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Your journey exposes the fantasy of traditional, fake faith, reason, and truth, reveals the Pathway to real faith, reason, and truth, and discovers all these unexpected wonders:

- A chain of thought is as strong as its weakest link.
- Assumptions have no strength; only Truth has strength.
- We humans have no way to self-generate truth.
- Sound reasoning is impossible without truth.
- We can observe, but reasoning about what we observe requires truth.
- Truth is only available in Christ.
- Christ is real and knowable.
- Whoever sincerely seeks Christ receives Christ, and Christ reveals truth.
- Christ leads, teaches, and corrects all who follow Him.
- We know Christ exists because we know Him.
- Christ speaks through the Bible and every means of divine revelation in the Bible.
- The Holy Spirit reveals the Bible is true.
- Without Christ, the human mind resorts to made-up stuff for reason.
- All reasoning is based on either divine revelation or made-up stuff.
- Every argument against the Bible is based on made-up stuff.
- Every argument against the God of the Bible is based on made-up stuff.
- Without Christ, we can't rationally reason beyond what we can observe.
- Faith isn't making believe but comes by hearing and hearing by God's rhema.

These are a few of the truths of real faith and real reason. Some may call these truths radical since real faith and reason pull back the curtain to expose fake faith and fake reasoning. Real faith and reason

don't fit the mold of traditional thinking but come from the person of Christ rather than a human viewpoint. And yet we need prayer to understand them since they come from a place totally different from the usual ineffective, weak, soft, inductive ways of thinking. Those old ways of thinking process thought but never come to the knowledge of the truth. Rather than dealing with probabilities, real faith and real reason deal with absolute truth. Without real faith and reason, we can't handle the truth.

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- **the Real Faith & Reason Library**

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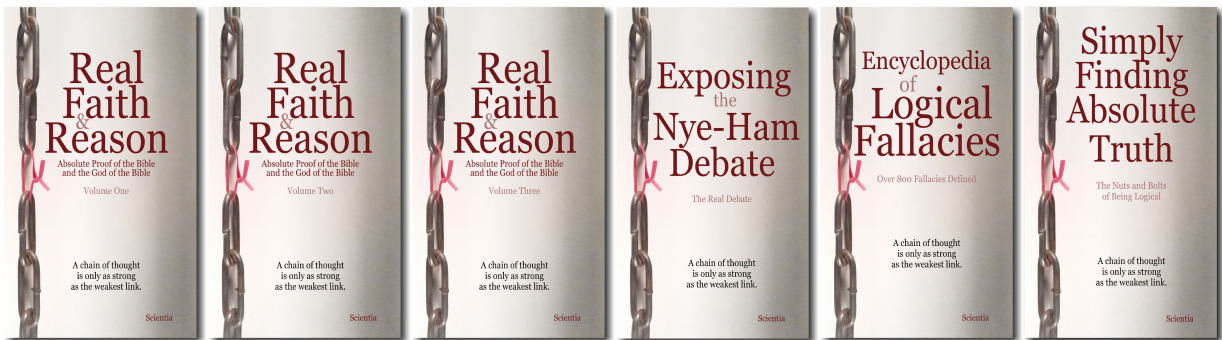
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- The three-volume set of *Real Faith & Reason* details the process of spiritual growth.
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The Basis of the Real Faith & Reason Library

While most books are based on certain presuppositions, assumptions, or axioms, the six books in this library have a more sure Foundation. They aren't based on the author's credentials. They aren't based on research into what other supposed experts say. They're based on what you can easily check and test on your own.

No other foundation can be laid than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus. Jesus is real and knowable. Everyone who seeks Christ finds Him, so anyone can test the things written in this book. Christ leads, teaches, and corrects everyone who follows Him. Following Christ isn't a meaningless euphemism but a constant practice. Though we may be unfaithful in following Him at times, He's always faithful in leading. He's always here with us. He lives in us. In Him, we live and move and have our being. We know He exists because we know Him.

Of course, we're all well aware that those who oppose Christ, those who hate the Light, will deny that Christ leads, teaches, or corrects anyone. These are those who don't want that close relationship. They don't want Christ directly guiding their lives. However, their denials don't have any impact on reality. They always base their denials on made-up stuff, although those who deny Christ always have ways of making their made-up stuff appear to be factual or even Scriptural. Think about it. They are denying, based on made-up stuff, that millions of people who know Jesus Christ aren't experiencing what they're experiencing. We'll deal with various forms of denials in the book *Real Faith & Reason Volume Three*.

This book is written to born-again people. Everyone who is born again has come to Christ believing. The Father drew them to Christ, and they came to hear the voice of Christ. Faith came by hearing the voice of Christ through Scripture or one of the means of revelation mentioned in Scripture. We who follow Christ are on a journey to explore the wonders of the way God works with us and all who follow Christ.

What follows are some basic truths. We know these truths by divine revelation. We didn't have to assume anything. They aren't self-

evident. They are revealed truths. When God speaks to us, He establishes the truth within us by His utterance. What He says is the truth. He knows all things and cannot lie.

God is a loving God Who wants all people to be saved. And yet, humans have free will. We can each resist the leading of God. We can each refuse to acknowledge His voice. He reveals Himself to every person without exception through the things that He created. Some people deny this, but they have chosen their pathway. If any follower of Christ has ever witnessed to an unbeliever, that unbeliever has heard the voice of Christ through the follower of Christ. No follower of Christ can say "Jesus Is Lord" except by the power of the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. When an unbeliever rejects the testimony of the follower of Christ, that unbeliever is rejecting Christ directly. By rejecting Christ, the unbeliever is rejecting the Father God directly. We are on a journey to explore the wonders of the authority of Christ within each one who follows Christ.

God created a perfect world. No pain, suffering, death, unhappiness, sin, or any such problems existed in the original creation. At the beginning of creation, God created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman. Satan came in the form of a serpent and lied to Adam and Eve, the first people God created. Adam and Eve decided to believe Satan rather than God. They decided to obey Satan rather than God. A spiritual law (reality) exists that whoever you yield yourself as a slave to obey is the one whose slave you are. Adam and Eve became slaves of Satan. All their children became slaves as well. Since Adam had been set by God as ruler over all of creation, the entire creation came under the power of Satan. That's how pain, misery, suffering, and death started. Only God could reverse the situation. As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

While God is merciful, He is also just. He's the Judge of all things and the only one who can judge rightly. Hitler will meet his righteous judgment. However, every person has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Whatever isn't of faith is sin, and faith comes by hearing God's voice. Who hasn't had thoughts or said words that came from a source other than God's leading? No one is innocent. Righteous judgment means that the person who sins will die. The person who sins will die a physical death and a spiritual death. God has revealed

that hell is real. Even a moment in this spiritual fire would be beyond description. No earthly suffering could possibly compare. No one goes to hell prepared for what hell is like.

God is love. He loves us. He didn't want that terrible end for us. From the start, God promised a Savior. Over time, He revealed that He, God Himself, would have to pay the price of our sin. He was the only one who could pay that price.

For this reason, He took on the form of a human being as Jesus Christ. He never obeyed Satan once but only spoke the words of the Father and only did the acts of the Father. He reversed the sinful deeds of every person from Adam to the end of time. He was obedient to the point of suffering and dying on the cross while bearing the weight of the sin of every person who ever lived. The Father is Holy and had to turn away from His Son on that cross. In this, every part of the Godhead suffered on that cross. God suffered for your sin and for mine. Christ overcame death. He rose from the dead and ministered to many after His resurrection. Then, He ascended into heaven. Later, He sent the Holy Spirit to lead and teach all those who follow Him. He ordained spiritual gifts, ministries, offices, and orders for the Church.

And yet, He doesn't force Himself on anyone. He gives everyone a chance. Everyone will have a chance to accept Him or reject Him. Those who reject Him are choosing hell. They don't want to serve God. God's nature is such that He doesn't force anyone into submission. Indeed, the nature of submission is such that it must be voluntary. Love must be voluntary. And yet, God tells us that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess to the glory of God.

Therefore, we seek to persuade people to come to Christ. We extend an invitation for them to know Jesus Christ personally. Since God doesn't coerce anyone to come to Him, neither do we. We let people know about the good news. God reveals that those who reject Christ do so because their deeds are evil. They love darkness rather than light. God's judgment will be absolutely just and fair, but He has paid the price. The good news is that Jesus paid it all. All who will may come. All who come are born again and have the opportunity to grow up into the fullness of Christ.

When we're born again, we're born as babies in Christ. After we're born again, God is looking for maturity. Our focus turns to growing to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. And yet, many Christians remain as babies in Christ. They never experience spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth takes place by listening to the voice of Christ and yielding to Him. It's not by following a set of laws. It's not by learning some doctrines or theologies. It's by yielding to Christ. It's in allowing God to flow through us in love by the Holy Spirit. It's in discerning the body of Christ and walking in submission to the Holy Spirit. This growth is by grace, and the grace is through faith. On the other hand, failure to listen to God's voice causes spiritual immaturity. Speculations that go beyond what God has revealed are one of the main causes of divisions in the church. Divisions in the body of Christ are a sign of spiritual immaturity.

God has a process for spiritual growth, and He reveals that process through Scripture. It all begins when He speaks to us either through Scripture or one of the means of divine revelation mentioned in Scripture. (John 10:27) Jesus is the good Shepherd, and He's always leading, teaching, and correcting those who follow Him and listen to His voice. (John 18:37) That Word that God speaks is the living Word, the Christ. (John 1:1) When God speaks, faith comes. (Romans 10:17) And faith gives us access into His grace. (Romans 5:2) Grace then does His works through us. (1 Corinthians 15:10) However, He won't force Himself on us, but we must yield the members of our bodies to Him. (Romans 6:13) This is the gift of righteousness. (Romans 5:17) The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. (Romans 5:5) He won't force us, but we must willingly submit to Him to the point of obedience as He plants the living Word into our hearts. (Matthew 13:3) His goal is that Jesus Christ will be fully formed in us. (Romans 6:13) Our fleshly nature dies a bit with each time we respond in submission and obedience to the righteousness of Christ. (Mark 8:34-35) In this way, we are purifying the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts. (1 Peter 3:15) We are being transfigured into the same image from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

As followers of Christ, we're all fully aware that Satan will produce counterfeits of everything that's real in Christ. It's always been true. God shows us, through the biblical accounts, that Satan brings false pastors, apostles, prophets, Bible teachers, signs, and wonders. We've seen false writings, "revelations," healings, and miracles. We're learning how to discern the voice of Christ from our own minds, the fleshly nature of other people, and spiritual deceivers of all kinds. We're also learning to yield ourselves to Him in willing submission and obedience. He's revealing who we are in Christ and how we fit into the body of Christ. As He purifies us, He's building a people of power and authority. In the end, we will all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to one totally complete man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Everyone who sincerely seeks Christ finds Christ. Although He forces Himself on no one, He rejects no one. Rather, He freely pardons and sets us free from the sinful nature, peer pressure, and the deceitful power of the devil as we yield ourselves to His grace and righteousness. And Christ reveals Himself to every person through the things He has created and the testimony of those who walk in the Spirit. Christ leads, teaches, and corrects every person who follows Him. He interprets our observations and experiences and shows us the way. He's the Source of every good thing including knowledge, understanding, wisdom, righteousness, and faith. What He says is the truth. Outside of Him, none of those are possible. For instance, the human mind can't reason to any truth without Christ. Nor can we self-generate true righteousness without Christ.

God is light. In Him is no darkness at all. The logos, or utterance, is the light that lights every person who comes into the world. Christ is the light of the world. When we listen to Christ's voice, faith comes. Faith gives us access into His grace. When we yield to His grace so He says His words and does His works through us, we are also the light of the world. That is, Christ in us is the light of the world.

Every person benefits from the light of God. Without that light, we would all be in the dark. Without that light, the human mind has no rational way to reason. Without the light of God, people can react to what's around them but not in a rational way. Without the light of God, people can make up axioms and make bare assertions, but they

can never base reasoning on true premises. The light gives them some reference point for what's right and what's true. In the light of Christ, they can somewhat tell the difference between reality, preconceptions, and imagination even if they haven't yet accepted Christ as Savior and Lord.

Those who hate the light and love darkness turn from the light. When the children of light begin to shine, those who love darkness turn even further from the light. They try to suppress the light. When any person fails to acknowledge Christ or yield to His light, that person turns toward darkness. At a certain point, God lets that person go. God withdraws Himself and His light from them. This generally happens by degrees, but it can happen quite suddenly. They then enter a darkness in which they increasingly can't tell the difference between right and wrong, good and evil, truth and lie, or reality and make-believe. We're seeing the children of light and the children of darkness coming to maturity on a massive scale throughout society now. The war is between Christ and the spirit of antichrist.

The children of light are learning to hear the voice of Christ and to yield to His righteousness in willing submission and obedience. They're learning to discern the body of Christ, and the love of God is being shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost.

The children of darkness are trying to smother the children of light. They hate the light. They seek power and control. They don't want the word of the Lord. They seek to distort and twist the utterance of God. They ridicule. They oppress. They threaten. They love to listen to ungodly counselors and false teachers in the news media, the universities, the entertainment venues, and even in some churches. They willingly allow themselves to be drawn into a downward spiral of slavery to alcohol, drugs, sexual compromises, perversions, disorder, and other sins. They gladly enter into the idolatry of focusing on things other than Christ and His righteousness. Some of them even think that they can destroy the body of Christ.

God will prevail. Though many followers of Christ are suffering from persecution and some have even given their lives, Christ will be victorious. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. God uses our suffering as part of His process to transform us. Refining gold always requires heat,

and the dross must be removed. In the end, every scar will become a badge of honor.

Scripture References

This is your guide to the Scriptures that are referenced in the eBooks of the Real Faith & Reason Library so that you can easily look up the reference.

All Scripture references in this reference are taken from the New American Standard Bible.

- Genesis 1:7–13 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- Exodus 20:11 “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

- Numbers 12:2-9 and they said, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?” And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.) Suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, “You three come out to the tent of meeting.” So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward, He said, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. “Not so, with My servant Moses, he is faithful in all My household; With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly, and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant, against Moses?” So the anger of the LORD burned against them and He departed.
- Deuteronomy 4:2 “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- Judges 6:11–23 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.” Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.” The LORD looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?” He said to Him, “O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s house.” But the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man.” So Gideon said to Him, “If now I have found favor in

Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who speak with me. "Please do not depart from here, until I come back to You, and bring out my offering and lay it before You." And He said, "I will remain until you return." Then Gideon went in and prepared a young goat and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour; he put the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, and brought them out to him under the oak and presented them. The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

- 1 Samuel 15:15-23 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed." Then Samuel said to Saul, "Wait, and let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak!" Samuel said, "Is it not true, though you were little in your own eyes, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel, and the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are exterminated.' "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?" Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. "But the people took some of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal." Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to

heed than the fat of rams. “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.”

- 1 Kings 19:7-13 The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.” So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” So He said, “Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
- 1 Chronicles 16:30-34 Tremble before Him, all the earth; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD; For He is coming to judge the earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- Psalm 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

- Psalm 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.
- Psalm 17:15 As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.
- Psalm 19:1-4 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
- Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you concerning the path you should walk; I will direct you with my eye.
- Psalm 81:15 Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him, And their time of punishment would be forever.
- Psalm 119:66 Teach me both knowledge and appropriate discretion, because I believe in your commands. Before I was humbled, I wandered away, but now I observe your words.
- Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
- Proverbs 1:28-31 Then they will call out to me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD; they did not want my advice, and they rejected all

my correction. They will eat the fruit of their way, and they will be filled with their own devices.

- Proverbs 2:3-6 if, indeed, you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and learn to know God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.
- Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
- Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
- Proverbs 8:8-9 “All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them. “They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.
- Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- Proverbs 14:15 The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps.
- Proverbs 21:2 Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.
- Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

- Song of Solomon 2:15 “Catch the foxes for us, The little foxes that are ruining the vineyards, While our vineyards are in blossom.”
- Isaiah 35:8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it.
- Isaiah 44:23 Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory.
- Isaiah 55:12 “For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
- Isaiah 59:2-4, 7-10 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken falsehood, Your tongue mutters wickedness. No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity . . . Their feet run to evil, And they hasten to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, Devastation and destruction are in their highways. They do not know the way of peace, And there is no justice in their tracks; They have made their paths crooked, Whoever treads on them does not know peace. Therefore justice is far from us, And righteousness does not overtake us; We hope for light, but behold, darkness, For brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope along the wall like blind men, We grope like those who have no eyes; We stumble at midday as in the twilight, Among those who are vigorous we are like dead men.
- Isaiah 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord

GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

- Isaiah 66:2 “For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.
- Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?
- Jeremiah 23:21-23 “I did not send these prophets, But they ran. I did not speak to them, But they prophesied. “But if they had stood in My council, Then they would have announced My words to My people, And would have turned them back from their evil way And from the evil of their deeds. “Am I a God who is near,” declares the LORD, “And not a God far off?
- Jeremiah 23:23 “Am I a God who is near,” declares the LORD, “And not a God far off?
- Jeremiah 29:9 ‘For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,’ declares the LORD.
- Jeremiah 33:3 ‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’
- Joel 2:2 A day of doom and gloom, a day of clouds and shadows like the dawn spreads out to cover the mountains— a people strong and robust. Never has there been anything like it, neither will anything follow to compare with it, even through the lifetime of generation upon generation."
- Amos 6:1a Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
- Matthew 5:37 “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.
- Matthew 7:15-22 “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. “You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? “So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. “A

good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20" So then, you will know them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

- Matthew 10:19-20 "But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. "For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
- Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.
- Matthew 13:18-23 "Hear then the parable of the sower. "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."
- Matthew 23:13 "How terrible it will be for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door to the kingdom from heaven in people's faces. You don't go in yourselves, and you don't allow those who are trying to enter to go in.

- Luke 1:30-31 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.
- Luke 10:16 “The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- John 3:19-21 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”
- John 3:27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.
- John 5:39-40 “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.
- John 6:28-29 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”
- John 7:17 “If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.
- John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

- John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- John 10:35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”
- John 14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments..
- John 14:16-17 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
- John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- John 15:26 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me
- John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
- John 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

- John 18:37b Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
- Acts 14:26 From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.
- Acts 15:1-35 Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue. . . . The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. “And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. “Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.” All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen to me. “Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. “With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, ‘AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,’ SAYS THE

LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO. “Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. “For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath. “Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, and they sent this letter by them, “The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings. “Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words, unsettling your souls, it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. “Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth. “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.” So when they were sent away, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. . . .

- Acts 17:24-28 “The God who made the world and all things in it since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and

exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

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- Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- Romans 1:18-19 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- Romans 1:19-20 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- Romans 1:20-21 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- Romans 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.
- Romans 1:26a For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions [Literally, afflictions of the mind]:
- Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- Romans 1:29-32 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.
- Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus
- Romans 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- Romans 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:18-21 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many

will be made righteous. The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Romans 6:9 I am speaking in simple terms because of the frailty of your human nature. Just as you once offered the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater disobedience, so now, in the same way, you must offer the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness that leads to sanctification.^{2T}
- Romans 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
- Romans 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
- Romans 6:19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.
- Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
- Romans 8:10-11 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- Romans 8:12-14 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you are

living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

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- Romans 8:19-23 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly 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 also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.
- Romans 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
- Romans 8:28-29 And we know that for those who love God, that is, for those who are called according to his purpose, all things are working together for good. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that the Sons might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- Romans 10:3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.
- Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

- Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.
- Romans 14:23b whatever is not from faith is sin.
- Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.
- 1 Corinthians 1:5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those indeed perishing, but to us being saved it is the power of God.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, [The original language indicates that God made Jesus Christ to be our wisdom, and that wisdom consists of at least righteousness, holiness, and redemption, which is being set free].
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
- 1 Corinthians 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 8:2 If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;

- 1 Corinthians 11:2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions [orders], just as I delivered them to you.
- 1 Corinthians 12:2-3 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 12:12 For just as the body is one and yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, form a single body, so it is with the Messiah.
- 1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Love never fails. Now if there are prophecies, they will be done away with. If there are languages, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will be done away with. For what we know is incomplete and what we prophesy is incomplete. But when what is complete comes, then what is incomplete will be done away with.
- 1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
- 1 Corinthians 13:10-12 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.
- 1 Corinthians 14:38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.
- 1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

- 1 Corinthians 15:17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.
- 2 Corinthians 1:12 For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.
- 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
- 2 Corinthians 3:6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- 2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 3:14-15 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed [transfigured] into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 4:2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- 2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;
- 2 Corinthians 10:4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.
- Galatians 1:11 & 15-16 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. . . . But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,
- Galatians 1:18-19 & 2:1-2 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days. 19But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother. . . . Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were

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- Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Galatians 2:21 “I do not nullify [frustrate, set aside, reject] the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”
- Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you
- Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
- Galatians 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
- Galatians 6:7 Stop being deceived; God is not to be ridiculed. A person harvests whatever he plants:
- Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- Ephesians 3:5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

- ^{9T}Ephesians 4:11-16 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
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- Colossians 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- Colossians 2:2-3 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.
- Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will continue to perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,
- 1 Timothy 1:3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,
- 1 Timothy 4:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
- 1 Timothy 6:3-5 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.
- 2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

- 2 Timothy 3:1-7 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 2 Timothy 3:5 They will hold to an outward form of godliness but deny its power. Stay away from such people.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
- Hebrews 3:15 while it is said, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.”
- Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
- Hebrews 6:4-6 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
- Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance [actual existence; reality as opposed to concept] of things hoped for, the conviction [absolute proof and certainty] of things not seen.

- Hebrews 12:2a fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith
- Hebrews 12:27-29 This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.
- Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he who wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
- James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
- James 1:20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.
- James 1:23-25 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.
- James 2:14-26 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be

filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

- 1 Peter 1:15-16 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”
- 1 Peter 2:16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.
- 1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 2 Peter 1:4-9 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your

godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

- 2 Peter 1:20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,
- 2 Peter 3:5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water [the creation], Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: [the Genesis Flood]
- 2 Peter 3:16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.
- 1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
- 1 John 2:27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared [phaneroo = become visible], as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears [phaneroo = becomes visible], we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
- 1 John 3:7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

- 1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- 1 John 1:7-9 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 4:16-20 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.
- 3 John 1:9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.
- Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.
- Revelation 2:2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;
- Revelation 3:16 Since you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am going to spit you out of my mouth.
- Revelation 19:10 And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he says to me, "See that you not do this. I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers, holding the testimony of Jesus.

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

- Revelation 22:11-15 “Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.” “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

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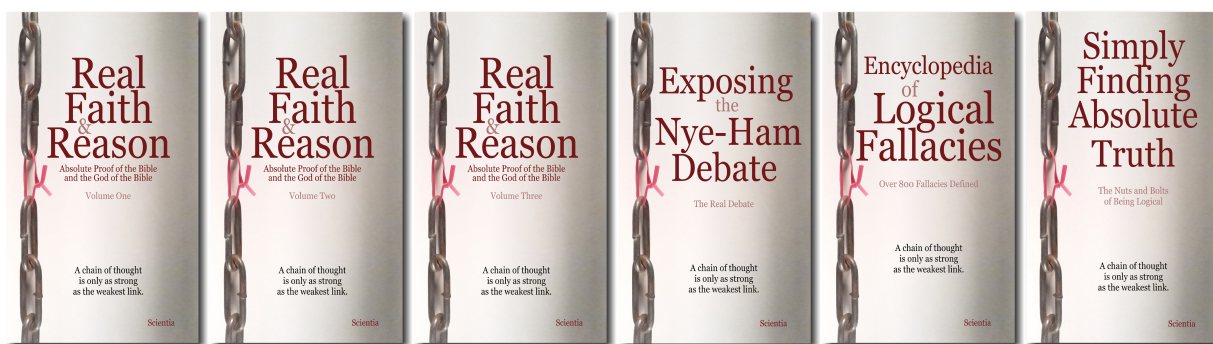
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About the Author

Petros B. Scientia is the pen name of a man who pastored a local church for thirty-three years and who has chosen to keep his writing work separate from his work of shepherding a flock. Petros has also been blogging for two decades, encouraging unbelievers and believers alike to know Jesus Christ.

In addition, God has imparted a ministry to Petros in which the Holy Spirit reveals the simplicity of what seems complex and hard to understand. God shows Petros how things work at the most basic level. He does this with both Scriptural truth and with material facts. Outside of the church but concurrent with his work of pastoring a local church, Petros has analyzed business systems, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and software systems for over twenty years. He has researched these systems and documented them so that others can easily understand them. God uses this unique gift of taking what seems complex and making it simple to understand as He guides Petros to write about the simplicity that's found in Christ.

Petros came to Christ at a very early age, but he had many questions. He belonged to a major denomination that tries to follow Scripture as closely as it can. And yet, Petros questioned how he could be sure that his denomination's interpretation of Scripture was correct and that everyone else was wrong. The Holy Spirit was already working with Petros at an early age. At the same time, Satan was working to deceive Petros just as Satan works to deceive every person.

As Petros sought to study various theologies and doctrinal positions, he found himself going down one path and then another. One day, Petros had a vision. Petros wasn't one to have visions, but he had a vision on that day. It wasn't flattering. God showed Petros how weak the human mind is and Petros' mind in particular. Then, as years passed, God continued to lead,

teach, and correct Petros mainly through three methods: Scripture, the things He has created, and godly teachers in the church. Petros has been on a journey in which he's coming to know Jesus Christ on increasingly deeper levels. And yet, Petros is aware that there are higher heights and deeper depths than he has yet known.

God showed Petros the weakness of ungodly thinking and the power of godly thinking. He showed Petros that Jesus Christ is real and knowable and that everyone who seeks Him finds Him. Through many conversations with both godly thinkers and ungodly thinkers, Petros confirmed what God has told him: that all the arguments of humanity against Christ and the Bible are based on made-up stuff. And that made-up stuff is often dressed up as if it were rational and reasonable. He has discovered that Jesus Christ leads, teaches, and corrects everyone who follows Him. God has repeatedly confirmed the truth to Petros that the Bible is His word without error. He continues to speak to Petros through the Bible and every means of divine revelation mentioned in the Bible. This ongoing process of correction and teaching is always focused on conforming Petros to the image and likeness of Christ. The Holy Spirit has instilled a passion in Petros to take this same glory and put into the hands of others.