7:18 If a man who is called has already been circumcised, then he must stay circumcised; when an uncircumcised man is called, he may not be circumcised.

1Co 7:19 To be circumcised is of no importance, and to be uncircumcised is of no importance; what is important is the keeping of God's commandments.

1Co 7:20 Everyone should stay in whatever state he was in when he was called.

1Co 7:21 So, if when you were called, you were a slave, do not think it matters -- even if you have a chance of freedom, you should prefer to make full use of your condition as a slave.

1Co 7:22 You see, anyone who was called in the Lord while a slave, is a freeman of the Lord; and in the same way, anyone who was free when called, is a slave of Christ.

1Co 7:23 You have been bought at a price; do not be slaves now to any human being.

1Co 7:24 Each one of you, brothers, is to stay before God in the state in which you were called.

1Co 7:25 About people remaining virgin, I have no directions from the Lord, but I give my own opinion as a person who has been granted the Lord's mercy to be faithful.

1Co 7:26 Well then, because of the stress which is weighing upon us, the right thing seems to be this: it is good for people to stay as they are.

1Co 7:27 If you are joined to a wife, do not seek to be released; if you are freed of a wife, do not look for a wife.

1Co 7:28 However, if you do get married, that is not a sin, and it is not sinful for a virgin to enter upon marriage. But such people will have the hardships consequent on human nature, and I would like you to be without that.

1Co 7:29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time has become limited, and from now on, those who have spouses should live as though they had none;

1Co 7:30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; those who enjoy life as though they did not enjoy it; those who have been buying property as though they had no possessions;

1Co 7:31 and those who are involved with the world as though they were people not engrossed in it. Because this world as we know it is passing away.

1Co 7:32 I should like you to have your minds free from all worry. The unmarried man gives his mind to the

with the expectation of having his share.

1Co 9:11 If we have sown the seed of spiritual things in you, is it too much to ask that we should receive from you a crop of material things?

1Co 9:12 Others have been given such rights over you and do we not deserve more? In fact, we have never exercised this right; on the contrary, we have put up with anything rather than obstruct the gospel of Christ in any way.

1Co 9:13 Do you not realise that the ministers in the Temple get their food from the Temple, and those who serve at the altar can claim their share from the altar?

1Co 9:14 In the same way, the Lord gave the instruction that those who preach the gospel should get their living from the gospel.

1Co 9:15 However, I have never availed myself of any rights of this kind; and I have not written this to secure such treatment for myself; I would rather die than that . . . No one shall take from me this ground of boasting.

1Co 9:16 In fact, preaching the gospel gives me nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion and I should be in trouble if I failed to do it.

1Co 9:17 If I did it on my own initiative I would deserve a reward; but if I do it under compulsion I am simply accepting a task entrusted to me.

1Co 9:18 What reward do I have, then? That in my preaching I offer the gospel free of charge to avoid using the rights which the gospel allows me.

1Co 9:19 So though I was not a slave to any human being, I put myself in slavery to all people, to win as many as I could.

1Co 9:20 To the Jews I made myself as a Jew, to win the Jews; to those under the Law as one under the Law (though I am not), in order to win those under the Law;

1Co 9:21 to those outside the Law as one outside the Law, though I am not outside the Law but under Christ's law, to win those outside the Law.

1Co 9:22 To the weak, I made myself weak, to win the weak. I accommodated myself to people in all kinds of different situations, so that by all possible means I might bring some to salvation.

1Co 9:23 All this I do for the sake of the gospel, that I may share its benefits with others.

1Co 9:24 Do you not realise that, though all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, only one of them gets the prize? Run like that -- to win.

1Co 9:25 Every athlete concentrates completely on training, and this is to win a wreath that will wither, whereas ours will never wither.

1Co 9:26 So that is how I run, not without a clear goal; and how I box, not wasting blows on air.

1Co 9:27 I punish my body and bring it under control, to avoid any risk that, having acted as herald for others, I myself may be disqualified.

1Co 10:1 I want you to be quite certain, brothers, that our ancestors all had the cloud over them and all passed through the sea.

1Co 10:2 In the cloud and in the sea they were all baptised into Moses;

1Co 10:3 all ate the same spiritual food

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 In spite of this, God was not pleased with most of them, and their corpses were scattered over the desert.

1Co 10:6 Now these happenings were examples, for our benefit, so that we should never set our hearts, as they did, on evil things;

1Co 10:7 nor are you to worship false gods, as some of them did, as it says in scripture: The people sat down to eat and drink, and afterwards got up to amuse themselves.

1Co 10:8 Nor, again, are we to fall into sexual immorality; some of them did this, and twenty-three thousand met their downfall in one day.

1Co 10:9 And we are not to put the Lord to the test; some of them put him to the test, and they were killed by snakes.

1Co 10:10 Never complain; some of them complained, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were described in writing to be a lesson for us, to whom it has fallen to live in the last days of the ages.

1Co 10:12 Everyone, no matter how firmly he thinks he is standing, must be careful he does not fall.

1Co 10:13 None of the trials which have come upon you is more than a human being can stand. You can trust that God will not let you be put to the test beyond your strength, but with any trial will also provide a way out by enabling you to put up with it.

1Co 10:14 For that reason, my dear friends, have nothing to do with the worship of false gods.

1Co 10:15 I am talking to you as sensible people; weigh up for yourselves what I have to say.

because I love you so much more, that I am loved the less?

2Co 12:16 All right, then; I did not make myself a burden to you, but, trickster that I am, I caught you by trickery.

2Co 12:17 Have I taken advantage of you through any of the people I have sent to you?

2Co 12:18 Titus came at my urging, and I sent his companion with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Can you deny that he and I were following the guidance of the same Spirit and were on the same tracks?

2Co 12:19 All this time you have been thinking that we have been pleading our own cause before you; no, we have been speaking in Christ and in the presence of God -- and all, dear friends, to build you up.

2Co 12:20 I am afraid that in one way or another, when I come, I may find you different from what I should like you to be, and you may find me what you would not like me to be; so that in one way or the other there will be rivalry, jealousy, bad temper, quarrels, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorders;

2Co 12:21 and when I come again, my God may humiliate me in front of you and I shall be grieved by all those who sinned in the past and have still not repented of the impurities and sexual immorality and debauchery that they have committed.

2Co 13:1 This will be the third time I have confronted you. Whatever the misdemeanour, the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain a charge.

2Co 13:2 I gave you notice once, and now, though I am not with you, I give notice again, just as when I was with you for a second time, to those who sinned before, and to all others; and it is to this effect, that when I do come next time, I shall have no mercy.

2Co 13:3 Since you are asking for a proof that it is Christ who speaks in me; he is not weak with you but his power is at work among you;

2Co 13:4 for, though it was out of weakness that he was crucified, he is alive now with the power of God. We, too, are weak in him, but with regard to you we shall live with him by the power of God.

2Co 13:5 Put yourselves to the test to make sure you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Do you not recognise yourselves as people in whom Jesus Christ is present? - unless, that is, you fail the test.

2Co 13:6 But we, as I hope you will come to recognise, do not fail the test.

2Co 13:7 It is our prayer to God that you may do nothing wrong -- not so that we have the credit of passing a test, but because you will be doing what is right, even if we do not pass the test.

2Co 13:8 We have no power to resist the truth; only to further the truth;

2Co 13:9 and we are delighted to be weak if only you are strong. What we ask in our prayers is that you should be made perfect.

2Co 13:10 That is why I am writing this while still far away, so that when I am with you I shall not have to be harsh, with the authority that the Lord has given me, an authority that is for building up and not for breaking down.

2Co 13:11 To end then, brothers, we wish you joy; try to grow perfect; encourage one another; have a common mind and live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2Co 13:12 Greet one another with the holy kiss. All God's holy people send you their greetings.

2Co 13:13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gal 1:1 From Paul, an apostle appointed not by human beings nor through any human being but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead,

Gal 1:2 and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.

Gal 1:3 Grace and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ

Gal 1:4 who gave himself for our sins to liberate us from this present wicked world, in accordance with the will of our God and Father,

Gal 1:5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so promptly turning away from the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are going over to a different gospel-

Gal 1:7 not that it is another gospel; except that there are trouble-makers among you who are seeking to pervert the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But even if we ourselves or an angel from heaven preaches to you a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let God's curse be on him.

Gal 1:9 I repeat again what we declared before: anyone who preaches to you a gospel other than the one you were first given is to be under God's curse.

Gal 1:10 Whom am I trying to convince now, human beings or God? Am I trying to please human beings? If I were still doing that I should not be a servant of Christ.

Gal 1:11 Now I want to make it quite clear to you, brothers, about the gospel that was preached by me, that it was no human message.

Gal 1:12 It was not from any human being that I received it, and I was not taught it, but it came to me through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal 5:13 After all, brothers, you were called to be free; do not use your freedom as an opening for self-indulgence, but be servants to one another in love,

Gal 5:14 since the whole of the Law is summarised in the one commandment: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Gal 5:15 If you go snapping at one another and tearing one another to pieces, take care: you will be eaten up by one another.

Gal 5:16 Instead, I tell you, be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence.

Gal 5:17 The desires of self-indulgence are always in opposition to the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are in opposition to self-indulgence: they are opposites, one against the other; that is how you are prevented from doing the things that you want to.

Gal 5:18 But when you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Gal 5:19 When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: sexual vice, impurity, and sensuality,

Gal 5:20 the worship of false gods and sorcery; antagonisms and rivalry, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels, disagreements,

Gal 5:21 factions and malice, drunkenness, orgies and all such things. And about these, I tell you now as I have told you in the past, that people who behave in these ways will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 On the other hand the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness and self-control; no law can touch such things as these.

Gal 5:24 All who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with all its passions and its desires.

Gal 5:25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let our behaviour be guided by the Spirit

Gal 5:26 and let us not be conceited or provocative and envious of one another.

Gal 6:1 Brothers, even if one of you is caught doing something wrong, those of you who are spiritual should set that person right in a spirit of gentleness; and watch yourselves that you are not put to the test in the same way.

Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens; that is how to keep the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 Someone who thinks himself important, when he is not, only deceives himself;

Gal 6:4 but everyone is to examine his own achievements, and then he will confine his boasting to his own achievements, not comparing them with anybody else's.

Gal 6:5 Each one has his own load to carry.

Gal 6:6 When someone is under instruction in doctrine, he should give his teacher a share in all his possessions.

Gal 6:7 Don't delude yourself: God is not to be fooled; whatever someone sows, that is what he will reap.

Gal 6:8 If his sowing is in the field of self-indulgence, then his harvest from it will be corruption; if his sowing is in the Spirit, then his harvest from the Spirit will be eternal life.

Gal 6:9 And let us never slacken in doing good; for if we do not give up, we shall have our harvest in due time.

Gal 6:10 So then, as long as we have the opportunity let all our actions be for the good of everybody, and especially of those who belong to the household of the faith.

Gal 6:11 Notice what large letters I have used in writing to you with my own hand.

Gal 6:12 It is those who want to cut a figure by human standards who force circumcision on you, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Gal 6:13 Even though they are circumcised they still do not keep the Law themselves; they want you to be circumcised only so that they can boast of your outward appearance.

Gal 6:14 But as for me, it is out of the question that I should boast at all, except of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal 6:15 It is not being circumcised or uncircumcised that matters; but what matters is a new creation.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this as their rule and to the Israel of God.

Gal 6:17 After this, let no one trouble me; I carry branded on my body the marks of Jesus.

Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Eph 1:1 Paul, by the will of God an apostle of Christ Jesus, to God's holy people, faithful in Christ Jesus.

Eph 1:2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Eph 1:4 Thus he chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and faultless before him in love,

Eph 1:5 marking us out for himself beforehand, to be adopted sons, through Jesus Christ. Such was his purpose and good pleasure,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved,

Eph 1:7 in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace

Eph 1:8 which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

Eph 1:9 He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, according to his good pleasure which he determined

gentiles live.

Eph 4:18 Intellectually they are in the dark, and they are estranged from the life of God, because of the ignorance which is the consequence of closed minds.

Eph 4:19 Their sense of right and wrong once dulled, they have abandoned all self-control and pursue to excess every kind of uncleanness.

Eph 4:20 Now that is hardly the way you have learnt Christ,

Eph 4:21 unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus.

Eph 4:22 You were to put aside your old self, which belongs to your old way of life and is corrupted by following illusory desires.

Eph 4:23 Your mind was to be renewed in spirit

Eph 4:24 so that you could put on the New Man that has been created on God's principles, in the uprightness and holiness of the truth.

Eph 4:25 So from now on, there must be no more lies. Speak the truth to one another, since we are all parts of one another.

Eph 4:26 Even if you are angry, do not sin: never let the sun set on your anger

Eph 4:27 or else you will give the devil a foothold.

Eph 4:28 Anyone who was a thief must stop stealing; instead he should exert himself at some honest job with his own hands so that he may have something to share with those in need.

Eph 4:29 No foul word should ever cross your lips; let your words be for the improvement of others, as occasion offers, and do good to your listeners;

Eph 4:30 do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal, ready for the day when we shall be set free.

Eph 4:31 Any bitterness or bad temper or anger or shouting or abuse must be far removed from you -- as must every kind of malice.

Eph 4:32 Be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Eph 5:1 As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

Eph 5:2 and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

Eph 5:3 Among you there must be not even a mention of sexual vice or impurity in any of its forms, or greed: this would scarcely become the holy people of God!

Eph 5:4 There must be no foul or salacious talk or coarse jokes -- all this is wrong for you; there should rather be thanksgiving.

Eph 5:5 For you can be quite certain that nobody who indulges in sexual immorality or impurity or greed -- which is worshipping a false god -- can inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:6 Do not let anyone deceive you with empty arguments: it is such behaviour that draws down God's retribution on those who rebel against him.

Eph 5:7 Make sure that you do not throw in your lot with them.

Eph 5:8 You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; behave as children of light,

Eph 5:9 for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth.

Eph 5:10 Try to discover what the Lord wants of you,

Eph 5:11 take no part in the futile works of darkness but, on the contrary, show them up for what they are.

Eph 5:12 The things which are done in secret are shameful even to speak of;

Eph 5:13 but anything shown up by the light will be illuminated

Eph 5:14 and anything illuminated is itself a light. That is why it is said: Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Eph 5:15 So be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people.

Eph 5:16 Make the best of the present time, for it is a wicked age.

Eph 5:17 This is why you must not be thoughtless but must recognise what is the will of the Lord.

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk with wine; this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit.

Eph 5:19 Sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs among yourselves, singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts,

Eph 5:20 always and everywhere giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Eph 5:22 Wives should be subject to their husbands as to the Lord,

Eph 5:23 since, as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife;

Eph 5:24 and as the Church is subject to Christ, so should wives be to their husbands, in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands should love their wives, just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her

Eph 5:26 to make her holy by washing her in cleansing water with a form of words,

his triumphal procession.

Col 2:16 Then never let anyone criticise you for what you eat or drink, or about observance of annual festivals, New Moons or Sabbaths.

Col 2:17 These are only a shadow of what was coming: the reality is the body of Christ.

Col 2:18 Do not be cheated of your prize by anyone who chooses to grovel to angels and worship them, pinning every hope on visions received, vainly puffed up by a human way of thinking;

Col 2:19 such a person has no connection to the Head, by which the whole body, given all that it needs and held together by its joints and sinews, grows with the growth given by God.

Col 2:20 If you have really died with Christ to the principles of this world, why do you still let rules dictate to you, as though you were still living in the world?

Col 2:21 -'Do not pick up this, do not eat that, do not touch the other,'

Col 2:22 and all about things which perish even while they are being used -- according to merely human commandments and doctrines!

Col 2:23 In these rules you can indeed find what seems to be good sense -- the cultivation of the will, and a humility which takes no account of the body; but in fact they have no value against self-indulgence.

Col 3:1 Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Col 3:2 Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth,

Col 3:3 because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 But when Christ is revealed -- and he is your life-you, too, will be revealed with him in glory.

Col 3:5 That is why you must kill everything in you that is earthly: sexual vice, impurity, uncontrolled passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god;

Col 3:6 it is precisely these things which draw God's retribution upon those who resist.

Col 3:7 And these things made up your way of life when you were living among such people,

Col 3:8 but now you also must give up all these things: human anger, hot temper, malice, abusive language and dirty talk;

Col 3:9 and do not lie to each other. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self,

Col 3:10 and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its Creator;

Col 3:11 and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised and uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Col 3:12 As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience.

Col 3:13 Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

Col 3:14 Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.

Col 3:15 And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God;

Col 3:17 and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as you should in the Lord.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be sharp with them.

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord.

Col 3:21 Parents, do not irritate your children or they will lose heart.

Col 3:22 Slaves, be obedient in every way to the people who, according to human reckoning, are your masters; not only when you are under their eye, as if you had only to please human beings, but wholeheartedly, out of respect for the Master.

Col 3:23 Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as done for the Lord and not for human beings,

Col 3:24 knowing that the Lord will repay you by making you his heirs. It is Christ the Lord that you are serving.

Col 3:25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid in kind. For there is no favouritism.

Col 4:1 Masters, make sure that your slaves are given what is upright and fair, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

Col 4:2 Be persevering in your prayers and be thankful as you stay awake to pray.

Col 4:3 Pray for us especially, asking God to throw open a door for us to announce the message and proclaim the mystery of Christ, for the sake of which I am in chains;

Col 4:4 pray that I may proclaim it as clearly as I ought.

kingdom and his glory.

1Th 2:13 Another reason why we continually thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the word that we brought you as God's message, you welcomed it for what it really is, not the word of any human being, but God's word, a power that is working among you believers.

1Th 2:14 For you, my brothers, have modelled yourselves on the churches of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judaea, in that you have suffered the same treatment from your own countrymen as they have had from the Jews,

1Th 2:15 who put the Lord Jesus to death, and the prophets too, and persecuted us also. Their conduct does not please God, and makes them the enemies of the whole human race,

1Th 2:16 because they are hindering us from preaching to gentiles to save them. Thus all the time they are reaching the full extent of their iniquity, but retribution has finally overtaken them.

1Th 2:17 Although we had been deprived of you for only a short time in body but never in affection, brothers, we had an especially strong desire and longing to see you face to face again,

1Th 2:18 and we tried hard to come and visit you; I, Paul, tried more than once, but Satan prevented us.

1Th 2:19 What do you think is our hope and our joy, and what our crown of honour in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes?

1Th 2:20 You are, for you are our pride and joy.

1Th 3:1 When we could not bear it any longer, we decided it would be best to be left without a companion at Athens,

1Th 3:2 and sent our brother Timothy, who is God's helper in spreading the gospel of Christ, to keep you firm and encourage you about your faith

1Th 3:3 and prevent any of you from being unsettled by the present hardships. As you know, these are bound to come our way:

1Th 3:4 indeed, when we were with you, we warned you that we are certain to have hardships to bear, and that is what has happened now, as you have found out.

1Th 3:5 That is why, when I could not bear it any longer, I sent to assure myself of your faith: I was afraid the Tester might have put you to the test, and all our work might have been pointless.

1Th 3:6 However, Timothy has returned from you and has given us good news of your faith and your love, telling us that you always remember us with pleasure and want to see us quite as much as we want to see you.

1Th 3:7 And so, brothers, your faith has been a great encouragement to us in the middle of our own distress and hardship;

1Th 3:8 now we can breathe again, as you are holding firm in the Lord.

1Th 3:9 How can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel before our God on your account?

1Th 3:10 We are earnestly praying night and day to be able to see you face to face again and make up any shortcomings in your faith.

1Th 3:11 May God our Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, ease our path to you.

1Th 3:12 May the Lord increase and enrich your love for each other and for all, so that it matches ours for you.

1Th 3:13 And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1Th 4:1 Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus; we instructed you how to live in the way that pleases God, and you are so living; but make more progress still.

1Th 4:2 You are well aware of the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1Th 4:3 God wills you all to be holy. He wants you to keep away from sexual immorality,

1Th 4:4 and each one of you to know how to control his body in a way that is holy and honourable,

1Th 4:5 not giving way to selfish lust like the nations who do not acknowledge God.

1Th 4:6 He wants nobody at all ever to sin by taking advantage of a brother in these matters; the Lord always pays back sins of that sort, as we told you before emphatically.

1Th 4:7 God called us to be holy, not to be immoral;

1Th 4:8 in other words, anyone who rejects this is rejecting not human authority, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1Th 4:9 As for brotherly love, there is no need to write to you about that, since you have yourselves learnt from God to love one another,

1Th 4:10 and in fact this is how you treat all the brothers throughout the whole of Macedonia. However, we do urge you, brothers, to go on making even greater progress

1Th 4:11 and to make a point of living quietly, attending to your own business and earning your living, just as we told you to,

1Th 4:12 so that you may earn the respect of outsiders and not be dependent on anyone.

1Th 4:13 We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, to make sure that you do not grieve for them, as others do who have no hope.

2Th 3:17 This greeting is in my own hand-PAUL. It is the mark of genuineness in every letter; this is my own writing.

2Th 3:18 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1Ti 1:1 Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus appointed by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

1Ti 1:2 to Timothy, true child of mine in the faith. Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Christ Jesus our Lord.

1Ti 1:3 When I was setting out for Macedonia I urged you to stay on in Ephesus to instruct certain people not to spread wrong teaching

1Ti 1:4 or to give attention to myths and unending genealogies; these things only foster doubts instead of furthering God's plan which is founded on faith.

1Ti 1:5 The final goal at which this instruction aims is love, issuing from a pure heart, a clear conscience and a sincere faith.

1Ti 1:6 Some people have missed the way to these things and turned to empty speculation,

1Ti 1:7 trying to be teachers of the Law; but they understand neither the words they use nor the matters about which they make such strong assertions.

1Ti 1:8 We are well aware that the Law is good, but only provided it is used legitimately,

1Ti 1:9 on the understanding that laws are not framed for people who are upright. On the contrary, they are for criminals and the insubordinate, for the irreligious and the wicked, for the sacrilegious and the godless; they are for people who kill their fathers or mothers and for murderers,

1Ti 1:10 for the promiscuous, homosexuals, kidnappers, for liars and for perjurers -- and for everything else that is contrary to the sound teaching

1Ti 1:11 that accords with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, the gospel that was entrusted to me.

1Ti 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength. By calling me into his service he has judged me trustworthy,

1Ti 1:13 even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith I acted in ignorance;

1Ti 1:14 but the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.

1Ti 1:15 Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them;

1Ti 1:16 and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the leading example of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who were later to trust in him for eternal life.

1Ti 1:17 To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Ti 1:18 Timothy, my son, these are the instructions that I am giving you, in accordance with the words once spoken over you by the prophets, so that in their light you may fight like a good soldier

1Ti 1:19 with faith and a good conscience for your weapons. Some people have put conscience aside and wrecked their faith in consequence.

1Ti 1:20 I mean men like Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan so that they may learn not to be blasphemous.

1Ti 2:1 I urge then, first of all that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving should be offered for everyone,

1Ti 2:2 for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live peaceful and quiet lives with all devotion and propriety.

1Ti 2:3 To do this is right, and acceptable to God our Saviour:

1Ti 2:4 he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humanity, himself a human being, Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who offered himself as a ransom for all. This was the witness given at the appointed time,

1Ti 2:7 of which I was appointed herald and apostle and -- I am telling the truth and no lie -- a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

1Ti 2:8 In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

1Ti 2:9 Similarly, women are to wear suitable clothes and to be dressed quietly and modestly, without braided hair or gold and jewellery or expensive clothes;

1Ti 2:10 their adornment is to do the good works that are proper for women who claim to be religious.

1Ti 2:11 During instruction, a woman should be quiet and respectful.

1Ti 2:12 I give no permission for a woman to teach or to have authority over a man. A woman ought to be quiet,

1Ti 2:13 because Adam was formed first and Eve afterwards,

1Ti 2:14 and it was not Adam who was led astray but the woman who was led astray and fell into sin.

1Ti 2:15 Nevertheless, she will be saved by child-bearing, provided she lives a sensible life and is constant in

Heb 12:10 Our human fathers were training us for a short life and according to their own lights; but he does it all for our own good, so that we may share his own holiness.

Heb 12:11 Of course, any discipline is at the time a matter for grief, not joy; but later, in those who have undergone it, it bears fruit in peace and uprightness.

Heb 12:12 So steady all weary hands and trembling knees

Heb 12:13 and make your crooked paths straight; then the injured limb will not be maimed, it will get better instead.

Heb 12:14 Seek peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one can ever see the Lord.

Heb 12:15 Be careful that no one is deprived of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness should begin to grow and make trouble; this can poison a large number.

Heb 12:16 And be careful that there is no immoral person, or anyone worldly minded like Esau, who sold his birthright for one single meal.

Heb 12:17 As you know, when he wanted to obtain the blessing afterwards, he was rejected and, though he pleaded for it with tears, he could find no way of reversing the decision.

Heb 12:18 What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or gloom or total darkness, or a storm;

Heb 12:19 or trumpet-blast or the sound of a voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them.

Heb 12:20 They could not bear the order that was given: If even a beast touches the mountain, it must be stoned.

Heb 12:21 The whole scene was so terrible that Moses said, 'I am afraid and trembling.'

Heb 12:22 But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival,

Heb 12:23 with the whole Church of first-born sons, enrolled as citizens of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and to the spirits of the upright who have been made perfect;

Heb 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to purifying blood which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Heb 12:25 Make sure that you never refuse to listen when he speaks. If the people who on earth refused to listen to a warning could not escape their punishment, how shall we possibly escape if we turn away from a voice that warns us from heaven?

Heb 12:26 That time his voice made the earth shake, but now he has given us this promise: I am going to shake the earth once more and not only the earth but heaven as well.

Heb 12:27 The words once more indicate the removal of what is shaken, since these are created things, so that what is not shaken remains.

Heb 12:28 We have been given possession of an unshakeable kingdom. Let us therefore be grateful and use our gratitude to worship God in the way that pleases him, in reverence and fear.

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Heb 13:1 Continue to love each other like brothers,

Heb 13:2 and remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Heb 13:3 Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; and those who are being badly treated, since you too are in the body.

Heb 13:4 Marriage must be honoured by all, and marriages must be kept undefiled, because the sexually immoral and adulterers will come under God's judgement.

Heb 13:5 Put avarice out of your lives and be content with whatever you have; God himself has said: I shall not fail you or desert you,

Heb 13:6 and so we can say with confidence: With the Lord on my side, I fear nothing: what can human beings do to me?

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who preached the word of God to you, and as you reflect on the outcome of their lives, take their faith as your model.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be for ever.

Heb 13:9 Do not be led astray by all sorts of strange doctrines: it is better to rely on grace for inner strength than on food, which has done no good to those who concentrate on it.

Heb 13:10 We have our own altar from which those who serve the Tent have no right to eat.

Heb 13:11 The bodies of the animals whose blood is taken into the sanctuary by the high priest for the rite of expiation are burnt outside the camp,

Heb 13:12 and so Jesus too suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people with his own blood.

Heb 13:13 Let us go to him, then, outside the camp, and bear his humiliation.

Heb 13:14 There is no permanent city for us here; we are looking for the one which is yet to be.

3Jo 1:8 it is our duty to welcome people of this sort and contribute our share to their work for the truth.

3Jo 1:9 I have written a note for the members of the church, but Diotrephes, who enjoys being in charge of it, refuses to accept us.

3Jo 1:10 So if I come, I shall tell everyone how he has behaved, and about the wicked accusations he has been circulating against us. As if that were not enough, he not only refuses to welcome our brothers, but prevents from doing so other people who would have liked to, and expels them from the church.

3Jo 1:11 My dear friend, never follow a bad example, but keep following the good one; whoever does what is right is from God, but no one who does what is wrong has ever seen God.

3Jo 1:12 Demetrius has been approved by everyone, and indeed by Truth itself. We too will vouch for him and you know that our testimony is true.

3Jo 1:13 There were several things I had to tell you but I would rather not trust them to pen and ink.

3Jo 1:14 However, I hope to see you soon and talk to you in person.

3Jo 1:15 Peace be with you; greetings from your friends; greet each of our friends by name.

Jud 1:1 From Jude, servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James; to those who are called, to those who are dear to God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ,

Jud 1:2 mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Jud 1:3 My dear friends, at a time when I was eagerly looking forward to writing to you about the salvation that we all share, I felt that I must write to you encouraging you to fight hard for the faith which has been once and for all entrusted to God's holy people.

Jud 1:4 Certain people have infiltrated among you, who were long ago marked down for condemnation on this account; without any reverence they pervert the grace of our God to debauchery and deny all religion, rejecting our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jud 1:5 I should like to remind you -- though you have already learnt it once and for all -- that the Lord rescued the nation from Egypt, but afterwards he still destroyed the people who refused to believe him;

Jud 1:6 and the angels who did not keep to the authority they had, but left their appointed sphere, he has kept in darkness in eternal bonds until the judgement of the great Day.

Jud 1:7 Sodom and Gomorrah, too, and the neighbouring towns, who with the same sexual immorality pursued unnatural lusts, are put before us as an example since they are paying the penalty of eternal fire.

Jud 1:8 Nevertheless, these people are doing the same: in their delusions they not only defile their bodies and disregard Authority, but abuse the Glories as well.

Jud 1:9 Not even the archangel Michael, when he was engaged in argument with the devil about the corpse of Moses, dared to denounce him in the language of abuse; all he said was, 'May the Lord rebuke you.'

Jud 1:10 But these people abuse anything they do not understand; and the only things they do understand -- merely by nature like unreasoning animals -- will turn out to be fatal to them.

Jud 1:11 Alas for them, because they have followed Cain; they have thrown themselves into the same delusion as Balaam for a reward; they have been ruined by the same rebellion as Korah -and share the same fate.

Jud 1:12 They are a dangerous hazard at your community meals, coming for the food and quite shamelessly only looking after themselves. They are like the clouds blown about by the winds and bringing no rain, or like autumn trees, barren and uprooted and so twice dead;

Jud 1:13 like wild sea waves with their own shame for foam; or like wandering stars for whom the gloom of darkness is stored up for ever.

Jud 1:14 It was with them in mind that Enoch, the seventh patriarch from Adam, made his prophecy when he said, 'I tell you, the Lord will come with his holy ones in their tens of thousands,

Jud 1:15 to pronounce judgement on all humanity and to sentence the godless for all the godless things they have done, and for all the defiant things said against him by godless sinners.'

Jud 1:16 They are mischief-makers, grumblers governed only by their own desires, with mouths full of boastful talk, ready to flatter others for gain.

Jud 1:17 But remember, my dear friends, what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.

Jud 1:18 'At the final point of time', they told you, 'there will be mockers who follow nothing but their own godless desires.'

Jud 1:19 It is they who cause division, who live according to nature and do not possess the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But you, my dear friends, must build yourselves up on the foundation of your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit;

Jud 1:21 keep yourselves within the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you eternal life.

Jud 1:22 To some you must be compassionate because they are wavering;

Jud 1:23 others you must save by snatching them from the fire; to others again you must be compassionate but wary, hating even the tunic stained by their bodies.

Jud 1:24 To him who can keep you from falling and bring you safe to his glorious presence, innocent and joyful,

Rev 19:20 But the beast was taken prisoner, together with the false prophet who had worked miracles on the beast's behalf and by them had deceived those who had accepted branding with the mark of the beast and those who had worshipped his statue. These two were hurled alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

Rev 19:21 All the rest were killed by the sword of the Rider, which came out of his mouth, and all the birds glutted themselves with their flesh.

Rev 20:1 Then I saw an angel come down from heaven with the key of the Abyss in his hand and an enormous chain.

Rev 20:2 He overpowered the dragon, that primeval serpent which is the devil and Satan, and chained him up for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He hurled him into the Abyss and shut the entrance and sealed it over him, to make sure he would not lead the nations astray again until the thousand years had passed. At the end of that time he must be released, but only for a short while.

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, where they took their seats, and on them was conferred the power to give judgement. I saw the souls of all who had been beheaded for having witnessed for Jesus and for having preached God's word, and those who refused to worship the beast or his statue and would not accept the brand-mark on their foreheads or hands; they came to life, and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over; this is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection; the second death has no power over them but they will be priests of God and of Christ and reign with him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will come out to lead astray all the nations in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, and mobilise them for war, his armies being as many as the sands of the sea.

Rev 20:9 They came swarming over the entire country and besieged the camp of the saints, which is the beloved City. But fire rained down on them from heaven and consumed them.

Rev 20:10 Then the devil, who led them astray, was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet are, and their torture will not come to an end, day or night, for ever and ever.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In his presence, earth and sky vanished, leaving no trace.

Rev 20:12 I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing in front of his throne while the books lay open. And another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged from what was written in the books, as their deeds deserved.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up all the dead who were in it;

Rev 20:14 Death and Hades were emptied of the dead that were in them; and every one was judged as his deeds deserved. Then Death and Hades were hurled into the burning lake. This burning lake is the second death;

Rev 20:15 and anybody whose name could not be found written in the book of life was hurled into the burning lake.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

Rev 21:2 I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride dressed for her husband.

Rev 21:3 Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'Look, here God lives among human beings. He will make his home among them; they will be his people, and he will be their God, God-with-them.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone.'

Rev 21:5 Then the One sitting on the throne spoke. 'Look, I am making the whole of creation new. Write this, "What I am saying is trustworthy and will come true."

Rev 21:6 Then he said to me, 'It has already happened. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty;

Rev 21:7 anyone who proves victorious will inherit these things; and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the legacy for cowards, for those who break their word, or worship obscenities, for murderers and the sexually immoral, and for sorcerers, worshippers of false gods or any other sort of liars, is the second death in the burning lake of sulphur.'

Rev 21:9 One of the seven angels that had the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues came to speak to me and said, 'Come here and I will show you the bride that the Lamb has married.'

Rev 21:10 In the spirit, he carried me to the top of a very high mountain, and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God.

Rev 21:11 It had all the glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond.

Rev 21:12 Its wall was of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel;

Rev 21:13 on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

Rev 21:14 The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 The angel that was speaking to me was carrying a gold measuring rod to measure the city and its gates and wall.

Rev 21:16 The plan of the city is perfectly square, its length the same as its breadth. He measured the city with his rod and it was twelve thousand furlongs, equal in length and in breadth, and equal in height.

Rev 21:17 He measured its wall, and this was a hundred and forty-four cubits high -- by human measurements.

Rev 21:18 The wall was built of diamond, and the city of pure gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 The foundations of the city wall were faced with all kinds of precious stone: the first with diamond, the second lapis lazuli, the third turquoise, the fourth crystal,

Rev 21:20 the fifth agate, the sixth ruby, the seventh gold quartz, the eighth malachite, the ninth topaz, the tenth emerald, the eleventh sapphire and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate being made of a single pearl, and the main street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

Rev 21:22 I could not see any temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple,

Rev 21:23 and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God, and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Rev 21:24 The nations will come to its light and the kings of the earth will bring it their treasures.

Rev 21:25 Its gates will never be closed by day -- and there will be no night there-

Rev 21:26 and the nations will come, bringing their treasure and their wealth.

Rev 21:27 Nothing unclean may come into it: no one who does what is loathsome or false, but only those who are listed in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of life, rising from the throne of God and of the Lamb and flowing crystal-clear.

Rev 22:2 Down the middle of the city street, on either bank of the river were the trees of life, which bear twelve crops of fruit in a year, one in each month, and the leaves of which are the cure for the nations.

Rev 22:3 The curse of destruction will be abolished. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city; his servants will worship him,

Rev 22:4 they will see him face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 And night will be abolished; they will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will be shining on them. They will reign for ever and ever.

Rev 22:6 The angel said to me, 'All that you have written is sure and will come true: the Lord God who inspires the prophets has sent his angel to reveal to his servants what is soon to take place.

Rev 22:7 I am coming soon!' Blessed are those who keep the prophetic message of this book.

Rev 22:8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I had heard and seen them all, I knelt at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me, to worship him;

Rev 22:9 but he said, 'Do no such thing: I am your fellow-servant and the fellow-servant of your brothers the prophets and those who keep the message of this book. God alone you must worship.'

Rev 22:10 This, too, he said to me, 'Do not keep the prophecies in this book a secret, because the Time is close.

Rev 22:11 Meanwhile let the sinner continue sinning, and the unclean continue to be unclean; let the upright continue in his uprightness, and those who are holy continue to be holy.

Rev 22:12 Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay everyone as their deeds deserve.

Rev 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 Others must stay outside: dogs, fortune-tellers, and the sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and everyone of false speech and false life.'

Rev 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the sake of the churches. I am the sprig from the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come!' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

Rev 22:18 This is my solemn attestation to all who hear the prophecies in this book: if anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him every plague mentioned in the book;

Rev 22:19 if anyone cuts anything out of the prophecies in this book, God will cut off his share of the tree of life and of the holy city, which are described in the book.

Rev 22:20 The one who attests these things says: I am indeed coming soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Rev 22:21 May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.