

Old Paths Bible Church

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Statement of Faith

Scripture

We believe that the Old and New Testaments, comprising the completed canon of 66 books, are God's revelation, as originally given through men and dictated by the Holy Spirit. These Scriptures are therefore the verbally inspired Word of God, wholly trustworthy, inerrant, the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and life¹.

The Doctrine of God

We believe that there is but one living and true God² who is Spirit³, Life⁴, Light⁵, and Love⁶, who is unchangeable in His being and attributes, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit⁷. These three are of one essence, equal in power and glory, therefore to be honoured and worshipped equally as true God⁸. God is above and separate from His Creation, yet active within it as Preserver and Sustainer⁹.

The Father

We believe in the Fatherhood of God, including His designation within the Trinity¹⁰, His relationship with Mankind¹¹, His nurture of His chosen people Israel¹², and His creation of the Church of Jesus Christ¹³ (as Creator, He is Father to all men, as Redeemer, He is Father only to believers). He saves from sin all who come to Him through Jesus Christ¹⁴; He adopts as His own all who thus come to Him¹⁵.

The Son

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who became Son of Man begotten of the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary¹⁶; that He lived an sinless life in perfect obedience to the Father¹⁷, manifesting the person of the Father¹⁸, whilst identifying with fallen man¹⁹; that He died for the sins of all men²⁰, was buried²¹, rose again from the dead²², ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us, fulfilling His Royal Priesthood²³. He baptises with the Holy Spirit, and reigns as Lord over all²⁴; He shall return personally in power and great glory²⁵.

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is a person²⁶, possessing all the attributes of personality²⁷ and deity²⁸, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and with the Son²⁹. He was active in earth's earliest ages, also in revelation and enablement of Old Testament saints³⁰. His ministry in this present age is to glorify and bear witness to the person of the Son³¹; to convince the world of sin, righteousness and judgement³², to regenerate all believers³³, to baptise them into the Body of Jesus Christ³⁴, to guide them into all truth³⁵, and by His indwelling presence enable them to live a sanctified godly life³⁶. We believe that spiritual gifts are divinely given³⁷ and sovereignly distributed by the Holy Spirit to every

member of the Body of Christ³⁸. The purpose of these gifts is to glorify God, to edify the church and assist it to fulfil its divinely appointed task³⁹.

We believe revelation is not ongoing, tongues are neither the sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor of spirituality, and Christ's atonement does not demand physical healing. The exercise of spiritual gifts must always be consistent with Scripture.

Creation

We believe that Creation is the work of God in six literal days through the meditation of Jesus Christ and the operation of the Holy Spirit, bringing into existence the universe, including both the material⁴⁰ and the spiritual worlds⁴¹; and in a more restricted sense the bringing into its present condition the earth and the system to which it belongs. The Genesis record relates principally in its details to the earth⁴² but the first words of that account suggest a much wider concept⁴³. Only three creative acts are recorded⁴⁴. Man is therefore the direct creation of God – spirit, soul and body – not in any sense the product of animal ancestry but made in the Divine image⁴⁵.

Satan

We believe in the existence of Satan, designated and described in the Scriptures by various names and descriptions⁴⁶; that he incurred the judgement of God by rebelling against the Creator⁴⁷; that he introduced sin into the human race by precipitating the fall of the first pair⁴⁸; that he is the implacable foe of all mankind⁴⁹, declared to be the prince of this world and of the power of the air⁵⁰ and the god of this world, whereby the whole world lies in the wicked one⁵¹; that he is a personal spiritual being who directs a kingdom of evil⁵², whose sole aim is to thwart the purposes of God⁵³; that he was defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ⁵⁴, and is to be banished eternally from the presence of God and cast into the lake of fire⁵⁵.

Man

We believe that the first man was created in the image of God⁵⁶, but through deliberate disobedience to the divine will marred that image⁵⁷, bringing subsequent ruin upon the whole human race⁵⁸, all men becoming sinners by nature (inherited depravity)⁵⁹ and by practice and separation from God⁶⁰ (which may or may not be eternal according to the free will choice relating to salvation).

We therefore believe that all men are lost, without God and without hope, apart from the salvation that is in Christ⁶¹.

We believe that regenerated man as a child of God holds all he possesses as a sacred trust from God and will one day be required to give an account of his stewardship of time, talent, treasure, and works⁶².

Salvation

We believe

- That man is saved from the guilt and consequences of sin by the grace of God, through faith in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ⁶³ thereby reconciling God to Man and Man to God⁶⁴;
- That God extends pardon⁶⁵ to those who manifest true repentance for sins⁶⁶, and justifies them by His declaring them righteous (faith in the finished work and substitutionary death of Jesus Christ being counted for righteousness)⁶⁷;
- That at the moment a sinner experiences forgiveness of sins he is also born again through the Word of God⁶⁸ and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit⁶⁹, and receives therefore

the Spirit of adoption enabling him to cry 'Abba, Father'⁷⁰. Thus a child is born into the family of God;

- That salvation includes deliverance from the power of sin through obedience to the word of God as the Holy Spirit gives His gracious enablement⁷¹.

Sanctification

We believe

- That every child of God is sanctified (set apart) unto God by justification declared to be holy and is therefore identified as a saint. This sanctification is positional and has to do with the believer's standing, not his present walk⁷²;
- That there is a present actual sanctification which begins at the time of initial justification whereby the believer is expected and therefore exhorted to walk in full consecration to the light he possesses at that time⁷³;
- That there is a critical sanctification which the believer may seek and appropriate by faith, to which God responds in His sovereign grace by an experiential, purifying act whereby the Holy spirit witnesses with our spirit, bestowing His peace, joy and love when, where, and how He wills⁷⁴;
- That this critical sanctification does not preclude a continual progressive work of the Holy Spirit before and particularly after its realisation, whereby the believer is stabilised in his walk and brought closer to the perfect positional standing bestowed upon him through justification⁷⁵; (see NOTE)
- That the Christian is to glorify God in personal conduct⁷⁶ in relation to his family⁷⁷, his vocation⁷⁸, his neighbour⁷⁹, and his government⁸⁰.

NOTE: We reject any teaching that equates this critical cleansing work and witness of the Holy Spirit with the eradication of sin in the sense that the believer so entirely sanctified can never sin again; but we do believe that there is an eradication of sin to the extent that a believer so sanctified continues to abide by vital, obedient faith in the Person and work and love and joy of the Lord Jesus Christ⁸¹. Thus the dominion of the body of sin is destroyed⁸², permitting the Holy Spirit to function in all His glorious fullness and power⁸³.

The Church

We believe that the Church comprises all who have been redeemed by faith in Jesus Christ⁸⁴, and have been baptised by His Spirit into one body⁸⁵, Christ Himself being the Head who sanctifies and cleanses the Church with the washing of water by the Word⁸⁶, and commissions it to go into all the world proclaiming the message of the Gospel to Jew and Gentile, making disciples from among all nations⁸⁷. In obedience to this Great Commission we believe in the establishing of new believers in Christ and the equipping of them as multiplying labourers⁸⁸. We believe in the establishment and continuity of local churches, and that members of the one universal spiritual body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies as is desirable and practicable⁸⁹. Local church leadership is vested in officers designated Pastor⁹⁰ and Deacons⁹¹ who must conform to Biblical qualifications to be eligible for appointment. Members are exhorted to share their sovereignly bestowed gifts as stewards of the manifold grace of God⁹².

The Family

We believe the family to be the basic unit in society, and therefore accept and affirm only the Biblical basis of marriage wherein the husband provides for his family, is to love and lead his wife,

who as helpmeet, is to submit to and respect her husband⁹³. As parents they are responsible to teach and train their children in obedience, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to ensure the Godly line to the third and fourth generation⁹⁴.

Sacraments

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances which have been sovereignly and explicitly instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ who has appointed their continual observance in each succeeding age (until He returns)⁹⁵.

Baptism: We believe that baptism should be available to all who display evidence of repentance toward God, and for sin⁹⁶, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ⁹⁷, willing to yield obedience to Him⁹⁸, and that the method whereby this rite is administered is the total immersion of the believer in water⁹⁹.

Lord's Supper: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ commanded that the Lord's Supper be regularly observed¹⁰⁰:

- To be a memorial to redeemed sinners of the offering of Jesus Christ as a sacrifice of Himself upon the cross for their sins¹⁰¹, and of the continuing efficacy of that sacrifice¹⁰²;
- To promote the nourishment and growth of the spiritual life of the saints in Christ: "take eat, this is My body which is broken for you"¹⁰³;
- To strengthen the bonds of fellowship which believers have with Christ and with one another¹⁰⁴.

Israel

We believe that God called the nation of Israel into being to fulfil His purposes declared in a series of covenants to Abraham, reaffirmed to Isaac and Jacob, and extended to the house of Jacob through Moses¹⁰⁵. God warned that failure to achieve these purposes, and pursuit of idolatrous customs and worship, would result in the nation being visited by judgements of drought, famine, pestilence, invasion, captivity, and dispersion among the other nations of the world¹⁰⁶. A long history of national failure duly attended by the promised judgements¹⁰⁷ culminated in Israel's rejection of their long awaited Messiah¹⁰⁸. God in turn pronounced the suspension of the chosen people from being the Divine vehicle of witness to the Gentile nations¹⁰⁹, and announced His intention of raising up an holy nation through whom He would accomplish His purposes – the Church of Jesus Christ¹¹⁰.

We believe the Bible teaches that Israel's suspension is temporary; that their program of restoration includes their return to the Promised Land¹¹¹, recognition as a nation by the Gentile governments of the world, rebuilding of their temple in Jerusalem, acknowledgment of Jesus as their Messiah, and their national repentance¹¹².

Israel will occupy a place of honour and blessing when the Lord Jesus Christ reigns as King during the millennium¹¹³.

Eschatology

We believe in the imminent, sudden, unexpected return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture His Church, which is our Blessed Hope¹¹⁴; that when He has, by resurrection from the dead and translation of the loving removed all believers from the earth, they will subsequently appear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive rewards according to their works¹¹⁵; that God will pour out His wrath in righteous judgement upon the earth in a time of Great Tribulation¹¹⁶; that after such Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ with His saints will be glorious, and every eye shall see Him¹¹⁷; that He will establish His Kingdom upon the earth and reign as King over all nations for a thousand years¹¹⁸; that He will judge the wicked of all ages and create a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness¹¹⁹.

Unity

We recognise that in some areas of Bible interpretation there does occur among believers differences in emphasis and conviction whilst striving to keep the unity and harmony of the Spirit within the body of Christ and always in conformity with the Scriptures. Ps 133:1-3; Prov 2:1-11; Acts 4:24, 32; I Cor 1:10; Phil 1:27, 2:2; II Tim 1:13-14, 2:1-2; Rom 14:1-15:7; John 7:17; Eph 4:1-3

Scripture References

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¹ Ps 119:89, 160; Matt 5:18, 24:35; Rom 15:4; II Tim 3:16; II Pet 1:19-21

DOCTRINE OF GOD

² Deut 6:4

³ John 4:24

⁴ John 1:4; 5:26, 14:6; Rom 8:2, 11; II Cor 3:6; Gal 6:8

⁵ I John 1:5

⁶ I John 4:8, 16

⁷ Ex 3:14; Rev 1:4-8; Ps 90:2; Ps 102:25-27; Heb 13:8; II Cor 3:17; Titus 2:13; II Cor 5:19; Heb 9:14

⁸ John 1:1-2, 10:30, 14:15-16 & 26, 15:26, 16:13, 5:23; Matt 11:27, 28:19; Isa 42:1; I Tim 3:16; II Cor 13:14

⁹ I Cor 8:6; Gen 1:1-2; John 5:23; Col 1:12-17; Heb 1:3

FATHER

¹⁰ John 3:35, 5:17-23, 30, 8:28, 1:18

¹¹ Isa 64:8; Acts 17:22-29, 28

¹² Deut 32:6; Ex 4:22-23; Hos 11:1, 4; Isa 63:16; Mal 1:6

¹³ John 1:12-13; II Cor 6:17-18; Matt 16:18; Acts 2:32-46, 47

¹⁴ Matt 11:28-30; John 6:35, 37; Acts 2:38; Eph 2:1-13; Titus 2:11-14, 3:3-7; Rev 1:5-6; Isa 53:1-12

¹⁵ Gal 4:1-7; Rom 8:15-17; Eph 1:3-6

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¹⁶ Isa 9:6-7; Matt 1:18-21; Luke 1:26-33; Phil 2:5-8; Col 2:9

¹⁷ Luke 23:1-4, 13-16, 39-41, 47; John 5:19, 30, 6:38, 12:49-50; II Cor 5:21

¹⁸ John 1:18, 10:30, 37, 38, 12:45, 14:7-11

¹⁹ Isa 7:14; Matt 1:16, 18-25; Luke 1:30-35, 2:7-11; Rom 1:3-4; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:5-8; I John 4:2-3; Heb 2:9-17

²⁰ Isa 53:1-12; John 19:14-30; I Pet 1:18-19, 2:21-24, 3:18; Rom 5:1, 6:8, 8:3; Titus 2:11

²¹ Matt 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42; Rom 6:3-4; I Cor 15:4

²² Matt 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-14, 19; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18; Acts 2:22-24, 32, 4:10, 33; I Cor 15:4-8

²³ Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:7-9; Rom 8:34; Heb 1:1-3, 4:14-16, 7:24, 28, 10:12, 19-21, Ps 68:18-19

²⁴ Mat 3:1-2, 11; Mark 1:3-8; Luke 3:16; John 1:19-34; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 16-24, 32-33, 36, 8:5, 12, 14-17, 9:1-20, 10:21-22, 24, 34-48; John 7:37-39; Rom 14:9

²⁵ Acts 1:9-11; I Thes 4:13-18; Mat 24:27-30, 25:31; Mark 13:24-26; Luke 21:25-28; Rev 1:7, 22:20

HOLY SPIRIT

²⁶ NB personal pronoun used by Jesus. John 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-8, 13-14

²⁷ Mind: Rom 8:27; I Cor 2:11-12; Emotion: Rom 15:30; Will: I Cor 12:11; Action: I Cor 12:11

²⁸ Eternal: Heb 9:14; Omnipotent: Ps 104:30; Gen 1:1-2; Rom 15:13; Omnipresent: Ps 139:7-10, John 14:16-17; Omniscient: Isa 40:13-14, I Cor 2:9-10

²⁹ Matt 28:19-20; I Cor 12:4-6; II Cor 3:17, 13:14; Acts 5:3-4; Heb 10: 15-18 (cf Jer 33:31-34)

³⁰ Gen 1:2; Job 26:13, 33:4; Ps 33:6, 104:30; Isa 40: 12-14; Num 11:16-17, 25-26; Judg 3:9-10, 6:34; I Sam 11:6; Isa 61:1; Ezek 2:2; Mic 3:8; Zech 7:8, 12; II Pet 1:21

³¹ John 16:13-14, 15:26

³² John 16:7-11; Acts 2:37, 5:17, 29-33

³³ John 1:12-13, 3:3-8; Acts 2:38; Rom 8:2; I Cor 2:12, 6:11, 17, 19; Titus 3:3-7

³⁴ I Cor 12:13, 4-27; Eph 2:11-18; Rom 6:3-6, 8:9-11

³⁵ John 16:13, 14:26; I Cor 2:9-13; Rom 8:4

³⁶ John 14:16-17; Matt 10:20; Rom 8:9-11; Gal 4:6; I John 4:4

³⁷ Eph 4:7; Rom 12:3-8 (read 9-21); I Cor 12:7-10, 27-31

³⁸ II Cor 12:11; Rom 12:6a; Eph 4:7

³⁹ Eph 1:4-12, 4:11-16

CREATION

⁴⁰ Gen 1:1; Ps 33:6; Isa 45:18; Jer 10:12; John 1:1-3; I Cor 8:6; Heb 1:1-3; Col 16-17

⁴¹ John 7:37-39; Rom 8:9-17; I Cor 2:9-15; II Cor 5:17 ('new creation')

⁴² Gen 1:2-31

⁴³ Gen 1:1

⁴⁴ Gen 1:1, 1:21, I 26-27 [denoted by use of Hebrew 'bara' translated 'created'. Note the Hebrew word 'asah' translated 'made' Gen 1:7, 16, 25, 31, 2:2-4 is declarative of function only (refer note 6213 Hebrew dictionary Strong's Concordance).]

⁴⁵ Gen 1:27, 2:7, 2:18, 21-24; I Thess 5:23

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⁴⁶ Several indicated in the following references

⁴⁷ Isa 14:12-17; Ezek 28:11-19

⁴⁸ Gen 3:1-24

⁴⁹ Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6; Zech 3:1-2; Matt 4:1-11, 13:19; John 8:34-44

⁵⁰ John 12:31, 14:30, 16:8, 11; Eph 2:1-2

⁵¹ II Cor 4:4; I John 5:19

⁵² Matt 8:28-34, 12:22-30; Mark 1:21-28; Luke 11:14-22; Rev 12:7-9

⁵³ II Cor 11:13-15; I Thess 3:5; II Tim 2:24-26; Acts 26:16-18; Matt 13:19, 38-39; I Pet 5:8-9

⁵⁴ Gen 3:15; John 12:31, 16:7-11; Heb 2:9, 14-15; Rev 12:7-11 (1-17)

⁵⁵ Matt 25:41, (36-46); Rev 20:7-10

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⁵⁶ Gen 1:26-27, 2:7, 18-25

⁵⁷ Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7

⁵⁸ Rom 5:12-19, 8:19-23; I Cor 15:21-22, 45-49

⁵⁹ Gen 5:3; Job 14:1-4, 15:14; Ps 51:5, 58:3; Jer 17:9; Mark 7:20-23; Rom 7:18, 8:5, 8, 13; Gal 5:24; Heb 2:14-15

⁶⁰ Gen 3:8-24; Rev 20:11-15, 21:8

⁶¹ Rom 3:9-23, 5:6-10; Isa 53:6; Luke 19:10; Eph 2:12

⁶² Rom 14:10-12; II Cor 5:10; I Cor 3:6-17; Time: John 9:4; Rom 13:11-12; Eph 5:14-16; Col 4:5; Talent: Mat 25:14-29; I Tim 4:13-16; I Pet 4:10; II Pet 1:5-8; Luke 16: 10-11; Mat 13:12; John 15:2; Treasure: Mat 6:19-24; Prov 13:11, 20:21, 23:4, 28:20-22; I Tim 6:6-11; Works: John 6:26-29; Rom 13:7-14; I Cor 15:58; Titus 3:8; Heb 5:12-14, 13:20-21; James 4:17; I Pet 1:1-9, 13-16, 2:9-17, 3:15-17, 4:6-11, 5:10-11

SALVATION

⁶³ Rom 3:19-23; Eph 2:1-10; Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36-41, 3:13-19, 4:4, 12, 8:5-6, 12, 35-37, 16:25-34

⁶⁴ Gen 3:22-24; Ps 5:4-5; Prov 6:16-19; Mat 7:21-23; Rom 5:10-11; II Cor 5:17-21; Eph 2:11-17; Col 1:19-22;

Rom 3:25; I John 2:1-2

⁶⁵ Isa 55:6-7; Acts 2:38, 5:29-31, 13:38; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13

⁶⁶ Luke 13:3, 5; II Cor 7:9-10; Matt 5:3-4; Ps 51:1-19; Rom 2:4; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 5:29-31, 11:18

⁶⁷ Gen 15:1-6; Rom 4:1-25; James 2:14-26; Rom 3:21-28, 5:1-4, 7:24-8:2, 28-30; Gal 2:16; Heb 10:38-39

⁶⁸ John 5:24; James 1:18; I Pet 1:18-25 (cf John 15:8)

⁶⁹ John 1:12=13, 3:1-9, 36, 14:15-17; Titus 3:3-8

⁷⁰ Rom 8:14-17; Gal 4:4-6; Eph 1:3-6; Heb 12:5-11

⁷¹ Rom 6:1-23, 8:2-13

SANCTIFICATION

⁷² Acts 20:32, 26:18; Rom 4:1-25 (Gen 15:1-6); I Cor 1:2, 30; Eph 2:1-7; Col 3:1-4; II Thes 2:13-14; Heb 10:10, 14, 29; I Pet 1:2

⁷³ John 17:13-23; Rom 6:11-23, 8:1-4, 12-13; II Cor 5:17; Gal 5:13-18; Eph 1:4-6, 4:11-16, 5:25-27; Col 3:5-14; I Thes 3:12-4:8; II Tim 2:19-22; Titus 2:11-14, 3:3-7; Heb 12:14; I Pet 1:23-2:3

⁷⁴ Entire I Thes 5:23-24; Steps Heb 10:22; Seeking Ps 42:1-3, 62:1, 5-8, 63:1, 107:1-9, Jer 29:13, Matt 5:6, 8, John 6:27, 7:37-39; Dying Ps 51:1-13, John 12:24-25; Rom 6:6-14, 8:11-13, II Cor 6:17-7:1, Gal 2:20, Col 3:1-4; Believing Acts 15:7-9, Heb 4:1-16, 11:1-40; Purifying Matt 3:1-2, 11, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-3, 15-16, John 1:15-16, 26, 33, Acts 1:1-8, 15:7-9, Rom 8:13-16, Gal 5:22-25, Eph 1:13-14, 5:18b-21, Phil 4:4-7 (Isa 26:3), Col 3:15-17, Titus 2:13-14, 3:3-7, I Pet 1:2-9, 22 (18-23)

⁷⁵ Heb 10:23-25, 13:20-21; Eph 4:1-7, 11-16; Phil 2:12-13 (1-16a); I Thes 3:12-13, 4:1-4, 7

⁷⁶ Ps 22:23; matt 5:13-16; I Cor 6:19-20, 10:31-33; I Pet 2:9, 12

⁷⁷ Gen 18:19; Deut 6:4-7; Eph 5:17-6:4; Col 3:12-24; Prov 29:15

⁷⁸ Rom 12:11 (9-21); I Cor 7:17-24; Eph 4:1-3, 6:5-9; Col 3:22-25, 4:1; I Thes 4:9-12; II Thes 3:1-16; I Pet 2:17-24

⁷⁹ Exod 20:13-17; Lev 19:18; Prov 3:28; Matt 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-37; Rom 13:8-14

⁸⁰ Gen 6:5-15, 9:1-7; Prov 20:28, 29:14; Ezek 45:9-10; Luke 21-25; Rom 13:1-7; I Tim 1:5-6, 2:1-4; I Pet 2:13-16

⁸¹ Abiding John 15:1-16; I John 3:4-6, 9; Acts 6:1-8; Obedience & Faith Rom 1:5, 16:25-26; The Person John 1:14; Rom 1:3; His Work John 4:34, 5:27, 6:28-29, 9:4, 17:4; Love John 13:34-35, 15:9-10, 17:26; Rom 5:1-5; I John 4:7-21; Joy John 15:11; Acts 13:52; Rom 15:13; I Pet 1:8

⁸² Rom 6:6-7, 11-14 (Westminster Confession, Chapter 13, paragraph 1)

⁸³ Rom 8:2-4, 11-17; Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31, 9:17, 13:1-4, 9, 52, 16:6-10

CHURCH

⁸⁴ Matt 20:28, Mark 10:45, I Tim 2:5-6; Titus 2:14; I Pet 1:18-23

⁸⁵ Matt 16:18 (13-19); John 15:1-21, 17:6-23, 20:22 (19-23); I Cor 12:12-14; Rom 6:3-4; Gal 3:27; Col 2:10-12

⁸⁶ Eph 1:22-23 (15-23), 2:16 (11-22), 3:6 (1-21), 5:23-27 (18-32); John 15:3-5; Col 1:18

⁸⁷ Mat 28:18-20; Mk 16:14-16; Luke 14:26-27, 33; Acts 1:8, 2:32-33, 36-41, 4:1-4, 8:1-6, 12, 14-17, 25, 10:19-48

⁸⁸ Eph 4:7, 11-16; Act 2:41-47, 15:13-18; Eph 3:14-21; Col 1:9-29, 2:4-7; II Tim 2:1-2; I Pet 1:23-2:3; Heb 5:12-14

⁸⁹ Acts 11:26, 14:21-23, 20:16-17; Gal 1:2; Phil 1:1; I Thes 1:1; Titus 1:5

⁹⁰ Eph 4:11 *sometimes designated* Bishops Phil 1:1; I Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; I Pet 2:25; Presbyters (derived from Greek "presbuteros" = elder) I Tim 4:14; Elders Acts 20:17, 21:18;; I Tim 5:1, 17, 19; Titus 1:5; I Pet 5:1;

Overseers Acts 20:28

⁹¹ Phil 1:1; I Tim 3:8-13

⁹² I Pet 4:10-11; Rom 12:6-8; I Cor 12:1, 8-11; John 3:27; I Cor 4:1-2; Mat 25:1-29; Luke 19:12-13; I Thes 2:7-8

FAMILY

⁹³ Gen 1:26-28, 2:18, 21-24; Exod 20:12, 17; Isa 59:21; Mat 5:27-32, 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-16; Eph 5:22-33, 6:1-9;

Col 3:18-24, 4:1; I Tim 5:8; I Pet 3:1-7

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⁹⁵ Matt 28:19-20; I Cor 11:26

⁹⁶ Mat 3:1-17; Mark 1:4-5; Luke 3:1-16; John 3:22-23; Acts 2:37-42, 13:24 (16-33)

⁹⁷ Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:12 (5-17), 10:37, 43, 47-48 (34-48), 19:1-7

⁹⁸ Acts 9:18 (1-20), 16:14-15, 33 (25-34), 18:8, 22:14-16; Rom 1:5, 16:26

⁹⁹ Acts 8:36; John 3:22-23 signifying cleansing and renewal John 15:3; Eph 5:26; Titus 3:5-6; purifying Acts 15:9; union with Christ in death, burial, resurrection Rom 6:1-11

¹⁰⁰ Mat 26:26-28; mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-10; Acts 2:41-42, 20:7; Location: "in the church...in one place" I Cor 11:18, 20 (17-34)

¹⁰¹ Mat 26:29; mark 14:24; Luke 22:19; "till He come" I Cor 11:26; Gal 4:5; Col 1:14; Titus 2:14; I Pet 1:18-19

¹⁰² Rom 6:9-11; Heb 9:12, 24-28, 10:10, 12, 14; I Pet 3:18

¹⁰³ Mat 26:26; I Cor 11:24; John 6:27-58; Rom 5:1-5, 9-10

¹⁰⁴ I Cor 10:16-17; Acts 2:42; II Cor 6:14-7:1; Eph 5:8-11; Rom 12:10; Phil 2:1-4, 3:10; Heb 10:24-25; I John 1:3, 5, 7

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¹⁰⁵ Gen 12:1-3, 13:14-18, 15:1-21, 17:4-14, 22:15-19, 26:1-5, 28, 28:10-15; Exod 19:6, 3-8; Deut 1:1-3, 6-8

¹⁰⁶ Deut 4:1-2, 25-40, 5:1-21, 32-33, 6:1-9, 7:1-13, 11:13-28, 17:2-5, 28:15-28, 32-47, 62-67, 29:1, 9-13

¹⁰⁷ Most notable being separate captivities of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms: II Kings 17:6, 1-18, 24:1-4, 10, 14, 5-20, 25:1-21

¹⁰⁸ Isa 53:3, 7-9; John 1:1-11, 3:9-12, 19, 31-32, 5:1-47; Luke 4:16-32; John 11:47-57; Matt 27:1-2, 35; mark 15:1, 24, 37; John 18:12-19:42; Acts 2:22-23

¹⁰⁹ Amos 9:8-10; Mat 21:40-43 (33-45); Hos 3:4-5; Luke 21:20-24 (fulfilled Titus 70 AD)

¹¹⁰ Mat 8:11-12 (5-13), 21:43 (33-45); Rom 9:30-33; I Pet 2:9 (refer to *Church*)

¹¹¹ Ezek 20:34-38, 34:11-13, 36:16-36, 37:1-28 (method of accomplishment), 39:25-29; Jer 31:31-34; 32:37-41

¹¹² Isa 11:10-12; Amos 9:11-15; Zech 12:10; Rom 11:1-5, 11-12, 15, 25-32, II Cor 3:12-16

¹¹³ Jer 23:5-8; Zech 14:1-9, 16; Rev 20:1-10

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¹¹⁴ John 14:1-3; I Thes 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14; I John 2:28

¹¹⁵ Phil 3:20-21; I Cor 3:11-15, 15:51-52; II Cor 5:10

¹¹⁶ Dan 9:24-27; Zech 14:1-4; Mat 24:1-22; Rev chapter 6-19

¹¹⁷ Mat 24:29-31; Acts 1:9-11; I Thes 3:13; Rev 1:7

¹¹⁸ Isa 2:1-5, 11:1-9; Zech 14:9; Luke 1:31-33; Rev 20:1-6

¹¹⁹ Isa 65:17, 66:22; II Pet 3:13; Rev 20:7-14, 21:1