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## Galatians 4:5,7 NLT

**"<sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.<sup>7</sup> ...And since you are his child, God has made you his heir."**





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## Romans 5:6-8

**“<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**



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3 He was **despised** and **rejected**—  
a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.  
We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.  
He was **despised**, and **we did not care**.

## Isaiah 53:3-11 NLT

4 Yet it was our weaknesses **he carried**;  
it was our sorrows that **weighed him down**.

And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,  
a punishment for his own sins!

5 But he was **pierced** for our rebellion,  
**crushed** for our sins.

He was **beaten** so we could be whole.

He was **whipped** so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord **laid on him**  
the sins of us all.



## Isaiah 53:3-11 NLT

7 He was **oppressed** and **treated harshly**,  
yet he never said a word.

He was led like a lamb **to the slaughter**.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

8 **Unjustly condemned**,  
he was led away.

No one cared that he died without descendants,  
that his life was cut short in midstream.

But he was **struck down**  
for the rebellion of my people.

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9 He **had done no wrong**  
and had never deceived anyone.  
But he **was buried like a criminal**;  
he was put in a rich man's grave.



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10 But it was the Lord's **good plan** to crush him and cause him grief.

Yet when his life is **made an offering for sin**, he will have many descendants.

He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands.

11 When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied.

And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible **for many to be counted righteous**, **for he will bear all their sins.**

## John 3:16-17

**"<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**



## Colossians 2:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup> You were **dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. <sup>14</sup> **He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.**

# John 1:12

**“<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**”**



# Ephesians 2:13

**“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away  
have **been brought near** by the blood of Christ.”**

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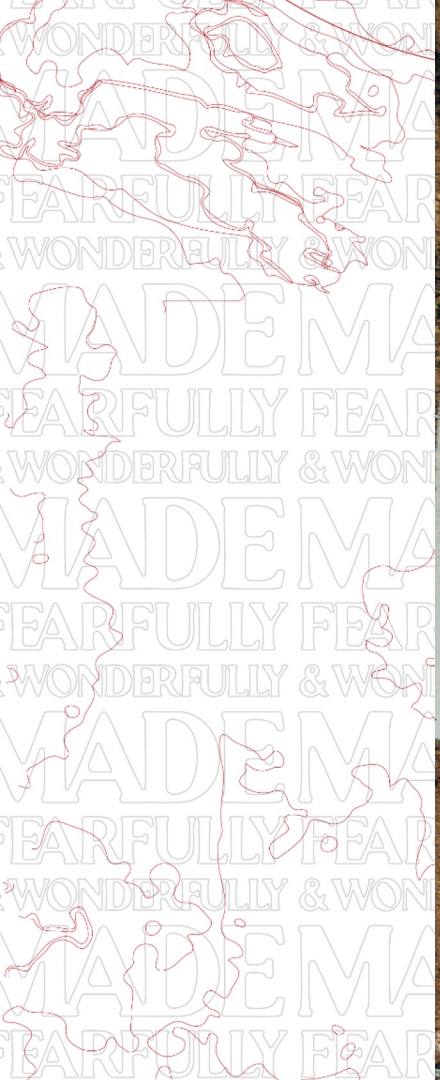
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## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** <sup>20</sup> **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,** as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.











# John 15:18-19

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, **but you are no longer part of the world.** I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

## Matthew 28:19-20

**"<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**



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