13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom

of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 ESV

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one

who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8 ESV

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great

crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole

crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A

sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the

birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not

have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but

when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered

away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8

Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,

some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:1-9 ESV

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the

kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has

been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown

on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with

joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or

persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what

was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world

and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what

was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He

indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in

another thirty."

Matthew 13:18-23 ESV

31 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain

of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds,

but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that

the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Matthew 13: 31-32 ESV

1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you

seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to

them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

Hebrews 4:1-2 NKJV

- 20 From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 18:20-21 ESV

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 ESV

- 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3 ESV

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be

conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing

you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak,

slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness

the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if

anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his

natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets

what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and

perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his

doing.

James 1:19-25 ESV

10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest

in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the

unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been

faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No

servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he

will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Matthew 11:25-27 ESV

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined.

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 ESV

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-9 ESV

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the

uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by

hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from

the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope

and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off

have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-13 ESV

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be

restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under

people's feet.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do

people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in

the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see

your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For

the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and

death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By

sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the

flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who

walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live

according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live

according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind

on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind

that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it

cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells

in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if

Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he

who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through

his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:1-11 ESV

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows

bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV

So that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience

inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12 ESV

22 And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:22-24 ESV

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 ESV

1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 ESV

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8 ESV

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19:1-6 ESV

- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "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. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

Acts 2:37-39 ESV