

# Our Salvation in Christ

Some biblical texts describing the astonishing panorama of our salvation  
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## A few background texts

Luke 2:10

“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**”

Acts 16:30-31

“Then he led Paul and Silas outside and asked, “**What must I do to be saved?**”<sup>31</sup> They answered, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved**—you and all your family.”

Mt 1:21

“She will bear a son, and **you shall call his name Jesus (Yeshua), for he will save his people from their sins.**”

Ps 139:6

“Such knowledge is **too wonderful for me**; it is too high; I cannot attain it.”

2 Tim 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,<sup>9</sup> 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,**<sup>10</sup> 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.”

2 Peter 1:3

“His divine power has granted to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us **to his own glory** and excellence.”

## I. Personal elements

**God fixes our relationship. Out of sheer love and overflowing grace, God repairs our damaged relationship with Him in the person of Christ through the Holy Spirit.**

## God freely forgives all our sins

Mt 26:28

“...for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the **forgiveness** of sins.”

Acts 10:43

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

Eph 1:7

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace”

Heb 9:22

“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no **forgiveness** of sins.”

## God reconciled us—former enemies—to Himself

Rom 5:10-11

“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. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation.**”

2 Cor 5:18-20

“All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled** us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

## God called us back into “face to face” fellowship with Himself and one another

John 14:2-3

“In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**”

1 Cor 1:9

“God is faithful, by whom you were **called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**”

1 Cor 13:12

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then **face to face**. Now I know in part; then I shall **know fully, even as I have been fully known.**”

2 Cor 13:14

“**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**”

Eph 2:18

“For **through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**”

Phil 3:12

“Christ Jesus **made me his own**”

1 Jn 1:3

“That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed **our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**”

Jude 1:1b

“Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James. **To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ.**”

## God made us His heirs and given us an inheritance

Rom 8:16-17

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> 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.”

Gal 4:6-7

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an **heir** through God.”

1 Peter 1:4

“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**”

## God chose us for Himself in Christ

Jn 15:15-16

“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have **called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> **You did not choose me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

Jn 17:6

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. **Yours they were, and you gave them to me**, and they have kept your word.

Eph 1:3-6

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he **chose us** in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love <sup>5</sup> having predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

## God made us *His* inheritance

Eph 1:18

“...that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of **his glorious inheritance in the saints**”

1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a **chosen race**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

## God marries us to Christ

Eph 5:31-32

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his **wife**, and the two shall become one flesh.”<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to **Christ and the church.**”

Rev 19:7-9

“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and his **Bride** has made herself ready;<sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” —for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.”

## (At the Personal – Ontological juncture) God heals us

Mal 4:2

“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with **healing** in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Mark 2:16-17 (Mt 9:12; Lk 5:31)

“And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”<sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a **physician**, but those who are **sick**. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Lk 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and **recovering of sight** to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Rev 22:1-3

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb<sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations.<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.”

(At the heart: Legal – Personal – Ontological juncture) God makes us His “children” (*teknon*) legally and organically in love (concept of adoption or “son-making”)

Key verse: Rom 8:29-30

“For those whom he foreknew he also **predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.** <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

Rom 8:15

“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!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ”

Rom 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.”

Eph 1:5

“In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for **adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will”

1 Jn 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.”

## II. Legal elements

**God fixes our legal problem. Out of sheer love and overflowing grace, God repays the debt we owe, fully satisfying God’s judgment on sin and settling all the legal demands of justice for having offended God’s majesty and violated His holy laws.**

God—in Christ—lived and died for our sins in our place (concept of substitution)

Is 53:4-6

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all...”

Mt 26:28

“...for this is my **blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many** for the forgiveness of sins.”

Lk 22:37

“For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was **numbered with the transgressors.**’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

Jn 1:29

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the **Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”

Rom 8:3-4

“By **sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin**, he condemned sin in the flesh,<sup>4</sup> 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.”

Heb 2:9

“But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God **he might taste death for everyone.**”

God—in Christ—became a sacrifice for our sins

1 Cor 5:7

“Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For **Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**”

Eph 5:2

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and **gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**”

Heb 7:27

“He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since **he did this once for all when he offered up himself.**”

## God—in Christ—is our high priest who intercedes for us

Heb 4:14-16

“Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Heb 5:9-10

“<sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he **became the source of eternal salvation** to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a **high priest** after the order of Melchizedek.”

Heb 7:25-27

“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since **he always lives to make intercession for them.** <sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”

## God redeems us (God buys us back: a marketplace trope)

Luke 1:68

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.”

Gal 3:13-14

“Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — <sup>14</sup> so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

Eph 1:7

“In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace”

Eph 4:30

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the **day of redemption.**”

## God ransoms us (a related marketplace trope)

Matt 20:28 (Mark 10:45)

“...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many.”

Acts 20:28

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he **obtained with his own blood.**”

1 Cor 6:20

“...for you were **bought** with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

1 Pt 1:18-19

“...knowing that you were **ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

## God declares us “not guilty” and righteous (a courtroom trope)

Rom 3:23-24

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are **justified** by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”

Rom 4:3-5

“For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was **counted to him as righteousness.**”<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.<sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who **justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.**”

Rom 5:1

“Therefore, since we have been **justified** by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Rom 5:9

“Since, therefore, we have now been **justified** by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”

Gal 2:16

“...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, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

## God cleanses/purifies us (a cultic trope)

Eph 5:26-27

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having **cleansed her by the washing of water with the word**, <sup>27</sup> 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.”

Titus 2:13-14

“...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to **purify** for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

## God delivers us from all future wrath and judgment

John 3:17-18,

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God... <sup>36</sup> 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

<sup>24</sup> “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.**”

1 Thess 1:10

“...and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who **delivers us from the wrath to come.**”

(At the Legal-Personal juncture) God propitiates Himself on our behalf

Rom 3:25

“...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.”

Heb 2:17

“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.”

1 Jn 4:10

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins.”

### III. Ontological elements

**God fixes us. Out of sheer love and overflowing grace, God refashions His image in us in Christ by the Holy Spirit.**

God—in Christ—“re-heads” humanity, the Church and the cosmos  
(concept of recapitulation)

Rom 5:14-17

<sup>14</sup> “...death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of **Adam**, who was a type of the one who was to come.<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man **Jesus Christ** abounded for many.<sup>16</sup> 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.<sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”

1 Cor 15:20-22

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the

dead. <sup>22</sup> For as **in Adam all die**, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive**...Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

Eph 1:10

“...making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, **to unite all things together under one head**, things in heaven and things on earth.”

Eph 1:22-23

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as **head over all things** to the church, <sup>23</sup> **which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

## God makes us “one” with Himself in Christ in the most intimate way

Jn 15:5 (viticultural motif)

“**I am the vine; you are the branches**. Whoever **abides in me and I in him**, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

1 Cor 6:17 (one spirit motif)

“But he who is joined to the Lord becomes **one spirit with him**.” (*en pneumena estin; ehad ruach*)

Eph 5:23, 29-30 (matrimonial motif)

“For the husband is the head of the wife even as **Christ is the head of the church, his body**, and is himself its Savior... For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.”

Eph 1:22-23 (anatomical motif)

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as **head over all things to the church**, <sup>23</sup> **which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

Col 1:16-17 (glue motif)

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (*sunisteme* – “hold together”)

Heb 1:2-3a (sustaining providence motif)

“...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of

God and the exact imprint of his nature, and **he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**" (*phero* – "carry, uphold")

## God places us "in" Christ in Himself

John 14:20

"In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and **you in me**, and I in you."

Eph 1:3-4, 7, 11

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us **in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him... he has blessed us **in the Beloved.** <sup>7</sup> **In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...<sup>11</sup> **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, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> **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."

Col 3:3

"For you have died, and your **life is hidden with Christ in God.**"

## God places Christ "in" us

John 14:20

"In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and **I in you.**"

John 15:4-5

"Abide in me, and **I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and **I in him**, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

2 Cor 13:5

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"

Gal 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Gal 4:19

“...my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until **Christ is formed in you!**”

## God—in the Holy Spirit—baptizes us into Christ and His body

Rom 6:1f

“Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized** into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.”

1 Cor 12:13

“For in one Spirit we were all **baptized** into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”

Gal 3:27

“For as many of you as were **baptized** into Christ have put on Christ.”

## God “puts to death” our old self in the crucifixion of Christ

Rom 6:6-11

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have **died** with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he **died to sin, once for all**, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves **dead to sin** and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Gal 2:19-20

“For through the law I **died** to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been **crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Col 2:20

“If with Christ you **died** to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations”

1 Pet 2:24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might **die to sin and live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed.”

## God resurrects us and makes us alive with Christ

Rom 6:4-5

“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.<sup>5</sup> 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.”

Eph 2:4-6

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and **raised us up** with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

## God “seats” us in Christ at His right hand of authority and fellowship in heaven

Eph 2:6

“...and raised us up with him and **seated us with him** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (cf. Eph 1:21)

## God “re-births” us in Christ by the Holy Spirit

Jn 1:12-13

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,<sup>13</sup> who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.”

Jn 3:3-8

“Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God.”<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit.** <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**”

Rom 8:11

“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.**”

Tit 3:5-6

“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,** <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Lutron – “washing”; *palingensia* – regeneration [used only here and in Mt 19:28 of the eschatological “renewal of all things”]; *anakainosis* (used only here and in Rom 12:2 renewing of mind): “a renewal, renovation, complete change for the better”

1 Jn 5:3-4

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been **born of God** overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

1 Jn 5:18

“We know that everyone who has been **born of God** does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.”

God—through the Spirit—creates of us a “new humanity” and “new creation”

2 Cor 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (*kaini ktisis* – “new creation”)

Gal 6:15

“For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creation.**”

2 Cor 4:16

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being **renewed day by day.**” (*anakainao* – “made new, changed”)

Ep 2:1-5a, 8-10

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ...** For **we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ep 2:15

“...by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might **create in himself one new man** in place of the two, so making peace”

Ep 4:21-24

“...assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the **new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**”

Col 3:10

“...and have put on the **new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

1 Thess 5:4-5

“But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all **children of light, children of the day**. We are not of the night or of the darkness.”

2 Pt 1:4

“...by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

1 John 3:9

“<sup>9</sup> No one **born of God** makes a practice of sinning, for **God's seed abides in him**; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been **born of God.**”

God puts His Holy Spirit in us to indwell, seal, sanctify, empower, gift, anoint and enlighten us supernaturally

Jn 14:17

“...even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for **he dwells with you and will be in you.**”

Eph 1:14

<sup>13</sup>”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**, <sup>14</sup> who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

2 Cor 3:18

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” (*metamorphao* – “change into another form, transfigure”)

Gal 5:22-24

<sup>22</sup> But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 Cor 12:11-

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are **empowered** by one and the same Spirit, who **apportions to each** one individually as he wills.”

1 Jn 2:20

“But you have been **anointed by the Holy One**, and you all have knowledge.”

2 Cor 1:21

<sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has **anointed us**, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

1 Cor 1:10-12

<sup>10</sup> these things God has **revealed to us through the Spirit**. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.**”

God frees us from the power of sin, the flesh and the enemy,  
“circumcising” us in Christ, breaking their power

Acts 13:38-39

“Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup> and by him everyone who believes is **freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.**”

Rom 6:6-7

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would **no longer be enslaved to sin.** <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been **set free from sin.**”

Gal 1:4

“...who gave himself for our sins to **deliver us from the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father”

Col 2:11-13

“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, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.”

1 John 3:8

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the works of the devil**”

1 Jn 5:18

“We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God **protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.**”

Rev 1:5-6

“To him who loves us and has **freed us from our sins** by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

God sanctifies us, making us holy and “God-like” in Christ (theosis)

Rom 12:1-2

“<sup>2</sup> 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.” (*metamorphao* – “change into another form, transfigure”)

1 Cor 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.”

1 Cor 1:30

“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and **sanctification** and redemption”

1 Thess 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. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

2 Thess 2:13-14

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through **sanctification** by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:2

“...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the **sanctification** of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood...”

## God glorifies us, transfiguring our nature to bear His glory

Jn 17:22

“The **glory** that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one”

Rom 8:29-30

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**.”

1 Cor 15:49

“Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also **bear the image of the man of heaven.**”

Phil 3:20-21

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will **transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”

Col 3:4

“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in **glory.**”

1 Thess 3:13

“...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.”

2 Thess 2:13-14

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through **sanctification** by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may **obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

1 Peter 5:1, 4, 10

“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a **partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed**...And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **unfading crown of glory**...And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has **called you to his eternal glory in Christ**, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

## God makes us immortal in Christ

1 Cor 15:42

“So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is **imperishable.**”

1 Cor 15:51-54

“<sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must **put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.** <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

2 Tim 1:10

“...Christ Jesus, who **abolished death** and brought life and **immortality** to light through the gospel.”

1 Jn 5:11-12

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us **eternal life**, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

(At the Legal-Ontological juncture): God—in Christ—conquers all His/our enemies (*Christus victor* theme)

Gen 3:15

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Luke 10:18-19

“And he said to them, “I saw **Satan fall like lightning from heaven**.<sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you **authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”

Jn 12:31

“Now is the judgment of this world; now will the **ruler of this world be cast out**.”

Rom 16:20

“The God of peace will soon **crush Satan under your feet**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

1 Cor 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**.<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

1 Cor 15:54-56

“Then the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”<sup>55</sup> “**O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**”<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**.”

Gal 1:4

“...who gave himself for our sins to **deliver us** from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.”

Gal 4:3-5

“In the same way we also, when we were children, were **enslaved** to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to **redeem** those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Col 1:15 (Father)

“He has **delivered us from the domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,”

Col 2:13-15

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by **canceling** the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he **set aside**, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

He 2:14-15

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might **destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those** who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

1 Jn 2:13b, 14b

“I am writing to you, young men, because you have **overcome the evil one**... I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have **overcome the evil one**.”

1 John 3:8

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the works of the devil**”

Rev 1:18

“I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and **I have the keys of Death and Hades**.”

Rev 12:7-9

“Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but he was **defeated**, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was **thrown down**, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”