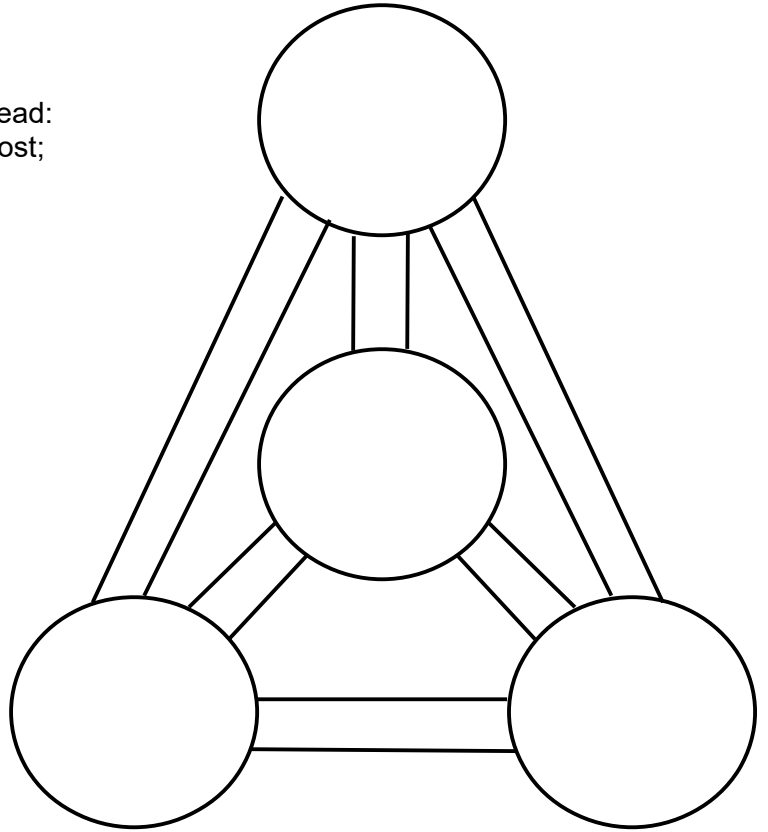


IV. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT- SANCTIFICATION

IV. A. THE TRINITY

Trinity = T _____

There are three Persons in the Godhead:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
and these three are one God,
the same in substance,
equal in power and glory.



IV. B. THE HOLY SPIRIT

Genesis 1.1-2: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Psalms 51.10-11: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Matthew 1.18: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about¹: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1.8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2.38: Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

II Timothy 1.14: Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

παρακλητος Paraclete John 14.6

^{NIV} And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--

^{KJV} And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

^{NAS} "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

^{NJB} I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever,

IV. C. RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 2.8-10: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Faith is b_____ in what God has revealed (cf. "deposit of faith")

Faith is also : a l_____ commitment which changes our lives

Regardless of our view of predestination, we experience His call as a c_____

thus faith is linked to r_____ :

Acts 26.20: First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

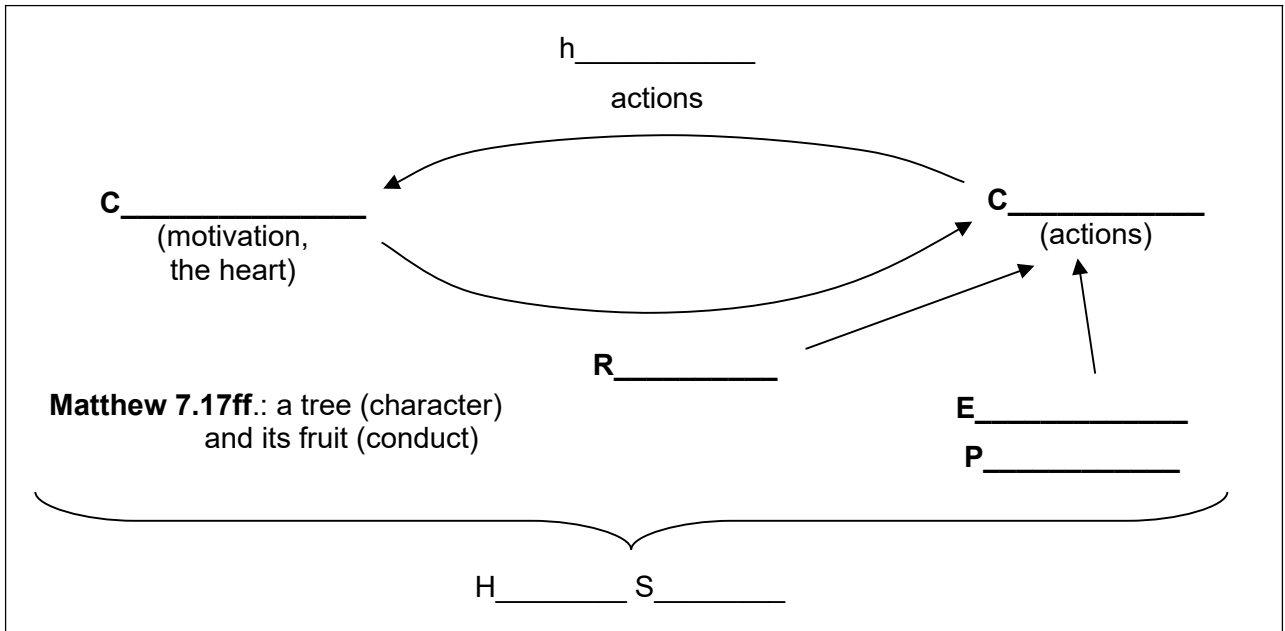
Jesus Christ can be savior ONLY because He is God
ut because He is God, He must also be our L_____

So it is **not** "I'm saved, I'm d_____;" rather it is "
I'm saved, I've just b_____."

IV. D. SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is becoming h_____

Matthew 7.17-20: Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.



Character 1. T_____ Virtues: faith, hope, love

I Corinthians 13.13: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

2. Cardinal Virtues

W_____ : the pursuit of noble ends through worthy means

Psalms 111.10: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

James 3.13: Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

T_____ (balance)

Philippians 4.11: I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

J_____

Micah 6.8: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

C_____

Philippians 1.20-21: I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Roles

The four roles of the Christian:

D_____ ; P_____ ; A_____ ; S_____

(we cover these in detail in Part IV of Christian Basics)

Conduct

Works of f_____ : if we truly believe Jesus is God, then we must not only believe IN Him, but we must OBEY Him

So it is not "if works... then faith" but "if faith... then works"

James 2.17: In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Christian "works" are also linked to the "f_____" of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5.16-26: So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

What other works does God command of us?

The 10 Commandments: Exodus 20.1-18

The G_____ Commandments

Matthew 22.37-39: Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Great C _____

Matthew 28.18-20: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

B _____ commands:

I Corinthians 13.4-7: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Matthew 18.21-22: When Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

S _____ commands:

James 4.11a: Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.

How the Holy Spirit Moves Us

Personally

- F _____ of hell ; h _____ of heaven
- Desire for h _____ and w _____
- G _____ for what Christ did for us
- A _____ that God is God

Congregationally

- Church d _____
- Example and teaching of m _____ Christians
- Church r _____

A Final Thought:

Matthew 7.21: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

IV. E. READINGS

IV. E. 1. The Nicene Creed

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

On the Holy Spirit as God:

Genesis 1.1-2: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

Psalms 51.11: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Matthew 1.18: This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3.21-22: When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

John 20.21-22: Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 13.2: While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the **Holy Spirit said**, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Bible verses relevant to the doctrine of the Trinity

On the Father as God:

Exodus 3.13-14: Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 20.1-7: And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below....You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name

Deuteronomy 6.4-7: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Hebrews 12.9-11: Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

IV. E. 2. WCF Readings

Chapter 13: Sanctification

1. **Those who are effectually called and regenerated**, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, **are further sanctified**—truly and personally—through the power of Christ's death and resurrection, **by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them**. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, its various lusts are more and more weakened and put to death, and **those called and regenerated are more and more enlivened and strengthened** in all saving graces, leading to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

2. This **sanctification**, although **imperfect in this life**, is effected in every part of man's nature. Some remnants of corruption still persist in every part, and so there arises a **continual and irreconcilable war**—the flesh warring against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

3. Although in this war the remaining corruption may strongly prevail for a time, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate nature overcomes, and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Chapter 14: Saving Faith

1. The **grace of faith**, by which the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, **is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts**, and is ordinarily produced through the ministry of the Word. This faith is increased and strengthened by the same means, and also by the administration of the sacraments and prayer.

2. **By this faith, a Christian** believes to be true whatever is revealed in the Word, because of the authority of God himself speaking in it. He also responds differently to what each particular passage contains—**obeying the commands**, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. **But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life**, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

3. This faith varies in degrees. It may be weak or strong. It may often, and in many ways, be assailed and weakened, but it gains the victory. It matures in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and the perfecter of our faith.

Chapter 15: Repentance unto Life

1. **Repentance unto life is a gospel grace**, the doctrine of which is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, just as is the doctrine of faith in Christ.
2. **By it a sinner**—seeing and sensing not only the danger but also the filthiness and hatefulfulness of his sins, because they are contrary to God's holy nature and his righteous law—**turns from all his sins to God** in the realization that God promises mercy in Christ to those who repent, and so grieves for and hates his sins that he determines and endeavors to walk with God in all the ways that he commands.
3. Although repentance is not to be relied on as any payment of the penalty for sin, or any cause of the pardon of sin (which is God's act of free grace in Christ); yet repentance is so necessary for all sinners, that no one may expect pardon without it.
4. **No sin is so small that it does not deserve damnation. Nor is any sin so great that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.**
5. No one should be satisfied with a general repentance; rather, it is everyone's duty to endeavor to **repent of each particular sin, particularly**.
6. It is the duty of each one to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for pardon (and whoever confesses his sins, prays for forgiveness, and forsakes those sins shall find mercy). Similarly, anyone who has scandalized a brother, or the church of Christ, ought to be willing by private or public confession, and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended, who are then to be reconciled to him and receive him in love.

IV. E. 3. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Genesis 1.2: Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Numbers 24.2-5: When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came on him and he spoke his message: "The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor, the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly, the prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: "How beautiful are your tents, Jacob, your dwelling places, Israel!

Judges 3.9-10: But when they cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war.

Psalms 51.10-12: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Isaiah 63.11-12: Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people-- where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set his Holy Spirit among them, who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown,

Ezekiel 8.1-4: In the sixth year, in the sixth month on the fifth day, while I was sitting in my house and the elders of Judah were sitting before me, the hand of the Sovereign LORD came on me there. I looked, and I saw a figure like that of a man. From what appeared to be his waist down he was like fire, and from there up his appearance was as bright as glowing metal. He stretched out what looked like a hand and took me by the hair of my head. The Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and in visions of God he took me to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner court, where the idol that provokes to jealousy stood. And there before me was the glory of the God of Israel, as in the vision I had seen in the plain.

IV. E. 4. The Holy Spirit and Jesus

Matthew 1.18: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3.16-17: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Chapter 2: God and the Holy Trinity (part 3)

3. In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son.

General support for the Trinity:

Genesis 1.1: In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth. (Hebrew for God here is *elohim*, a plural term.)

Genesis 1.26: Then God said, "Let us make man in **our** image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Matthew 28.18-20: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

II Corinthians 13.14: May the grace of **the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you all.

Ephesians 1.17: I keep asking that **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit** of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

IV. E. 5. The Holy Spirit and Us

John 14.16-17: And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14.26: But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16.13: But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Acts 1.1-5: In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2.3-4: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2.37-39: When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 8.15-17: When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5.5: And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 8.5-8: Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Ephesians 1.17: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 6.17-18: Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

II Timothy 1.7: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

I John 4.1: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

IV. E. 6. Repentance, Sanctification & Righteousness

Exodus 20.1-18: And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before¹ me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Psalms 51.17: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalms 111.10a the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

Isa 29.13: The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

Micah 6.8: He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 7.21: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5.48: Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 3.7-9: John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

John 14.15: "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Acts 5.30-32: The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead-- whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.

Romans 8.9-16: You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation-- but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Philippians 2.3-5: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Hebrews 11.6: And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Suggestions for Further Reading:

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