

**John 1:16-17**

- 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.  
17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,  
5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),  
6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,  
7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;  
9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**Titus 2:11-14**

- 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,  
12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,  
13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,  
14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

**Philippians 3:4-6**

- 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:  
5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;  
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

**Acts 7:54-8:3**

- 7:54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him.  
55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;  
56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."  
57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.  
58 When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my

spirit!”

60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.

**8: 1** Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.

And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 *Some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

3 But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

### **1 Timothy 1:12-16**

**12** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

### **Ephesians 1:1-8**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

**To** the saints who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

### **Acts 9:1-18**

**1** Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He *said*, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”

7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.  
8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.  
9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.  
10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."  
11 And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,  
12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."  
13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;  
14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."  
15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;  
16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."  
17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."  
18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;

#### **Acts 21:37-22:22**

37 As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?  
38 "Then you are not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"  
39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."  
40 When he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the stairs, motioned to the people with his hand; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew dialect, saying,  
22:1 "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now *offer* to you."  
2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he said,  
3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.  
4 "I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,  
5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.  
6 "But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,  
7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'  
8 "And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'  
9 "And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.  
10 "And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into

- Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.’
- 11 “But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.
- 12 “A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, *and* well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,
- 13 came to me, and standing near said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very time I looked up at him.
- 14 “And he said, ‘The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.
- 15 ‘For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.
- 16 ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’
- 17 “It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance,
- 18 and I saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.’
- 19 “And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You.
- 20 ‘And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.’
- 21 “And He said to me, ‘Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’ ”
- 22 They listened to him up to this statement, and *then* they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he should not be allowed to live!”

#### Acts 26:1-20

- 1 Agrippa said to Paul, “You are permitted to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and *proceeded* to make his defense:
- 2 “In regard to all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am about to make my defense before you today;
- 3 especially because you are an expert in all customs and questions among *the* Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.
- 4 “So then, all Jews know my manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my *own* nation and at Jerusalem;
- 5 since they have known about me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I lived *as* a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our religion.
- 6 “And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers;
- 7 *the promise* to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve *God* night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews.
- 8 “Why is it considered incredible among you *people* if God does raise the dead?
- 9 “So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
- 10 “And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them.
- 11 “And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.
- 12 “While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,
- 13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all

- around me and those who were journeying with me.
- 14 “And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’
- 15 “And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.
- 16 ‘But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;
- 17 rescuing you from the *Jewish* people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,
- 18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’
- 19 “So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- 20 but *kept* declaring both to those of Damascus first, and *also* at Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and *even* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.