## The Cross

**Titus 2:9** *Urge* bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

<sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

<sup>12</sup> instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

<sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

<sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

<sup>15</sup> These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

**Titus 3:1** Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, <sup>2</sup> to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

<sup>3</sup> For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

<sup>5</sup> He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

<sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

<sup>7</sup> that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

<sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

**Isaiah 53:6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

**1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

**Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**Revelation 1:5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,

**1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

<sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

<sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

<sup>8</sup> and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

<sup>11</sup> Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

<sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

<sup>15</sup> Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

<sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins

**Romans 4:25** *He* who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

**Romans 5:1** Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

<sup>10</sup> and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

<sup>11</sup> and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

<sup>12</sup> having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

<sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "All the nations shall be blessed in you."

<sup>9</sup> So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

<sup>10</sup> For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them."

<sup>11</sup> Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith."

<sup>12</sup> However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them."

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree "--

<sup>14</sup> in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**Hebrews 10:8** After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast not desired, nor hast Thou taken pleasure *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Thy will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup> By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

<sup>12</sup> but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

<sup>13</sup> waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.

<sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And upon their mind I will write them," *He then says*,

<sup>17</sup> "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

<sup>18</sup> Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

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