

# All That Glitters Is Not Gold

2021-08-01 by Ben Deaver at Tallgrass at The Well on 1 John 4:1-6

## Maddox and fool's gold

### William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act II Scene 7

All that glitters is not gold—  
Often have you heard that told.  
Many a man his life hath sold  
But my outside to behold.  
Gilded tombs do worms enfold.

Had you been as wise as bold,  
Young in limbs, in judgment old,  
Your answer had not been inscrolled  
Fare you well. Your suit is cold—

## Olympic Gold is 92.5% silver

**1 John 4:1-6 ESV** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Pray!

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## Big P & little p

Let's talk about prophets and prophecy briefly—Big P vs. little p!

- A Prophet with a capital P were those Prophets in the Old Testament that have books named after them. People often think of these Prophets as those who predicted future events that came to pass. Yes, that did happen but that's not the bulk of what they did. They more typically would reiterate what God had already said in creative ways to call people to repentance. Repentance is a beautiful thing referring to turning away from a path of death towards a path of life.
  - 6 Major Prophets and 12 Minor Prophets speaking on behalf of God between 750-450 BC.

- A prophet with a lower case p can refer to someone who came after Jesus and speaks creatively into culture to call people to repentance.

## 10 Failed Doomsday Prophecies

Britannica.com—Pick your poison.

1. Montanism (2<sup>nd</sup> Century)
2. The Great Flood (1524)
3. Great Fire of London (1666)
4. The Prophet Hen of Leeds (1806)
5. Joanna Southcott (1813)
6. Millerism (1843)
7. Halley's Comet Panic (1910)
8. True Way (1988)
9. Harold Camping (1994, 2011, etc.)
10. 2012 Maya Apocalypse (2012)
11. BONUS: Trump will be reelected! (2020/2021?)

### 3. Great Fire of London (1666)

Because the Bible calls 666 the number of the Beast, many Christians in 17th-century Europe feared the end of the world in the year 1666. The Great London Fire, which lasted from September 2 to September 5 of that year, destroyed much of the city, including 87 parish churches and about 13,000 houses. Many saw it as a fulfillment of the end of the world prophecy. Given such a large amount of property damage, though, the death toll of the fire was remarkably low, reportedly only 10 people--not quite the end of the world.

### 4. The Prophet Hen of Leeds (1806)

In 1806, a domesticated hen in Leeds, England, appeared to lay eggs inscribed with the message "Christ is coming." Great numbers of people reportedly visited the hen and began to despair of the coming Judgment Day. It was soon discovered, however, that the eggs were not in fact prophetic messages but the work of their owner, who had been writing on the eggs in corrosive ink and reinserting them into the poor hen's body.

### 5. Joanna Southcott (1813)

Beginning when she was 42 years old, Joanna Southcott reported hearing voices that predicted future events, including the crop failures and famines of 1799 and 1800. She began publishing her own books and eventually developed a following of as many as 100,000 believers. In 1813, she announced that in the following year she would give birth to the second messiah, whose arrival would signal the last days of the Earth—despite being 64 years old and, as she told her doctors, a virgin. She died before a baby could be born.

### 7. Halley's Comet Panic (1910)

Halley's comet passes by the Earth approximately every 76 years, but the nearness of its approach in 1910 created fear that it would destroy the planet, either by a celestial collision or through the poisonous gasses it was rumoured to contain. A worldwide panic ensued, stoked by the media and such newspaper headlines as "Comet May Kill All Earth Life, Says Scientist."

- Next pass in 2061, when I'm 80 years old!

## 9. Harold Camping (1994, 2011, etc.)

Among the most prolific modern predictors of end times, Harold Camping has publicly predicted the end of the world as many as 12 times based his interpretations of biblical numerology. In 1992, he published a book, ominously titled *1994?*, which predicted the end of the world sometime around that year. Perhaps his most high-profile predication was for May 21, 2011, a date that he calculated to be exactly 7,000 years after the Biblical flood. When that date passed without incident, he declared his math to be off and pushed back the end of the world to October 21, 2011.

## 11. BONUS: Kris Vallotton Trump Prophecy—Trump will be reelected! (2020/2021?)

- *The Christian Prophets Who Say Trump Is Coming Again—*  
<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/02/18/how-christian-prophets-give-credence-to-trumps-election-fantasies-469598>
- Kris Vallotton, of the mega-congregation Bethel Church in Redding, California, notably apologized, “for missing the prophecy about Donald Trump.” “I take full responsibility for being wrong,” he said on Instagram. “There was no excuse for it. I think it doesn’t make me a false prophet, but it does actually create a credibility gap.”
- Deuteronomy 18:20 says that a false prophet should die. I’m thankful that we’re not under the Old Covenant as I’m sure Kris Vallotton is as well.
- All that glitters is not gold...well, it’s a lot of gold for the folks selling the books and building the following. Someone’s buying the books and buying the hype and joining in the fervor. False prophets bring in real profits!
- We all need to place our hope somewhere. Please don’t place it in these false prophets!
- Actually, I received a prophecy that Jesus will return on... I just wrote a book prophesying that... I’ll be signing copies for \$24.99 in the foyer after our worship gathering.
- I don’t think that’s the big draw for folks at Tallgrass at The Well.
- What we need to be concerned about are the voices that sound good to us but are either clearly or subtly drawing us away from the flesh and blood Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and lived the life I should’ve but couldn’t live and who died a brutal death on my behalf and physically rose from the dead three days later and now sits at the right hand of the Father.
- Follow the money trail...
- With all these false prophets out there, it makes people leery of the real prophecy found in Scripture.
- Point to the prophecies in Scripture that authenticate Scripture as God’s Word and provide evidence that Jesus is who He said He is instead of looking for some modern prophet to scratch your itching ears.

## Scripture-Authenticating & Faith-Strengthening Prophecies

1. When will Jesus die? (Daniel 9)
2. How will Jesus die? (Psalm 22)
3. What will Jesus' death accomplish? (Isaiah 53)

James M. Rochford, *Evidence Unseen* (Columbus, OH: New Paradigm Publishing, 2013), pp. 71-110.

**1 John 4:2-3** <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

### First Test: What do they say about Jesus?

#### False Prophets Then & There

- **Mark 8:27-29** <sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

#### Glennon Doyle—Author, Blogger, Podcaster, Activist

- "I remain compelled by the Jesus story. Not as history meant to reveal what happened long ago, but as poetry meant to illuminate a revolutionary idea powerful enough to heal and free humanity now." –Glennon Doyle, 'Untamed'
  - She then can use her platform to fill in what that revolutionary idea actually is. She becomes the moral and religious authority rather than the real, Incarnated Jesus.
  - **2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- "The only thing that was ever wrong with me was my belief that there was something wrong with me." –Glennon Doyle, 'Untamed'
  - You can define your own identity.
- ~~Canceled~~
- Itchy Ears Looking for Gold
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.
- **Judges 21:25** In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
- **2 Peter 2:1-3** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup> And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup> And in their

greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

**1 John 4:5-6** <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

## Second Test: Do they teach what the Apostles teach?

- “the world eats it up”—The Message
- Anyone with charisma can start a Podcast, gain Instagram followers, and write a book. Anyone has access to these platforms. There’s a lot of influence to be had and money to be made. However, real spirituality is about connecting people with the real Jesus Christ, not with your own persona a platform.
- Us = The Apostles
- The Apostles all died for what they said about Jesus. They didn’t make a killing off of it. They were killed for it.
- **Romans 12:2** 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.
- **NO SLIDE—Philippians 4:8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- **Acts 2:42-47** <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
  - CONTENTful fellowship and breaking of bread...
  - Groups centered around the Apostles’ teaching and food and prayer.
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
  - Right now we are in a season of considering when, how, and where to meet to stir up one another to love and good works.

## Church Attendance

- U.S. Church Membership Falls Below Majority for First Time by Jeffrey M. Jones—  
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/341963/church-membership-falls-below-majority-first-time.aspx>
  - “In 2020, 47% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from 50% in 2018 and 70% in 1999.”
- The Once a Month Churchgoers are Becoming More Common by Thom S. Rainer—  
<https://churchanswers.com/blog/the-once-a-month-churchgoers-are-becoming-more-common/>
  - “One of the most disturbing trends we are seeing is the decreasing frequency of attendance. Two decades ago, a frequent church attender was considered a person in church services or activities once or twice a week. Prior to the pandemic, the twice-a-month church attendee was considered active by most church members and leaders.”
  - “Further anecdotal information from pastors points to the lack of concern by the once-a-monthers for their infrequent attendance. One pastor said they are acting as nonchalant as the CEOs (Christmas Easter Only).”
  - “But the pandemic both accelerated and exacerbated the trend. We were lamenting the twice-a-monthers in 2019. We are challenged by the once-a-monthers now.”
- Without regular engagement in the Scriptures and with the family of God you are a sitting duck for being drawn to Fool’s Gold.
- So far it’s been about how to spot Fool’s Gold. Let’s spend the rest of our time talking about the real gold.
- The way to train to spot counterfeit currency is by studying the real thing. That’s true!
- Once you’ve determined that what you have is real gold, then why go after fool’s gold instead of enjoying what you already have?!

**1 John 4:4** Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

- **1 John 3:16** By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- **Colossians 2:15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
- **Colossians 1:27-29** <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature **in Christ**. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

## Henry Comstock's Story

- Henry Comstock was born in 1820 and owned the richest silver deposit in American history. He was looking for gold but he didn't find much. His claim did contain some gold, but the miners were unable to get to it because of an abundance of bluish clay. This blue stuff clogged their equipment as they tried to wash out the fine gold. As it turned out, this clay was silver of exceptional purity.
- The ore was so soft it could be removed by shovel. Initially the ore was extracted through surface diggings, but these were quickly exhausted and miners had to tunnel underground to reach ore bodies. Unlike most silver ore deposits, which occur in long thin veins, those of the Comstock Lode occurred in masses often hundreds of feet thick. The excavations were carried to depths of more than 3,200 feet.
- This picture shows the different bonanzas on Comstock's land. A bonanza is a large amount of something that's desirable. The total product of ore extracted and milled in the Comstock District in 20 years was about 7 million tons. That's the weight of 19 Empire State Buildings.
- In one year alone the mines produced over \$14,000,000 of gold and \$21,000,000 of silver (about \$311,106,250 and \$466,659,375 today).
- Henry Comstock was a wealthy, wealthy man but guess what. There's one small problem. He never knew that he was sitting on a pile of silver and gold. Henry Comstock was unfathomably wealthy and didn't even know it. He was objectively wealthy but didn't dig into his wealth.
- Unfortunately for Henry Comstock, he sold all of his claims for under \$17,000 months after he owned them before all of that excavation. They still named it after him though. That's kinda nice. He never knew of his wealth and certainly didn't live out of it. He ended up opening trade good stores and eventually went broke. After losing nearly all his property and possessions in Nevada, Comstock prospected for some years in Idaho and Montana without success. Henry Comstock lived a miserable life and eventually died a terrible death without ever realizing that he had once been extremely wealthy.
- Henry was sitting on a pile of gold and silver...and traded it to chase after fool's gold.
- Questions:
  - For those of you who believe in Jesus, do you know how wealthy you are in Christ?
  - Where are you going to learn about who you are? Who will tell you what you're worth? Your bank account? Your friends or family? Yourself?
  - Who knows you best? You? Or the One who created you, God?
- When God says what you are, that's what you are, even if that's not how you think about yourself. When God says you are wealthy in Him then that's what you are, even if you haven't dug up all the wealth yet.
- Do you know what you're sitting on?
  - It'd be like having a winning lottery ticket just crumpled up in your wallet.
  - It'd be like having blank check written by Jeff Bezos sitting on the bottom of your junk drawer.
  - **SLIDE**—It'd be like having a Black Star Ishihara Signed GX Promo Pokémon Card that's fallen through your vent crack. And you have no idea what it is and how much it's worth. This card sold for \$247,230 in April! That illustration was for my eight-year-old



son, Maddox, who's not here right now. But if you come across this card, please give it to Maddox for his ninth birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

- You're sitting on a pile of gold, beloved! And we continue to tinker with Fool's Gold.
- No wonder Paul prays the way he prays for believers in Christ. It's not enough for Paul to tell them who they are in Christ. He has to pray that God would open the eyes of their hearts so that they would know the riches they have. And Paul tells them what he's praying for them.
- **Ephesians 1:15-18** <sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, 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...
- BTW, the riches of this glorious inheritance are much better than owning the Comstock Lode.
- **Ephesians 3:14-21** <sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
- I know this is my story. I've read the theology books. I've studied the Bible. Yet I need God's help to comprehend and know the love of Christ for me. Please pray this for me and I'll pray this for you.
- The struggle is real!
- Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world and greater is your wealth in Christ than anything this world can offer you.
- This is a battle for the mind. No wonder Paul writes the lengthiest section we have in Scripture on spiritual warfare in chapter six. There is a battle raging for the minds of believers in Christ.
- If we just knew a fraction of the blessings we have because we are in Christ it's a total game changer.
- When you hear "in Christ" you should think about how amazing the riches you have are.
- I'm so bummed for ol' Henry Comstock, after which the richest silver deposit in American history is named. He never knew how wealthy he was and he lived a miserable existence. If he would've only known the wealth that he sat on it would've changed everything about his life. If he would've only known the truth that he was an extremely wealthy man it would've changed his whole life.
- Life in Christ is not just about eternal life. There's so much more.
- Listen to a little of what you have in Christ...



## IN CHRIST

1. Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
  2. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
  3. Galatians 3:26 ...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
  4. Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
  5. Ephesians 2:6 ...and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...
  6. Ephesians 2:7 ...so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
  7. Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
  8. Ephesians 3:6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
  9. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
  10. Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- **Matthew 13:44** The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
  - Pokémon
  - Dig deeper into who we are and what is ours IN CHRIST!

### Application:

1. Head: Devote yourself to the Apostles' teaching. Discern what's real and what's fake.
2. Heart: Experience the riches you have in Christ. Dig for gold!
  - a. Trust Christ for the first time!
3. Hands: Tell others where to find gold. Share the wealth.

**Ephesians 1:11-14** <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, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Let's pray!

# The Chopping Block:

## Ideas:

- Listen to the voice of Jesus. Listen to the voices of those Jesus entrusted His ministry to.
- Antichrist
- Relax in the Incarnated Jesus!
- Dig into the Apostles' teaching (Acts 2).
- Tallgrass Prayer on Linear Trail — Relax in me!
- Somatic Therapy
- Predictive prophecy to verify the written Word
- Prophet vs. prophet
- <https://www.challies.com/articles/7-false-teachers-in-the-church-today/>
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21** <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.
- **Matthew 7:15-19** <sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.
- **Mark 13:21-22** <sup>21</sup> And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. <sup>22</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup> But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.
- **Acts 20:28-30** <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

## Testing for Spiritual Genuineness

- Tests of unbelief
- Used to be tests for cults.
- Developing discernment
- What voices are chirping in your ear?

## All That Glisters Is Not Gold & All That Is Gold Does Not Glitter

William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act II Scene 7

All that glisters is not gold—  
Often have you heard that told.

Many a man his life hath sold  
 But my outside to behold.  
 Gilded tombs do worms enfold.  
 Had you been as wise as bold,  
 Young in limbs, in judgment old,  
 Your answer had not been inscrolled  
 Fare you well. Your suit is cold—

*Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)* – “He chose poorly.”

*The Fellowship of the Ring* in the poem *The Riddle of Strider*

“All that is gold does not glitter,  
 Not all those who wander are lost;  
 The old that is strong does not wither,  
 Deep roots are not reached by the frost.  
 From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
 A light from the shadows shall spring;  
 Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
 The crownless again shall be king.”

- The poem emphasizes that sometimes gold is hidden or mistaken for something else, as opposed to gaudy facades being mistaken for real gold. Strider, secretly the rightful king of Gondor, appears to be a mere Ranger. Fundamentally, both Tolkien's phrase and the original ask the reader to look beneath the skin, rather than judging on outward look alone.
- Smash Mouth reference the phrase in the chorus of their signature song, *All Star*: "All that glitters is gold / Only shooting stars break the mold".

## IN CHRIST

1. Romans 3:24 ...justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...
2. Romans 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
3. Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
4. Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
5. Romans 12:5 ...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
6. 1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
7. 1 Corinthians 1:4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus...

8. 1 Corinthians 1:30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...
9. 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
10. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 <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.
11. 2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.
12. 2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.
13. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
14. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 <sup>18</sup> 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.
15. Galatians 2:4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—
16. Galatians 2:15-16 <sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> 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.
17. Galatians 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
18. Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
19. Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.
20. Ephesians 1:3 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...
21. Ephesians 1:4 ...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.
22. Ephesians 1:10 ...as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
23. Ephesians 1:12 ...so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
24. Ephesians 2:6 ...and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...
25. Ephesians 2:7 ...so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
26. Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
27. Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

28. Ephesians 3:6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
29. Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
30. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
31. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
32. Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
33. Colossians 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
34. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
35. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
36. 1 Timothy 1:14 ...and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
37. 2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus...
38. 2 Timothy 1:9 ...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...
39. 2 Timothy 1:13 Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
40. 2 Timothy 2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus...
41. 2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
42. 2 Timothy 3:15 ...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
43. Philemon 1:6 ...and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.
44. 1 Peter 5:10 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.

## IN HIM

1. John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
2. John 3:15 ...that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
3. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
4. Acts 17:28 ...for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."

5. 1 Corinthians 1:5 ...that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
6. 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.
7. 2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
8. Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...
9. Ephesians 1:11 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...
10. Ephesians 1:13 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
11. Ephesians 2:21 ...in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
12. Ephesians 2:22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
13. Philippians 3:9 ...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—
14. Colossians 1:16 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.
15. Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
16. Colossians 2:3 ...in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
17. Colossians 2:7 ...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
18. Colossians 2:10 ...and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
19. Colossians 2:11 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...
20. Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
21. 1 John 2:5 ...but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him...
22. 1 John 2:6 ...whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
23. 1 John 2:8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.
24. 1 John 2:27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
25. 1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

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26. 1 John 3:3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
27. 1 John 3:6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.
28. 1 John 3:24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.
29. 1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
30. 1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
31. 1 John 5:15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.
32. 1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
33. 1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory...