

ALREADY & NOT YET

"The absolutely essential framework of the self-understanding of primitive Christianity...is an eschatological one. Christians had come to believe that, in the event of Christ, the new (coming) age had dawned, and that, especially through Christ's death and resurrection and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, God had set the future in motion, to be consummated by yet another coming (*Parousia*) of Christ. Theirs was therefore an essentially eschatological existence. They lived "between the times" of the beginning and the consummation of the end. Already God had secured their...salvation; already they were the people of the future, living the life of the future in the present age—and enjoying its benefits. By they still awaited the glorious consummation of this salvation. Thus they lived in an essential tension between the "already" and the "not yet." (**Gordon Fee**, *1 and 2 Timothy, Titus*, p. 19)

ADOPTION

Romans 8:14-17—"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are *sons* of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but *you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"* The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are *children* of God, and if *children*, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

Galatians 4:4-5—"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Ephesians 1:5—"In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will..."

Ephesians 5:1—"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."

John 1:12-13—"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

I John 3:1-2—"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did

not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

Romans 8:19-23—“For the creation *waits* with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we *wait eagerly for adoption as sons*, the redemption of our bodies.”

SALVATION

Ephesians 2:4-8—“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been *saved*—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been *saved* through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Luke 7:50—“And he said to the woman, “Your faith has *saved* you; go in peace.”

Romans 8:24—“For in this hope we were *saved*. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?”

II Timothy 1:8-10—“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who *saved* us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

Titus 3:4-5—“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he *saved* us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 5:9-10—“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more *shall we be saved* by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were

reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, *shall we be saved* by his life.”

Romans 13:11—“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For *salvation* is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”

I Peter 1:3-9—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a *salvation* ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the *salvation* of your souls.”

Matthew 10:21-22—“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end *will be saved*.”

Matthew 24:12-13—“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end *will be saved*.”

Acts 15:10-11—“Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that *we will be saved* through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

I Thessalonians 5:8-10—“But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet *the hope of salvation*. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain *salvation* through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.”

I Timothy 4:16—“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing *you will save both yourself and your hearers*.”

I Corinthians 5:4-5—“When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit *may be saved in the day of the Lord*.”

James 1:21—“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, *which is able to save your souls*.”

Acts 2:46-47—“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were *being saved*.”

I Corinthians 1:18—“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are *being saved* it is the power of God.”

I Corinthians 15:1-2—“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are *being saved*, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.”

II Corinthians 2:14-16—“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are *being saved* and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

REDEMPTION

Ephesians 1:7—“In him we have *redemption* through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

Colossians 1:13-14—“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have *redemption*, the forgiveness of sins.”

I Peter 1:17-19—“And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were *redeemed* from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Romans 3:23-24—“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the *redemption* that is in Christ Jesus.”

Hebrews 9:11-12—“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal *redemption*.”

I Corinthians 1:30-31—“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and *redemption*, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Luke 21:27-28—“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your *redemption* is drawing near.”

Romans 8:23—“And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the *redemption* of our bodies.”

Ephesians 1:13-14—“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance, until the *redemption* of the possession, to the praise of his glory.”

RESURRECTION

Romans 6:4, 11—“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in *newness of life*...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and *alive* to God in Christ Jesus.”

I Peter 1:3—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Ephesians 2:4-6—“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and *raised us up with him* and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:8-10—“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and *the power of his resurrection*, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...”

Colossians 2:11-12—“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also *raised with him* through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

Colossians 3:1—“If then you have been *raised with Christ*, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

John 5:28-29—“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and *come out*, those who have done good to the *resurrection* of life, and those who have done evil to the *resurrection* of judgment.”

John 6:39-40, 44, 54—“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but *raise it up on the last day*. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will *raise him up on the last day*...No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will *raise him up on the last day*...Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will *raise him up on the last day*.”

I Corinthians 15:21-22—“For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Philippians 3:11—“...that by any means possible I may *attain the resurrection from the dead*.”

Romans 6:5—“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we *shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his*.”

Romans 8:10-11—“But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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.”

II Corinthians 5:1-5—“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

(II Timothy 2:18, I Corinthians 15:12-19)

JUSTIFICATION

Luke 18:14—“I tell you, this man went down to his house *justified*, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Romans 3:21-28—“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are *justified* by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is *justified* by faith apart from works of the law.

Romans 4:24-25—“It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our *justification*.”

Romans 5:1, 9, 16—“Therefore, since we have been *justified* by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... Since, therefore, we have now been *justified* by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God... And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought *justification*.”

Romans 8:30, 33-34—“And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also *justified*, and those whom he *justified* he also glorified... Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who *justifies*. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

Romans 10:10—“For with the heart one believes and is *justified*, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

I Corinthians 1:30—“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, *righteousness* and sanctification and redemption.”

I Corinthians 6:11—“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were *justified* in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

Galatians 2:15-16—“We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not *justified* by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ,

so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be *justified* by faith in Christ and not by works of the law...

Galatians 3:24—“So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be *justified* by faith.”

Acts 13:38-39—“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is *justified* from everything from which you could not be *justified* by the law of Moses.

Titus 3:7—“...so that being *justified* by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Matthew 12:36-37—“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you *will be justified*, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Galatians 5:4-5—“You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly *wait for the hope of righteousness*.”

Romans 2:12-13—“For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. **13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who *will be justified*.”

Romans 3:20—“For by works of the law no human being *will be justified* in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:16—“...because by works of the law no one *will be justified*.”

(*Romans 5:16-21, 8:33, James 2:17-26*)

SANTIFICATION

I Corinthians 1:2—“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those *sanctified* in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.”

I Corinthians 1:30—“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and *sanctification* and redemption.”

I Corinthians 6:11—“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you *were sanctified*, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

Hebrews 2:11—“For he who sanctifies and those who are *sanctified* all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.”

Hebrews 10:10—“And by that will we *have been sanctified* through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all*.”

Hebrews 10:29—“How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he *was sanctified*, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?”

Acts 20:32—“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are *sanctified*.”

Acts 26:18—“...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are *sanctified* by faith in me.”

Hebrews 12:14—“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the *sanctification* without which no one will see the Lord.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24—“Now may the God of peace himself *sanctify* you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

I Thessalonians 3:11-13—“Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

Ephesians 5:25-27—“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might *sanctify* her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Romans 6:19-22—“I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set

free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.”

Hebrews 10:14—“For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are *being sanctified*.”

FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38—“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.”

Acts 10:43—“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives *forgiveness* of sins through his name.”

Acts 13:38—“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man *forgiveness* of sins is proclaimed to you.”

Acts 26:18—“...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive *forgiveness* of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Ephesians 1:7—“In him we have redemption through his blood, the *forgiveness* of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

Colossians 1:14—“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the *forgiveness* of sins.”

Hebrews 10:18—“Where there is *forgiveness* of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

I John 1:9—“*If* we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to *forgive* us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Matthew 6:14-15—“For *if* you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father *will also forgive you*, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father *forgive* your trespasses.”

(note also the parable in Matthew 18:21-35)

ETERNAL LIFE

John 3:36—“Whoever believes in the Son *has eternal life*; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

John 5:24—“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me *has eternal life*. He does not come into judgment, but *has passed from death to life*.”

John 6:47, 54—“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes *has eternal life*... Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood *has eternal life*, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

I John 5:11-13—“And this is the testimony, that God *gave us eternal life*, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son *has life*; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God *that you may know that you have eternal life*.”

Matthew 19:16-17—“And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do *to have eternal life*?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. *If you would enter life*, keep the commandments.”

Matthew 25:46—“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into *eternal life*.”

Mark 10:17, 28-30 (cf. Luke 18:18, 30)—“And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do *to inherit eternal life*?... Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, *and in the age to come eternal life*. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Romans 2:6-8—“He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, *he will render eternal life*; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.”

Galatians 6:7-8—“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 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*.”

I Timothy 6:18-19—“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Titus 1:1-2—“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.”

Titus 3:7—“...so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

James 1:12—“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Revelation 2:10-11—“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”

KINGDOM (Old Testament)

Psalms 22:28—“ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.”

Psalms 103:19—“The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.”

Psalms 145:11-13—“ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

Daniel 4:3, 17, 25-26, 34-35—“How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation...The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men... that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will. And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules...At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes

to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, *for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation*; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and *he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth*; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

Daniel 6:26—“I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; *his kingdom shall never be destroyed.*”

Obadiah 21—“Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and *the kingdom shall be the LORD's.*”

Daniel 2:44—“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven *will set up a kingdom* that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.”

Zechariah 14:9—“And the LORD *will be king* over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.”

(New Testament)

Matthew 3:2—“Repent, for *the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”

Matthew 4:17—“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, *for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”

Matthew 5:3, 10—“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for *theirs is the kingdom of heaven...* Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for *theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*”

Matthew 11:11-12—“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now *the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.*”

Matthew 12:28—“ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then *the kingdom of God has come upon you.*”

Matthew 13:31-33—“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. 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.” He told

them another parable. “*The kingdom of heaven* is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

Mark 1:14-15—“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and *the kingdom of God is at hand*; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 12:34—“And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “*You are not far from the kingdom of God.*” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.”

Luke 10:8-12—“Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘*The kingdom of God has come near to you.*’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. *Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.*’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.”

Luke 11:20—“ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then *the kingdom of God has come upon you.*”

Luke 17:20-21—“Being asked by the Pharisees when the *kingdom of God* would come, he answered them, “The *kingdom of God* is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, *the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.*”

Romans 14:15-17—“For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For *the kingdom of God* is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

I Corinthians 4:19-21—“But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For *the kingdom of God* does not consist in talk but in power. What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?”

Colossians 1:13-14—“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and *transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son*, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Hebrews 12:28-29—“Therefore let us be grateful for *receiving a kingdom* that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

Matthew 5:20—“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, *you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*”

Matthew 6:10—“*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*”

Matthew 7:21-23—“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ *will enter the kingdom of heaven*, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Matthew 8:11-12—“I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the *kingdom of heaven*, while the *sons of the kingdom* will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:34—“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, *inherit the kingdom* prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Matthew 26:29—“I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you *in my Father's kingdom.*”

Mark 9:47—“And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell.”

Luke 14:15—“When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone *who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!*”

Luke 19:11-12—“As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and *because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately*. He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return...”

Luke 22:16-18, 28-30—“For I tell you I will not eat it *until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.*” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine *until the kingdom of God comes...* You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a *kingdom*, that you may eat and drink at my table *in my kingdom* and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Acts 14:21-22—“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations *we must enter the kingdom of God.*”

Galatians 5:19-21—“Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things *will not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

Ephesians 5:5—“For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), *has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*”

I Corinthians 6:9-10—“Or do you not know that the *unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God*? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers *will inherit the kingdom of God.*”

I Corinthians 15:24-26—“Then comes the end, when he *delivers the kingdom* to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

I Corinthians 15:50—“I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot *inherit the kingdom of God*, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”

II Timothy 4:18—“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his *heavenly kingdom*. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

II Peter 1:10-11—“Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an *entrance into the eternal kingdom* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Revelation 11:15—“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ*, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

(*Matthew 16:28 / Mark 9:1 / Luke 9:27, 21:31-32*)

All Things Under His Feet

Ephesians 1:19-23—“...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked 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 above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And *he put all things under his feet* and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

I Corinthians 15:24-28—“Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign *until he has put all his enemies under his feet*. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “*God has put all things in subjection under his feet*.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Romans 5:9-11—“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Ephesians 1:11-14—“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

Philippians 1:6—“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 3:12-16—“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

II Corinthians 4:16—“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

I John 3:1-3—“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

**Holy Spirit as Seal/DownPayment (II Cor. 1:22, 5:5, Eph. 1:14, Eph. 4:30)
Coming of the Son of Man**

"...[with regards to the flesh/Spirit contrast], Paul is not speaking about two constituents of the human person but about Christian existence as 'already/not yet.'" (Gordon Fee, *God's Empowering Presence*, p. 551)

SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16-18—"But I say, *walk by the Spirit*, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are *led by the Spirit*, you are not under the law."

Galatians 5:25—"If we *live* by the Spirit, let us also *walk* by the Spirit."

FLESH

Galatians 5:24—"And those who belong to Christ Jesus *have crucified the flesh* with its passions and desires."

Galatians 5:16-17—"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify *the desires of the flesh*. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

Romans 8:5-9, 12-14—"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. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 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. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. *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... So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.* For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."