

Sovereignty of God New Testament Verses

Members of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27)—those who believe in their heart the gospel of salvation that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised up by God (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 10:8-10)—are exhorted to be humble (Philippians 2:3-8; Ephesians 4:1-3). Perhaps the most significant aspect of our humility is recognizing that God the Father is sovereign—in all things. If we believe that God is the Almighty God and is in control of all things, we are submitting ourselves to Him. That is, we are recognizing that our destiny is in His hands and is according to His will and not our own. This is not a natural realization, and our thoughts and actions often prove that we actually think that God is subject to our will. For example, it is commonly believed that God saves us because of our choice (i.e., He is dependent upon our decision), and prayer is often used as a tool to assert our will onto God with an expectation of an answer suitable to our desires. Does the Bible say these things, or do we prefer to believe that it does (II Timothy 4:1-4)?¹

The following New Testament verses and passages demonstrate God’s sovereignty. They are certainly not the only ones, but are the ones that jumped out to me as I skimmed through the New Testament. There is no commentary associated with them; I’ll let the verses speak for themselves. I encourage you to read them in your own Bible, including the preceding and following verses as needed to understand the context. Furthermore, please read them carefully, for the aspect of God’s sovereignty that I’m trying to convey might not be readily apparent; however, look closely to see who is doing what. Who is controlling the outcome? Each of us should examine our own thoughts and evaluate our own actions as we read these verses.

I have not included the numerous references regarding fulfilled prophecy, but each of those instances proves that God carries out His plans as prophesied, working through both believers and unbelievers according to His will. Nor have I included the miracles that are recorded in the books of Matthew through Acts, which demonstrate the power of God. Although this presentation is limited to the New Testament, a similar investigation of the Old Testament would reveal the sovereign nature of God in even greater depth and detail.

The Sovereignty of God

Reference	Text ²
Matthew 4:7-10	Jesus said to him [<i>Satan</i>], “On the other hand, it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” The Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’” (see also Luke 4:12)

¹ See my studies **Let Us Be Humble, Salvation and the Sovereignty of God, and Prayer.**

² All references are quoted from the *New American Standard Bible* (1996). Words in brackets are either equivalent words from the *King James Version* (KJV) or, if in italics, were added by me for clarification. The added words *believers* and *brethren* refer to those who are saved from the consequences of sin; i.e., children of God.

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Matthew 5:44-45	"But I [<i>Jesus</i>] say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous [just] and the unrighteous [unjust]."
Matthew 11:25-26	At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants [babes]. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight." (see also Luke 10:21)
Matthew 11:27	"All things have been handed over to Me [<i>Jesus</i>] by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." (see also Luke 10:22)
Matthew 13:10-11	And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them [<i>the crowd</i>] in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted." (see also Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10)
Matthew 15:12-14	Then the disciples came and said to Him [<i>Jesus</i>], "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."
Matthew 16:15-17	He [<i>Jesus</i>] said to them [<i>His disciples</i>], "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 19:23-26	And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to [a rich man shall hardly] enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (see also Mark 10:25-27)
Matthew 20:20-23	Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee [<i>James and John</i>] came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink [<i>being put to death</i>]?" They said to Him, "We are able." He said to them. "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those whom it has been prepared by My Father." (see also Mark 10:35-40)
Matthew 22:11-14	"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless. "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."
Matthew 24:21-22	"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world [<i>creation</i>] until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short." (see also Mark 13:19-20)
Matthew 26:39	And He [<i>Jesus</i>] went a little beyond them [<i>the disciples</i>], and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." (see also Mark 14:35-36)

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Mark 16:19	So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them [<i>the disciples</i>], He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
Luke 1:35-37	The angel answered and said to her [<i>Mary</i>], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God."
Luke 12:4-7	"I [<i>Jesus</i>] say to you, My friends [<i>the disciples</i>], do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One [<i>God</i>] who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." (see also Matthew 10:28-31)
John 1:12-13	But as many as received Him [<i>Jesus Christ</i>], to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 5:21	"For just as the Father [<i>God</i>] raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son [<i>Christ</i>] also gives life to whom He wishes."
John 5:25-27	"Truly, truly, I [<i>Jesus</i>] say to you [<i>Jews seeking to kill Him</i>], an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He [<i>God</i>] gave Him [<i>Jesus</i>] authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man."
John 6:37	"All that the Father gives Me [<i>Jesus</i>] will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."
John 6:44	"No one can come to Me [<i>Jesus</i>] unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."
John 6:65	And He [<i>Jesus</i>] was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."
John 8:42-47	Jesus said to them [<i>the Jews</i>], "If God were your Father, you would love Me [<i>Jesus</i>], for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil [<i>Satan</i>], and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."
John 10:24-30	The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ [<i>Messiah</i>], tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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John 12:37-40	But though He [<i>Jesus</i>] had performed so many signs [miracles] before them [<i>the crowd—people of Israel</i>], yet they were not believing in Him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, “He [<i>the Lord God</i>] has blinded their eyes and He hardened their heart, so that they could not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.”
John 12:47-49	If anyone hears My [<i>Jesus</i>] sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”
John 14:16-17	“I [<i>Jesus</i>] will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Comforter], that He [<i>the Holy Spirit</i>] may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”
John 17:1-2	Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.”
John 17:12	While I [<i>Jesus</i>] was with them [<i>the disciples</i>], I was keeping them in Your [<i>God the Father’s</i>] name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition [<i>Judas</i>], so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.
Acts 1:6-7	So when they [<i>the disciples</i>] had come together, they were asking Him [<i>Jesus</i>], saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs [the seasons] which the Father has fixed by His own authority.”
Acts 2:22-24	“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.”
Acts 2:38-39	Peter said to them [<i>people of Israel</i>], “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”
Acts 4:27-28	“For truly in this city [<i>Jerusalem</i>] there were gathered together against Your [<i>God’s</i>] holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.”
Acts 10:42	“And He [<i>Jesus</i>] ordered us [<i>the disciples</i>] to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.”
Acts 13:48	When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed [ordained] to eternal life believed.
Acts 16:14	A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

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Acts 17:30-31	“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man [<i>Jesus Christ</i>] whom He [<i>God</i>] has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”
Romans 1:1-7	Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of the descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints [<i>believers</i>]: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 1:18-19	For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
Romans 2:4	Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
Romans 3:9-12	What then? Are we [<i>believers</i>] better than they [<i>the Jews</i>]? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks [<i>Gentiles</i>] are all under sin; as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.”
Romans 3:21-26	But now apart from the Law [<i>of Moses</i>] the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction [<i>between Jews and Gentiles</i>]; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation [<i>atoning sacrifice</i>] in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He pass over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith [<i>believes</i>] in Jesus.
Romans 5:6-10	For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 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.
Romans 6:20-23	For when you were slaves [<i>servants</i>] of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved [<i>become servants</i>] to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Romans 8:1-4	Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law [<i>of Moses</i>] could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law [<i>righteousness</i>] might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
Romans 8:6-8	For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
Romans 8:9-11	However, you [<i>believers</i>] are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him [<i>God</i>] who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He [<i>God</i>] who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
Romans 8:28-30	And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He [<i>Christ</i>] would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He [<i>God</i>] predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
Romans 8:31-33	What then shall we [<i>believers</i>] say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.
Romans 8:38-39	For I [<i>Paul</i>] am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us [<i>believers</i>] from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 9:9-18	<p>For this is the word of promise: "At this time I [<i>the Lord—see Genesis 18:1-10</i>] will come, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I [<i>God</i>] loved, but Esau I hated."</p> <p>What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I [<i>God</i>] raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." So then He [<i>God</i>] has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.</p>

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Romans 9:19-24	You will say to me [<i>Paul</i>] then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?” On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common [<i>dishonorable</i>] use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us [<i>believers</i>], whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.
Romans 10:20	And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I was found by those who did not seek Me [<i>the Lord God</i>], I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me.”
Romans 11:2-5	God has not rejected His people [<i>Israelites</i>] whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? “Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” But what is the divine response [<i>by God</i>] to him? “I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.
Romans 11:7-10	What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened [<i>blinded</i>]; just as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes to see not and ears to hear not, down to this very day.” And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, and a stumbling block and a retribution to them. Let their eyes be darkened to see not, and bend their backs forever.”
Romans 11:25-29	For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening [<i>blindness</i>] has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so [<i>then</i>] all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer [<i>Christ</i>] will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” From the standpoint of the gospel [<i>of grace</i>] they [<i>Israel—the Israelites</i>] are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers [<i>Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob</i>]; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Romans 11:30-31	For just as you [<i>Gentile believers</i>] once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their [<i>Israel’s</i>] disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.
Romans 11:33-36	Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him [<i>God</i>] be the glory forever. Amen.
Romans 12:3	For through the grace given to me [<i>Paul</i>] I say to everyone among you [<i>believers</i>] not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment [<i>soberly</i>], as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
Romans 12:19	Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.
Romans 13:1	Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established [<i>ordained</i>] by God.

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Romans 16:25-27	Now to Him [<i>God</i>] who is able to establish you [<i>believers</i>] according to my [<i>Paul's</i>] gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past [since the world began], but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.
I Corinthians 1:1-3	Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints [<i>believers</i>] by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (see also II Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; I Timothy 1:1; II Timothy 1:1)
I Corinthians 1:9	God is faithful, through whom you [<i>believers</i>] were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
I Corinthians 1:18	For the word [preaching] of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us [<i>believers</i>] who are being saved it is the power of God.
I Corinthians 1:22-25	For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks [<i>Gentiles</i> ³] search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called [<i>believers</i>], both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
I Corinthians 1:30-31	But by His [<i>God's</i>] doing you [<i>believers</i>] are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord [<i>God</i>]."
I Corinthians 2:10-12	For to us [<i>believers</i>] God revealed them [<i>Christ crucified and the hidden wisdom of God—the mystery</i>] through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we [<i>believers</i>] have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.
I Corinthians 2:14	But a natural man [<i>unbeliever</i>] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand [know] them, because they are spiritually appraised.
I Corinthians 3:5-7	What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I [<i>Paul</i>] planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.
I Corinthians 3:18-23	Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish [a fool], so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "He [<i>God</i>] is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness;" and again, "The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless [vain]." So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you [<i>believers</i>], whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas [<i>Peter</i>] or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

³ *Greeks* and *Gentiles* usually are interchangeable in Paul's letters and refer to people other than Jews (Acts 14:1-2; Romans 1:14-16; 10:12). However, this verse may simply be referring to Greeks as a term of familiarity because the letter was written to believers in Corinth, Greece, and because the Greeks were known for seeking knowledge and wisdom. Regardless, the intent of the passage applies to all Gentiles (including Greeks).

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I Corinthians 6:11	Such were some of you [<i>unrighteous</i>]; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
I Corinthians 6:19-20	Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
I Corinthians 7:21-23	Were you called while a slave [<i>bondservant</i>]? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that. For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ's slave. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.
I Corinthians 8:2-3	If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.
I Corinthians 10:13	No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
I Corinthians 12:11	But one and the same Spirit works all these things [<i>spiritual gifts</i>], distributing to each one individually just as He [<i>God</i>] wills.
I Corinthians 12:12-18	For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks [<i>Gentiles</i>], whether slaves or free, and we were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body [<i>of Christ</i>] is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members [<i>believers</i>], each one of them, in the body [<i>of Christ</i>] just as He desired.
I Corinthians 15:1-4	Now I [<i>Paul</i>] make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised [<i>by God</i>] on the third day according to the Scriptures.
I Corinthians 15:50-52	Now I [<i>Paul</i>] say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep [<i>physically die</i>], but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
II Corinthians 3:14-16	But their [<i>Israelites'</i>] minds were hardened [<i>by God</i>]; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant [<i>Law of Moses</i>] the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
II Corinthians 4:6-7	For God, who said [commanded], "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we [<i>believers</i>] have this treasure in earthen vessels [<i>our bodies</i>], so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.
II Corinthians 5:17-19	Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature [<i>creation</i>]; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us [<i>believers</i>] to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He [<i>God</i>] has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

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II Corinthians 10:17-18	But he who boasts is to boast in the Lord. For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.
II Corinthians 13:4	For indeed He [<i>Christ</i>] was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.
Galatians 1:1-2	Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), and all the brethren who are with me. To the churches of Galatia:
Galatians 1:3-5	Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.
Galatians 1:6-7	I [<i>Paul</i>] am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him [<i>God</i>] who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel, which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
Galatians 1:11-12	For I [<i>Paul</i>] would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it [<i>from God</i>] through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
Galatians 1:15-17	But when God, who had set me [<i>Paul</i>] apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles [<i>heathen</i>], I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.
Galatians 4:8-11	However at that time [<i>before salvation</i>], when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things [<i>works of the Law of Moses</i>], to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.
Galatians 5:1, 13	It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [<i>the Law of Moses</i>]... For you were called [<i>by God</i>] to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
Ephesians 1:3-6	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us [<i>believers</i>] with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He [<i>God</i>] chose us in Him [<i>Christ</i>] before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him [<i>God</i>]. In love He [<i>God</i>] predestined us to adoption as sons [<i>children</i>] through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His [<i>God's</i>] will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us [<i>made us accepted</i>] in the Beloved [<i>Christ</i>].
Ephesians 1:7-12	In Him [<i>Christ</i>] we [<i>believers</i>] have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses [<i>sins</i>], according to the riches of His [<i>God's</i>] grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He [<i>God</i>] made known to us the mystery of His will according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him [<i>Himself—God</i>] with a view to an administration suitable to [<i>the dispensation of</i>] the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up [<i>gathering together</i>] of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him [<i>Christ</i>] also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His [<i>God's</i>] purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His [<i>God's</i>] glory.

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Ephesians 1:13-14	In Him [<i>Christ</i>], you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him [<i>Christ</i>] with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge [the earnest] of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His [<i>God’s</i>] glory.
Ephesians 1:15-17	For this reason I [<i>Paul</i>] too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints [<i>believers</i>], do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.
Ephesians 1:18-23	I [<i>Paul</i>] pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His [<i>God’s</i>] calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His [<i>God’s</i>] might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He [<i>God</i>] put all things in subjection under His [<i>Christ’s</i>] feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His [<i>Christ’s</i>] body, the fullness of Him [<i>God</i>] who fills all in all.
Ephesians 2:4-7	But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us [<i>believers</i>], even when we were dead in our transgressions [<i>sins</i>], made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him [<i>God</i>] in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He [<i>God</i>] might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 2:8-10	For by grace you [<i>believers</i>] have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His [<i>God’s</i>] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 3:1-3	For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace [dispensation of the grace of God] which was given to me for you; that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.
Ephesians 3:8-12	To me [<i>Paul</i>], the very least of all saints [<i>believers</i>], this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable [unsearchable] riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration [fellowship] of the mystery which for ages [from the beginning of the world] has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church [<i>the body of Christ—believers</i>] to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.
Ephesians 3:20-21	Now to Him [<i>God</i>] who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him [<i>God</i>] be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 4:4-6	There is one body [<i>of Christ</i>] and one Spirit, just as also you [<i>believers</i>] were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over [above] all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:32	Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
Philippians 1:6	For I [<i>Paul</i>] am confident of this very thing, that He [<i>God</i>] who began a good work in you [<i>Philippian believers</i>] will perfect [perform] it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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Philippians 2:12-13	So then, my beloved, just as you [<i>Philippian brethren</i>] have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
Philippians 4:6-7	Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19	And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Colossians 1:9-12	For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you [<i>brethren</i>] and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His [<i>God's</i>] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints [<i>believers</i>] in Light.
Colossians 1:13-14	For He [<i>God</i>] rescued us [<i>believers</i>] from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son [<i>Christ</i>], in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:15-20	He [<i>Christ</i>] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him [<i>Christ</i>] all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him [<i>Christ</i>].
Colossians 1:21-23	And although you [<i>believers</i>] were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He [<i>Christ</i>] has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him [<i>God</i>] holy and blameless and beyond reproach—if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.
Colossians 1:25-27	Of this church [<i>the body of Christ</i>] I [<i>Paul</i>] was made a minister according to the stewardship from [dispensation of] God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might full carry out [fulfil] the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints [<i>believers</i>], to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
Colossians 2:9-10	For in Him [<i>Christ</i>] all the fullness of Deity [the Godhead] dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.
Colossians 2:13-14	When you [<i>believers</i>] were dead in your transgressions [sins] and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He [<i>God</i>] made you alive together with Him [<i>Christ</i>], having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us [<i>the Law of Moses</i>], which was hostile to us; and He [<i>God</i>] has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
Colossians 3:12-13	So, as those who have been chosen [elect] of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

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Colossians 3:15	Let the peace of Christ [God ⁴] rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called [<i>by God</i>] in one body; and be thankful.
I Thessalonians 1:2-4	We give thanks to God always for all of you [<i>Thessalonian brethren</i>], making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you [<i>your election of God</i>].
I Thessalonians 2:10-12	You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we [<i>Paul and his coworkers</i>] behaved toward you believers; just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls [<i>called</i>] you into His own kingdom and glory.
I Thessalonians 2:13	For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.
I Thessalonians 3:11-13	Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; so that He [<i>Christ</i>] may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints [<i>believers</i>].
I Thessalonians 4:7-8	For God has not called us [<i>believers</i>] for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification [<i>holiness</i>]. So, he who rejects this in not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.
I Thessalonians 4:13-17	But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep [<i>believers who physically died</i>], so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
I Thessalonians 5:9-10	For God has not destined us [<i>believers</i>] for wrath [<i>the time of tribulation judgments</i>], but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake [<i>physically alive</i>] or asleep, we will live together with Him.
I Thessalonians 5:23-24	Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He [<i>God</i>] who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.
II Thessalonians 1:11-12	To this end also we [<i>Paul and his coworkers</i>] pray for you [<i>Thessalonian brethren</i>] always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
II Thessalonians 2:11-12	For this reason God will send upon them [<i>unbelievers in the time of tribulation judgments</i>] a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged [<i>condemned</i>] who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

⁴ I believe that the KJV translation of “the peace of God” is more appropriate in this verse because this is consistent with other passages such as Philippians 4:6-9; Romans 15:13; and II Corinthians 13:11. However, we also have peace from and through Christ (II Thessalonians 1:2; I Timothy 1:2), so perhaps both versions are correct.

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II Thessalonians 2:13-14	But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
I Timothy 1:17	Now to the King [<i>God the Father</i>] eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen.
I Timothy 2:5-6	For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time [in due time].
I Timothy 6:12	Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called [<i>by God</i>], and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
I Timothy 6:13-16	I charge you [<i>Timothy</i>] in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He [<i>God the Father</i>] will bring about at the proper time—He [<i>God</i>] who is the blessed and only Sovereign [Potentate], the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him [<i>God</i>] be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.
II Timothy 1:8-11	Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me [<i>Paul</i>] His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us [<i>believers</i>] and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His [<i>God's</i>] own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity [before the world began], but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I [<i>Paul</i>] was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.
II Timothy 2:8-10	Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my [<i>Paul's</i>] gospel, for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God in not imprisoned. For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen [<i>the elect of God: current and future believers</i>], so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.
II Timothy 2:19	Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows whose who are His,” and “Everyone who names the name of the Lord [Christ] is to abstain from wickedness.”
II Timothy 3:16-17	All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching [doctrine], for reproof, for correction, for training [instruction] in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate [<i>complete</i>], equipped for every good work.
Titus 1:1-3	Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God [<i>believers</i>] and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago [before the world began], but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior.
Titus 3:4-7	But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He [<i>God</i>] 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, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His [<i>God's</i>] grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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Hebrews 1:1-4	God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us [<i>people of Israel</i>] in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He [<i>Christ</i>] is the radiance of His [<i>God's</i>] glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the work of His power. When He [<i>Christ</i>] had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty [<i>God</i>] on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.
Hebrews 2:10-11	For it was fitting for Him [<i>Christ</i>], for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author [captain] of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He [<i>Christ</i>] is not ashamed to call them brethren.
Hebrews 4:12-13	For the word of God is living and active [powerful] and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge [<i>discern</i>] the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His [<i>God's, or Christ's?</i> ⁵] sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
Hebrews 6:17-18	In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise [<i>believers of Israel</i>] the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
Hebrews 8:10-12	"For this is the covenant that I [<i>the Lord God</i>] will make with the House of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen [neighbor], and everyone his brother, saying 'Know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their iniquities [unrighteousness], and I will remember their sins no more."
Hebrews 9:15	For this reason He [<i>Christ</i>] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant [<i>the Law of Moses</i>], those who have been called [<i>by God</i>] may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
Hebrews 10:11-14	Every priest [<i>of Israel</i>] stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He [<i>Christ</i>], having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He [<i>Christ</i>] has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
Hebrews 10:30-31	For we know Him [<i>God</i>] who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will Judge His people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
Hebrews 13:20-21	Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His [<i>God's</i>] will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom [<i>God</i>] be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
James 1:13-15	Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

⁵ The subject of the verse is the word of God, but the primary subject of the book of Hebrews is Christ. Nothing is hidden from God or Christ, and Christ has been appointed by God to judge the living and the dead (John 5:25-30; Acts 10:42; 17:30-31). Therefore, this verse may be referring to either God the Father or Christ (or possibly both).

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James 1:17-18	Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights [<i>God</i>], with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.
I Peter 1:1-2	Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens [<i>believing people of Israel living outside of Israel</i>], scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen [elect] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.
I Peter 1:3-5	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you [<i>brethren</i>], who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
I Peter 1:20-21	For He [<i>Christ</i>] was foreknown [foreordained] before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
I Peter 1:22-23	Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
I Peter 2:9-10	But you [<i>believers of the people of Israel</i>] are a chosen race [generation], a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him [<i>God</i>] who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
II Peter 1:1-3	Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His [<i>God's</i>] divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him [<i>God</i>] who called us by His own glory and excellence.
II Peter 1:4	For by these He [<i>God</i>] has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
II Peter 1:10-11	Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His [<i>God's</i>] calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.
II Peter 1:20-21	But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
II Peter 3:7	But by His [<i>God's</i>] word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
I John 1:5	This is the message we have heard for Him [<i>Jesus</i>] and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
I 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 [<i>atonement sacrifice</i>] for our sins.
I John 4:19	We love [<i>God</i>], because He [<i>God</i>] first loved us.

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I John 5:11-12	And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life in in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
Jude 1-2	Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.
Revelation 1:8	"I am the Alpha [<i>beginning</i>] and the Omega [<i>ending</i>]," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
Revelation 13:7-8	It was also given to him [<i>the beast—Satan's representative</i>] to make war with the saints [<i>kingdom believers of Israel</i>] and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him [<i>by God</i>]. All who dwell on the earth will worship him [<i>the beast</i>], everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb [<i>Christ</i>] who has been slain. (see also Revelation 17:8)
Revelation 17:14	"These [<i>the kingdoms of the beast</i>] will wage war against the Lamb [<i>Christ</i>], and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called [<i>of God</i>] and chosen and faithful."
Revelation 17:17	"For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled."
Revelation 22:8-9	I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

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