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The Message

1 John 4:10

10 This is the kind of love we are talking about - not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

1 John 2:1-3

1 I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus. **2** When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good - not only ours, but the whole world's. **3** Here's how we can be sure that we know God in the right way: Keep his commandments.

1 John 4:8-9

8 The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love - so you can't know him if you don't love. **9** This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.

1 John 4:14-17

14 Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. **15** Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. **16** We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God. **17** This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day - our standing in the world is identical with Christ's.

1 John 4:19

19 We, though, are going to love - love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first.

1 Samuel 15:22

22 Then Samuel said, Do you think all God wants are sacrifices - empty rituals just for show? He wants you to listen to him! Plain listening is the thing, not staging a lavish religious production.

Isaiah 43:3-4

3 Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! **4** That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

1 Corinthians 8:6

6 They say - again, quite rightly - that there is only one God the Father, that everything comes from him, and that he wants us to live for him. Also, they say that there is only one

Master - Jesus the Messiah - and that everything is for his sake, including us. Yes. It's true.

John 1:17

17 We got the basics from Moses, and then this exuberant giving and receiving, This endless knowing and understanding - all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

John 10:23-25

23 Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon's Porch. **24** The Jews, circling him, said, "How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you're the Messiah, tell us straight out." **25** Jesus answered, "I told you, but you don't believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words.

John 10:27-30

27 My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand. **29** The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get them away from him. **30** I and the Father are one heart and mind."

2 John 1:9

9 Anyone who gets so progressive in his thinking that he walks out on the teaching of Christ, walks out on God. But whoever stays with the teaching, stays faithful to both the Father and the Son.

Mark 12:32-33

32 The religion scholar said, "A wonderful answer, Teacher! So lucid and accurate - that God is one and there is no other. **33** And loving him with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that's better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!"

Matthew 4:23

23 From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God's kingdom was his theme - that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives.

Matthew 5:1-2

1 When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down **2** and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

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Matthew 5:17

17 "Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures - either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama.

Matthew 5:22-24

22 I'm telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother 'idiot!' and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell 'stupid!' at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill. **23** "This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, **24** abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

Matthew 7:28-29

28 When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. **29** It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying - quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

2 Corinthians 5:20

20 We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

2 Chronicles 30:9

9 If you come back to God, your captive relatives and children will be treated compassionately and allowed to come home. Your God is gracious and kind and won't snub you - come back and he'll welcome you with open arms."

Mark 2:15-17

15 Later Jesus and his disciples were at home having supper with a collection of disreputable guests. Unlikely as it seems, more than a few of them had become followers. **16** The religion scholars and Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company and lit into his disciples: "What kind of example is this, acting cozy with the riff-raff?" **17** Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting the sin-sick, not the spiritually-fit."

John 8:1-11

1 Jesus went across to Mount Olives, **2** but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them. **3** The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone **4** and said,

"Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. **5** Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?" **6** They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him. **7** They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." **8** Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt. **9** Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. **10** Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?" **11** "No one, Master." "Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin." You're Missing God in All This

Hebrews 13:9

9 Don't be lured away from him by the latest speculations about him. The grace of Christ is the only good ground for life. Products named after Christ don't seem to do much for those who buy them.

Mark 6:34

34 When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke - like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.

Matthew 9:2-8

2 They were hardly out of the boat when some men carried a paraplegic on a stretcher and set him down in front of them. Jesus, impressed by their bold belief, said to the paraplegic, "Cheer up, son. I forgive your sins." **3** Some religion scholars whispered, "Why, that's blasphemy!" **4** Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why this gossipy whispering? **5** Which do you think is simpler: to say, 'I forgive your sins,' or, 'Get up and walk'? **6** Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both. . . ." At this he turned to the paraplegic and said, "Get up. Take your bed and go home." **7** And the man did it. **8** The crowd was awestruck, amazed and pleased that God had authorized Jesus to work among them this way.

Matthew 9:37-38

37 "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! **38** On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"

John 17:1

1 Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said: Father, it's time. Display the bright splendor of your Son So the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

John 17:6

6 I spelled out your character in detail To the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; Then you gave them to me, And they have now done what you said.

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[John 17:11](#)

11 For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; They'll continue in the world While I return to you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life That you conferred as a gift through me, So they can be one heart and mind

[John 17:26](#)

26 I have made your very being known to them - Who you are and what you do - And continue to make it known, So that your love for me Might be in them Exactly as I am in them.

[Acts 2:22-28](#)

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man thoroughly accredited by God to you - the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge - **23** this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him. **24** But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him. **25** David said it all: I saw God before me for all time. Nothing can shake me; he's right by my side. **26** I'm glad from the inside out, ecstatic; I've pitched my tent in the land of hope. **27** I know you'll never dump me in Hades; I'll never even smell the stench of death. **28** You've got my feet on the life-path, with your face shining sun-joy all around.

[Acts 4:33](#)

33 The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them.

[Romans 5:11](#)

11 Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!

[Ephesians 2:4-6](#)

4 Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, **5** he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! **6** Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

10 No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

[Ephesians 4:7](#)

7 But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift.

[Ephesians 4:13](#)

13 until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

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