

## 9. NEW TESTAMENT

Since we are now justified by his Blood,  
we will be saved through him from the wrath.

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

5:5-11

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though  
perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us  
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will  
we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,  
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

## 10. NEW TESTAMENT

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We too might live in newness of life.

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

6:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him  
through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

## 11. NEW TESTAMENT

What will separate us from the Love of Christ?

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

8:31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## 12. NEW TESTAMENT

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

14:7-9, 10c-12

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord,

every knee shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

## 13. NEW TESTAMENT

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

### A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

5:1,6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the  
body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body  
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so  
that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body,  
whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

## **14. NEW TESTAMENT**

He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

3:20-21

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.