

Paul's Letter to the Romans

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Introduction

1 From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, who has been called to become an apostle, and has been set apart to tell God's good news. ² This good news God promised long ago through his prophets in the sacred scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, as to his human nature, was descended from David, ⁴ but the spirit of holiness within him, was miraculously designated Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. ⁵ Through him we received the apostolic office, to win the faith of all nations for the glory of his name. ⁶ And among these nations you – you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.

7 To all in

Rome|strong = "G4516" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G1510"
 dear|strong = "H3357" to|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316"
 and|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1510"
 called|strong = "G2822" to|strong = "G2532" become|strong = "G1510"
 Christ's|strong = "G5547" people|strong = "G3956", may|strong = "G2532"
 God|strong = "G2316", our|strong = "G2316" Father|strong = "G3962",
 and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547" bless|strong = "H1288"
 you|strong = "G5210" and|strong = "G2532" give|strong = "G1473"
 you|strong = "G5210" peace|strong = "G1515".

8First|strong = "G4413", I|strong = "G1473" thank|strong = "G2168"
 my|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316" through|strong = "G1223"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547" for|strong = "G3754"
 you|strong = "G5210" all|strong = "G3956", because|strong = "G3754"
 the|strong = "G1722" report|strong = "H8088" of|strong = "G4012"
 your|strong = "G3650" faith|strong = "G4102" is|strong = "G3588"
 spreading|strong = "H6566" throughout|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" world|strong = "G2889". ⁹ God|strong = "G2316",
 to|strong = "G1722" whom|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G1473"
 offer|strong = "G3000" the|strong = "G1722" worship|strong = "G3000"
 of|strong = "G5207" my|strong = "G1722" soul|strong = "H5315"
 as|strong = "G5613" I|strong = "G1473" tell|strong = "H5046"
 the|strong = "G1722" goodness|strong = "H2898" of|strong = "G5207"
 his|strong = "G1722" Son|strong = "G5207", is|strong = "G1510"
 my|strong = "G1722" witness|strong = "G3144" how|strong = "G5613"
 constantly|strong = "H8548" I|strong = "G1473" mention|strong = "G3417"
 you|strong = "G5210" when|strong = "G5613" I|strong = "G1473"
 pray|strong = "H6419", ¹⁰ asking|strong = "H7592" that|strong = "G3588",
 if|strong = "G1487" he|strong = "G3588" be|strong = "G2316"
 willing|strong = "G2307", I|strong = "G1473" may|strong = "G2316"
 some|strong = "G3588" day|strong = "G3588" at|strong = "G1722"
 last|strong = "G4218" find|strong = "H4672" the|strong = "G1722"
 way|strong = "G1722" open|strong = "H6605" to|strong = "G4314"
 visit|strong = "G2064" you|strong = "G5210". ¹¹ For|strong = "G1063"
 I|strong = "G1063" long|strong = "G1971" to|strong = "G1519"
 see|strong = "G3708" you|strong = "G5210", in|strong = "G1519"
 order|strong = "G2443" to|strong = "G1519" impart|strong = "G3330"
 to|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210" some|strong = "G5100"
 spiritual|strong = "G4152" gift|strong = "G5486" and|strong = "G3708"
 so|strong = "G2443" give|strong = "G3330" you|strong = "G5210"
 fresh|strong = "H3892" strength|strong = "H5797" – ¹² or|strong = "G2532"
 rather|strong = "G1161" that|strong = "G3588" both|strong = "G2532"
 you|strong = "G5210" and|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473"
 may|strong = "G2532" find|strong = "H4672"

encouragement|strong = "H2388" in|strong = "G1722" each|strong = "G1223" other's faith|strong = "G4102". ¹³ I|strong = "G2532" want|strong = "G2309" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G4314" know|strong = "G1722", my|strong = "G1722" friends|strong = "H7453", that|strong = "G3754" I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2192" many|strong = "G4178" times|strong = "G4178" intended|strong = "G4388" coming|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314" see|strong = "H7200" you|strong = "G5210" – but|strong = "G1161" until|strong = "G2532" now|strong = "G1161" I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2192" been|strong = "G2192" prevented|strong = "G2967" – that|strong = "G3754" I|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2532" find|strong = "H4672" among|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210" some|strong = "G5100" fruit|strong = "G2590" of|strong = "G2532" my|strong = "G1722" labours|strong = "H3018", as|strong = "G2531" I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2192" already|strong = "H3528" among|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" other|strong = "G3062" nations|strong = "G1484". Faith|strong = "H0539" the|strong = "G1722" Ground|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "G2532" Acceptance|strong = "H7522"

14I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G2532" duty|strong = "H2992" to|strong = "G2532" both|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Greek|strong = "G1672" and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" barbarian, to|strong = "G2532" both|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" cultured and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" ignorant|strong = "H3045". ¹⁵ And|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G3779", for|strong = "G1722" my|strong = "G1722" part|strong = "G1473", I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473" ready|strong = "G4289" to|strong = "G2532" tell|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "G1722" good|strong = "G2097" news|strong = "G2097" to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" also|strong = "G2532" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" Rome|strong = "G4516".

16For|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G2532" am|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3756" ashamed|strong = "G1870" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G2532" good|strong = "G3956" news|strong = "G2098"; it|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G2532" power|strong = "G1411" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316" which|strong = "G3588" brings|strong = "G1510" salvation|strong = "G4991" to|strong = "G1519" everyone|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" believes|strong = "G4100", to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Jew|strong = "G2453" first|strong = "G4413", but|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Greek|strong = "G1672". ¹⁷ For|strong = "G1063" in|strong = "G1722" it|strong = "G1161" there|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G1519" revelation|strong = "H1540" of|strong = "G1537"

the|strong="G1722" divine|strong="H7080"
 righteousness|strong="G1343" resulting|strong="G1519"
 from|strong="G1537" faith|strong="G4102" and|strong="G1161"
 leading|strong="G1519" on|strong="G1722" to|strong="G1519"
 faith|strong="G4102"; as|strong="G2531" scripture|strong="G1125"
 says|strong="H0559" – "Through|strong="G1722" faith|strong="G4102"
 the|strong="G1722" righteous|strong="G1342" will|strong="G2316"
 find|strong="H4672" life|strong="G2198"."

18So|strong="G2532", too|strong="G2532", there|strong="G2532"
 is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2532" revelation|strong="H1540"
 from|strong="G2532" heaven|strong="G3772" of|strong="G2316"
 the|strong="G1722" divine|strong="H7080" wrath|strong="G3709"
 against|strong="G1909" every|strong="G3956" form|strong="G3956"
 of|strong="G2316" ungodliness|strong="H1100" and|strong="G2532"
 wickedness|strong="G1722" on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G1722"
 part|strong="G2532" of|strong="G2316" those|strong="G3588"
 people|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588", by|strong="G1722"
 their|strong="G2532" wicked|strong="G3588" lives|strong="H5315",
 are|strong="G3588" stifling the|strong="G1722" truth|strong="H0571".

¹⁹ This|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" so|strong="G1063",
 because|strong="G1063" what|strong="G3588" can|strong="G1063"
 be|strong="G1510" known|strong="G1110" about|strong="G1722"
 God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G1510" plain|strong="G5318"
 to|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588"; for|strong="G1063"
 God|strong="G2316" himself|strong="G5319" has|strong="G2316"
 made|strong="G5319" it|strong="G1063" plain|strong="G5318". ²⁰
 For|strong="G1063" ever|strong="G1519" since|strong="G1063"
 the|strong="G2532" creation|strong="G2937" of|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G2532" universe God's|strong="H0430" invisible attributes –
 his|strong="G1438" everlasting|strong="H5769" power|strong="G1411"
 and|strong="G2532" divinity – are|strong="G1510" to|strong="G1519"
 be|strong="G1510" seen|strong="G2529" and|strong="G2532"
 studied|strong="H1875" in|strong="G1519" his|strong="G1438"
 works|strong="G1411", so|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3588"
 people|strong="G1510" have|strong="G2532" no|strong="G2532" excuse;

²¹ because|strong="G1360", although|strong="G2532"
 they|strong="G2532" learned|strong="G1097" to|strong="G2532"
 know|strong="G1097" God|strong="G2316", yet|strong="G2532"
 they|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756"
 offer|strong="H7126" him|strong="G3588" as|strong="G5613"
 God|strong="G2316" either|strong="G2228" praise|strong="G1392"
 or|strong="G2228" thanksgiving|strong="H8426". Their|strong="G2532"
 speculations|strong="G1261" about|strong="G5613" him|strong="G3588"
 proved|strong="H0974" futile|strong="G3154", and|strong="G2532"

their|strong = "G2532" undiscerning minds|strong = "G2588"
 were|strong = "G3588" darkened|strong = "G4654". ²²
 Professing|strong = "G5335" to|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510"
 wise|strong = "G4680", they|strong = "G1510" showed|strong = "H7200"
 themselves|strong = "G5335" fools|strong = "G3471"; ²³
 and|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532" transformed|strong = "H7760"
 the|strong = "G1722" glory|strong = "G1391" of|strong = "G2316"
 the|strong = "G1722" immortal God|strong = "G2316" into|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" likeness|strong = "G3667" of|strong = "G2316"
 mortal|strong = "G5349" humans, and|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G2316"
 birds|strong = "G4071", and|strong = "G2532" beasts|strong = "G5074",
 and|strong = "G2532" reptiles|strong = "G2062".

24Therefore|strong = "G1352" God|strong = "G2316"
 abandoned|strong = "H5800" them|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519"
 impurity|strong = "H5079", letting|strong = "H7971" them|strong = "G3588"
 follow|strong = "H0310" the|strong = "G1722" cravings of|strong = "G2316"
 their|strong = "G1438" hearts|strong = "G2588", until|strong = "G1519"
 they|strong = "G3588" dishonoured their|strong = "G1438"
 own|strong = "G1438" bodies|strong = "G4983"; ²⁵ for|strong = "G1519"
 they|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" substituted a|strong = "G2532"
 lie|strong = "G5579" for|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1722"
 truth|strong = "H0571" about|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316",
 and|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" revered|strong = "H7812"
 and|strong = "G2532" worshiped|strong = "G4573" created|strong = "G2936"
 things|strong = "G3588" more|strong = "G2532" than|strong = "G3844"
 the|strong = "G1722" Creator|strong = "G2936", who|strong = "G3739"
 is|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G1510"
 praised|strong = "H1984" for|strong = "G1519" ever|strong = "G1519".
 Amen|strong = "H0543". ²⁶ That|strong = "G3588", I|strong = "G1063"
 say|strong = "G1223", is|strong = "G3588" why|strong = "G1223"
 God|strong = "G2316" abandoned|strong = "H5800" them|strong = "G3588"
 to|strong = "G1519" degrading passions|strong = "G3806".
 Even|strong = "G5037" the|strong = "G1519" women|strong = "G2338"
 among|strong = "G1519" them|strong = "G3588" perverted|strong = "H8419"
 the|strong = "G1519" natural|strong = "G5446" use|strong = "G5540"
 of|strong = "G1223" their|strong = "G1438" bodies|strong = "H6297"
 to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1519" unnatural|strong = "G3844"; ²⁷
 while|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" men|strong = "G3588",
 disregarding that|strong = "G3739" for|strong = "G1519"
 which|strong = "G3739" women|strong = "G2338" were|strong = "G3588"
 intended|strong = "H1819" by|strong = "G1722" nature,
 were|strong = "G3588" consumed|strong = "H3615" with|strong = "G1722"
 passion|strong = "H7068" for|strong = "G1519" one|strong = "G3739"
 another|strong = "G1438". Men|strong = "G3588" indulged

in|strong = "G1722" vile|strong = "H7043" practices|strong = "G3739"
 with|strong = "G1722" men|strong = "G3588", and|strong = "G2532"
 incurred|strong = "H0816" in|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G1438"
 own|strong = "G1438" persons|strong = "G1438" the|strong = "G1722"
 inevitable penalty|strong = "H1780" for|strong = "G1519"
 their|strong = "G1438" perverseness|strong = "H5558".

28Then|strong = "G2532", as|strong = "G2531" they|strong = "G2532"
 would|strong = "G2316" not|strong = "G3756" keep|strong = "G4160"
 God|strong = "G2316" before|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G1438"
 minds|strong = "G3563", God|strong = "G2316" abandoned|strong = "H5800"
 them|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519" depraved|strong = "H7843"
 thoughts|strong = "H4284", so|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588"
 they|strong = "G2532" did|strong = "G4160" all|strong = "G2532"
 kinds|strong = "H2178" of|strong = "G2316" shameful|strong = "H1322"
 things|strong = "G3588". ²⁹ They|strong = "G3956" revelled
 in|strong = "G3956" every|strong = "G3956" form|strong = "G3956"
 of|strong = "G3956" wickedness|strong = "G4189", evil|strong = "G2549",
 greed|strong = "G4124", vice. Their|strong = "G3956" lives|strong = "H5315"
 were|strong = "G3956" full|strong = "G3324" of|strong = "G3956"
 envy|strong = "G5355", murder|strong = "G5408", quarrelling,
 treachery|strong = "H4820", malice|strong = "G2549". ³⁰
 They|strong = "H1992" became|strong = "H3205" back-biters,
 slanderers|strong = "G2637", impious, insolent|strong = "G5197",
 boastful|strong = "H1984". They|strong = "H1992" devised|strong = "H2803"
 new|strong = "H2319" sins|strong = "H2403". They|strong = "H1992"
 disobeyed|strong = "H6963" their|strong = "H3605"
 parents|strong = "G1118". ³¹ They|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H0834"
 undiscerning, untrustworthy, without|strong = "H3808"
 natural|strong = "H5038" affection|strong = "H2836" or|strong = "H0176"
 pity|strong = "H2347". ³² Well|strong = "G2532" aware|strong = "G1921"
 of|strong = "G2316" God's|strong = "G2316" decree|strong = "H2942",
 that|strong = "G3754" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 do|strong = "G4160" such|strong = "G5108" things|strong = "G3588"
 deserve|strong = "H0376" to|strong = "G2532" die|strong = "G2288",
 not|strong = "G3756" only|strong = "G3440" are|strong = "G1510"
 they|strong = "G2532" guilty|strong = "H0816" of|strong = "G2316"
 them|strong = "G3588" themselves|strong = "G3441", but|strong = "G2532"
 they|strong = "G2532" even|strong = "G2532" applaud|strong = "H7623"
 those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" do|strong = "G4160"
 them|strong = "G3588".

2Therefore|strong = "G1352" you|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G1510"
 nothing|strong = "G3956" to|strong = "G1722" say|strong = "G3956"
 in|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G3956" own|strong = "G4572"

defence|strong="H4869", whoever|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739"
 are|strong="G1510" who|strong="G3739" set|strong="H7760"
 yourself|strong="G4572" up|strong="G1722" as|strong="G1722"
 a|strong="G1722" judge|strong="G2919". In|strong="G1722"
 judging|strong="G2919" others|strong="G2087" you|strong="G3739"
 condemn|strong="G2632" yourself|strong="G4572", for|strong="G1063"
 you|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739" set|strong="H7760"
 yourself|strong="G4572" up|strong="G1722" as|strong="G1722"
 a|strong="G1722" judge|strong="G2919" do|strong="G4238"
 the|strong="G1722" very|strong="G3588" same|strong="G3739"
 things|strong="G3956". ² And|strong="G1161" we|strong="G3754"
 know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" God's|strong="G2316"
 judgment|strong="G2917" falls|strong="G1510" unerringly
 on|strong="G1909" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"
 do|strong="G4238" them|strong="G3588". ³ You|strong="G4771"
 who|strong="G3588" judge|strong="G2919" those|strong="G3588"
 that|strong="G3754" do|strong="G4160" such|strong="G5108"
 things|strong="G3778" and|strong="G2532" yet|strong="G2532"
 are|strong="G3588" yourself|strong="G4771" guilty|strong="H0816"
 of|strong="G2316" them|strong="G3588" – do|strong="G4160"
 you|strong="G4771" suppose|strong="G3049" that|strong="G3754"
 you|strong="G4771" of|strong="G2316" all|strong="G2532"
 people|strong="G2919" will|strong="G2316" escape|strong="G1628"
 God's|strong="G2316" judgment|strong="G2917"? ⁴ Or|strong="G2228"
 do|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" think|strong="G2706"
 lightly|strong="G2706" of|strong="G2316" his|strong="G1519"
 abundant|strong="H7227" kindness|strong="G5544",
 patience|strong="G3115", and|strong="G2532"
 forbearance|strong="H0753", not|strong="G2532" realising
 that|strong="G3754" his|strong="G1519" kindness|strong="G5544"
 is|strong="G3588" meant|strong="H2803" to|strong="G1519"
 lead|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771" to|strong="G1519"
 repentance|strong="G3341"? ⁵ Hard-hearted and|strong="G2532"
 impenitent as|strong="G1722" you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588",
 you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" storing|strong="G2343"
 up|strong="G2343" for|strong="G1161" yourself|strong="G4572"
 wrath|strong="G3709" on|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" wrath|strong="G3709",
 when|strong="G1161" God's|strong="G2316" justice|strong="H4941"
 as|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532" judge|strong="H8199"
 will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" revealed|strong="H1540"; ⁶
 for|strong="G2596" he|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739"
 give|strong="H5414" to|strong="G2596" everyone|strong="G1538"
 what|strong="G3739" their|strong="G2596" actions|strong="G2041"
 deserve|strong="H0376". ⁷ To|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588", by|strong="G2596" perseverance|strong="G5281"

in|strong="G2596" doing|strong="G2041" good|strong="G3588",
 aim|strong="H1245" at|strong="G2596" glory|strong="G1391",
 honour|strong="G5092", and|strong="G2532" all|strong="G2532"
 that|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" imperishable, he|strong="G2532"
 will|strong="G2532" give|strong="H5414" immortal life|strong="G2222";
⁸ while|strong="G1161" as|strong="G1161" to|strong="G2532"
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" factious,
 and|strong="G2532" disobedient|strong="H4784" to|strong="G2532"
 truth|strong="H0571" but|strong="G1161" obedient|strong="H8085"
 to|strong="G2532" evil|strong="G2532", wrath|strong="G3709"
 and|strong="G2532" anger|strong="G3709", distress|strong="H6869"
 and|strong="G2532" despair|strong="H2976", ⁹ will|strong="G2532"
 fall|strong="H5307" on|strong="G1909" every|strong="G3956"
 human|strong="H0120" being|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3588"
 persists|strong="H5975" in|strong="G1909" wrongdoing|strong="H5766"
 – on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G2532" Jew|strong="G2453"
 first|strong="G4413", but|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532"
 on|strong="G1909" the|strong="G2532" Greek|strong="G1672". ¹⁰
 But|strong="G1161" there|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532"
 be|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391", honour|strong="G5092",
 and|strong="G2532" peace|strong="G1515" for|strong="G1161"
 everyone|strong="G3956" who|strong="G3588" does|strong="G2038"
 right|strong="H3225" – for|strong="G1161" the|strong="G2532"
 Jew|strong="G2453" first|strong="G4413", but|strong="G1161"
 also|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1161" the|strong="G2532"
 Greek|strong="G1672", ¹¹ since|strong="G1063" God|strong="G2316"
 shows|strong="H6213" no|strong="G3756" partiality|strong="G4382". ¹²
 All|strong="G3745" who|strong="G3745", when|strong="G2532"
 they|strong="G2532" sin|strong="H2403", are|strong="G2532"
 without|strong="G2532" Law|strong="G3551" will|strong="G2532"
 also|strong="G2532" perish|strong="H0006" without|strong="G2532"
 Law|strong="G3551"; while|strong="G1722" all|strong="G3745"
 who|strong="G3745", when|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532"
 sin|strong="H2403", are|strong="G2532" under|strong="G1722"
 Law|strong="G3551", will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532"
 judged|strong="G2919" as|strong="G3745" being|strong="G2532"
 under|strong="G1722" Law|strong="G3551". ¹³ It|strong="G1063"
 is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="G3588"
 words|strong="H1697" of|strong="G2316" a|strong="G3756"
 Law|strong="G3551" that|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588"
 righteous|strong="G1342" before|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316",
 but|strong="G1063" it|strong="G1063" is|strong="G3588"
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" obey|strong="H8085"
 it|strong="G1063" that|strong="G3588" will|strong="G2316"
 be|strong="G3756" pronounced|strong="H1696"

righteous|strong = "G1342". ¹⁴ When|strong = "G3752"
 Gentiles|strong = "G1484", who|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G2192"
 no|strong = "G3361" Law|strong = "G3551", do|strong = "G4160"
 instinctively|strong = "G5449" what|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G3588"
 Law|strong = "G3551" requires|strong = "H4147", they|strong = "G3588",
 though|strong = "G4160" they|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G2192"
 no|strong = "G3361" Law|strong = "G3551", are|strong = "G1510"
 a|strong = "G2192" Law|strong = "G3551" to|strong = "G3361"
 themselves|strong = "G1438"; ¹⁵ for|strong = "G1722" they|strong = "G2532"
 show|strong = "G1731" the|strong = "G1722" demands|strong = "H5923"
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551"
 written|strong = "G1123" on|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2532"
 hearts|strong = "G2588"; their|strong = "G2532"
 consciences|strong = "G4893" corroborating it|strong = "G2532",
 while|strong = "G1722" in|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2532"
 thoughts|strong = "G3053" they|strong = "G2532" argue|strong = "H3198"
 either|strong = "G2228" in|strong = "G1722" self-accusation
 or|strong = "G2228", it|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532", in|strong = "G1722" self-defence – ¹⁶
 on|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" day|strong = "G2250"
 when|strong = "G3753" God|strong = "G2316" passes|strong = "G2919"
 judgment|strong = "G2919" on|strong = "G1722" people's|strong = "H5971"
 inmost|strong = "H3629" lives|strong = "H5315", as|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" good|strong = "G1223" news|strong = "G2098"
 that|strong = "G3588" I|strong = "G1473" tell|strong = "H5046"
 declares|strong = "H5002" that|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G3588"
 will|strong = "G2316" do|strong = "G2919" through|strong = "G1223"
 Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424".

17But|strong = "G1161", perhaps|strong = "H0194", you|strong = "G4771"
 bear|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" name|strong = "G2028"
 of|strong = "G2532" "Jew|strong = "G2453", and|strong = "G2532"
 are|strong = "G2532" relying on|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551",
 and|strong = "G2532" boast|strong = "G2744" of|strong = "G2532" belonging
 to|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G2532"
 understand|strong = "H0995" his|strong = "G1722" will|strong = "G2316", ¹⁸
 and|strong = "G2532", having|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532"
 carefully|strong = "H6213" instructed|strong = "G2727"
 from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551",
 have|strong = "G2532" learned|strong = "G1097" to|strong = "G2532"
 appreciate the|strong = "G2532" finer|strong = "H6884"
 moral|strong = "H8478" distinctions. ¹⁹ Perhaps|strong = "H0194"
 you|strong = "G1722" are|strong = "G1510" confident|strong = "G3982"
 that|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G1722" are|strong = "G1510"
 a|strong = "G1722" guide|strong = "G3595" to|strong = "G1722"

the|strong="G1722" blind|strong="G5185", a|strong="G1722"
 light|strong="G5457" to|strong="G1722" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" dark|strong="H2822", an|strong="G1722" instructor
 of|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" unintelligent, ²⁰
 and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2192" teacher|strong="G1320"
 of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" childish|strong="G3516",
 because|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 Law|strong="G3551" you|strong="G1722" possess|strong="G2192"
 the|strong="G1722" outline of|strong="G2532" all|strong="G2532"
 knowledge|strong="G1108" and|strong="G2532" truth|strong="H0571".
²¹ Why|strong="H4100", then|strong="G3767", you|strong="G1321"
 teacher|strong="H4175" of|strong="G3588" others|strong="G2087",
 don't|strong="G3756" you|strong="G1321" teach|strong="G1321"
 yourself|strong="G4572"? Do|strong="G3361" you|strong="G1321"
 preach|strong="G2784" against|strong="G3361" stealing|strong="G2813",
 and|strong="G3767" yet|strong="H5750" steal|strong="G2813"? ²²
 Do|strong="G3004" you|strong="G3004" forbid|strong="H2486"
 adultery|strong="G3431", and|strong="G3588" yet|strong="H5750"
 commit|strong="G3431" adultery|strong="G3431"? Do|strong="G3004"
 you|strong="G3004" loathe|strong="H6962" idols|strong="G1497",
 and|strong="G3588" yet|strong="H5750" plunder|strong="H0962"
 temples|strong="G2416"? ²³ Boasting|strong="G2744",
 as|strong="G1722" you|strong="G3739" do|strong="G1223",
 of|strong="G1223" your|strong="G1223" Law|strong="G3551",
 do|strong="G1223" you|strong="G3739" dishonour|strong="H3639"
 God|strong="G2316" by|strong="G1223" breaking|strong="G3847"
 the|strong="G1722" Law|strong="G3551"? ²⁴ For|strong="G1063",
 as|strong="G2531" scripture|strong="G1125" says|strong="H0559" –
 "The|strong="G1722" Gentiles|strong="G1484" insult|strong="H2781"
 God's|strong="G2316" name|strong="G3686" because|strong="G1223"
 of|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210"! ²⁵
 Circumcision|strong="G4061" has|strong="G1096" its|strong="H3605"
 value|strong="G5623", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G4771"
 are|strong="G1510" obeying|strong="H8085" the|strong="G1161"
 Law|strong="G3551". But|strong="G1161", if|strong="G1437"
 you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1096"
 breaker|strong="G3848" of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G1161"
 Law|strong="G3551", your|strong="G1437" circumcision|strong="G4061"
 is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3588" better|strong="H2896"
 than|strong="H4480" uncircumcision. ²⁶ If|strong="G1437",
 then|strong="G3767", an|strong="G1519" uncircumcised|strong="H6189"
 man|strong="G3756" pays|strong="H7999" regard|strong="G3049"
 to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1519" requirements|strong="G1345"
 of|strong="G3551" the|strong="G1519" Law|strong="G3551",
 won't|strong="G3756" he|strong="G3588", although|strong="H3588"

not|strong = "G3756" circumcised|strong = "G4061", be|strong = "G3756"
 regarded|strong = "G3049" by|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G1519"
 as|strong = "G1519" if|strong = "G1437" he|strong = "G3588"
 were|strong = "G3588"? ²⁷ Indeed|strong = "G2532", the|strong = "G2532"
 person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588", owing to|strong = "G2532"
 his|strong = "G1223" birth|strong = "H3205", remains|strong = "H7604"
 uncircumcised|strong = "H6189", and|strong = "G2532" yet|strong = "G2532"
 scrupulously obeys|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "G2532"
 Law|strong = "G3551", will|strong = "G2532" condemn|strong = "G2919"
 you|strong = "G4771", who|strong = "G3588", for|strong = "G1223"
 all|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G1223" written|strong = "G1121"
 Law|strong = "G3551" and|strong = "G2532" your|strong = "G1223"
 circumcision|strong = "G4061", are|strong = "G3588" yet|strong = "G2532"
 a|strong = "G2532" breaker|strong = "G3848" of|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551". ²⁸ For|strong = "G1063"
 a|strong = "G1722" man|strong = "G3756" who|strong = "G3588"
 is|strong = "G1510" only|strong = "G3756" a|strong = "G1722"
 Jew|strong = "G2453" outwardly|strong = "G1722" is|strong = "G1510"
 not|strong = "G3756" a|strong = "G1722" real Jew|strong = "G2453";
 nor|strong = "G3761" is|strong = "G1510" outward|strong = "G5318"
 bodily|strong = "G4561" circumcision|strong = "G4061" real
 circumcision|strong = "G4061". The|strong = "G1722" real
 Jew|strong = "G2453" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G1722"
 person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510"
 a|strong = "G1722" Jew|strong = "G2453" in|strong = "G1722"
 soul|strong = "H5315"; ²⁹ and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" real
 circumcision|strong = "G4061" is|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G1722"
 circumcision|strong = "G4061" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"
 heart|strong = "G2588", a|strong = "G2532" spiritual|strong = "G4151"
 and|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3756" a|strong = "G2532" literal
 thing|strong = "G3739". Such|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G2532"
 person|strong = "G3739" wins|strong = "H3947" praise|strong = "G1868"
 from|strong = "G1537" God|strong = "G2316", though|strong = "G2532"
 not|strong = "G3756" from|strong = "G1537" people|strong = "G3588".

³What|strong = "G5101" is|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G3588"
 advantage|strong = "G4053", then|strong = "G3767", of|strong = "G2228"
 being|strong = "G3767" a|strong = "G2228" Jew|strong = "G2453"?
 Or|strong = "G2228" what|strong = "G5101" is|strong = "G3588"
 the|strong = "G3588" good|strong = "G5101" of|strong = "G2228"
 circumcision|strong = "G4061"? ² Great|strong = "G4183"
 in|strong = "G2596" every|strong = "G3956" way|strong = "G5158".
 First|strong = "G4413" of|strong = "G2316" all|strong = "G3956",
 because|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G3956" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 were|strong = "G3588" entrusted|strong = "G4100" with|strong = "G2316"

God's|strong = "G2316" utterances|strong = "G3051". ³
 What|strong = "G5101" follows|strong = "H3652" then|strong = "G1063"?
 Some|strong = "G5100", no|strong = "G3361" doubt|strong = "G1063",
 showed|strong = "H7200" a|strong = "G1487" want|strong = "H4270"
 of|strong = "G2316" faith|strong = "G4102"; but|strong = "G1487"
 will|strong = "G2316" their|strong = "G3588" want|strong = "H4270"
 of|strong = "G2316" faith|strong = "G4102" make|strong = "G2673"
 God|strong = "G2316" break|strong = "H7665" faith|strong = "G4102"?
 Heaven|strong = "H8064" forbid|strong = "H2486"! ⁴ God|strong = "G2316"
 must|strong = "G2919" prove|strong = "G1096" true|strong = "G3588",
 though|strong = "G2532" everyone|strong = "G3956" prove|strong = "G1096"
 a|strong = "G1096" liar|strong = "G5583"! As|strong = "G2531"
 scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "G3056" of|strong = "G3056"
 God|strong = "G2316" – "That|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G4771"
 may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1096" pronounced|strong = "G2919"
 righteous|strong = "G1344" in|strong = "G1722" what|strong = "G3588"
 you|strong = "G4771" say|strong = "G3056", and|strong = "G2532"
 gain|strong = "H1215" your|strong = "G2532" cause|strong = "G3588"
 when|strong = "G1161" people|strong = "G3956" would|strong = "G1096"
 judge|strong = "G2919" you|strong = "G4771"."

5But|strong = "G1161" what|strong = "G5101" if|strong = "G1487"
 our|strong = "G2316" wrongdoing|strong = "H5766" makes|strong = "H6213"
 God's|strong = "G2316" righteousness|strong = "G1343" all|strong = "G2596"
 the|strong = "G1161" clearer|strong = "H6965"? Will|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G3361" wrong|strong = "H7451"
 in|strong = "G2596" inflicting punishment|strong = "H5771"?
 (I|strong = "G1473" can|strong = "G3004" but|strong = "G1161"
 speak|strong = "G3004" as|strong = "G1161" a|strong = "G1487"
 person|strong = "G5101".) Heaven|strong = "H8064"
 forbid|strong = "H2486"! ⁶ Otherwise|strong = "G1893"
 how|strong = "G4459" can|strong = "G4459" God|strong = "G2316"
 judge|strong = "G2919" the|strong = "G3588" world|strong = "G2889"?"

7But|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1487" my|strong = "G1699"
 falsehood|strong = "H8267" redounds to|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G1722" glory|strong = "G1391" of|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316", by|strong = "G1722" making|strong = "H6213"
 his|strong = "G1519" truthfulness more|strong = "G2089" apparent,
 why|strong = "G5101" am|strong = "G2504" I|strong = "G2504"
 like|strong = "G5613" others|strong = "G3588", still|strong = "G2089"
 condemned|strong = "G2919" as|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613"
 sinner|strong = "H2398"? ⁸ Why|strong = "G2443" should|strong = "G5100"
 we|strong = "G2249" not|strong = "G3361" say|strong = "G3004" –
 as|strong = "G2531" some|strong = "G5100" people|strong = "G1510"

slanderosly assert|strong = "H1696" that|strong = "G3754"
 we|strong = "G2249" do|strong = "G4160" say|strong = "G3004" –
 "Let|strong = "G1510" us|strong = "G3004" do|strong = "G4160"
 evil|strong = "G2556" that|strong = "G3754" good|strong = "G3588"
 may|strong = "G2532" come|strong = "G2064"?"? The|strong = "G2532"
 condemnation|strong = "G2917" of|strong = "G2532" such|strong = "G5100"
 people|strong = "G1510" is|strong = "G1510" indeed|strong = "G2532"
 just|strong = "G2531"!"

9What|strong = "G5101" follows|strong = "H3652", then|strong = "G3767"?
 Are|strong = "G1510" we|strong = "G1063" Jews|strong = "G2453"
 in|strong = "G2532" any|strong = "G3956" way|strong = "G3956"
 superior|strong = "H1870" to|strong = "G2532" others|strong = "G3956"?
 Not|strong = "G3756" at|strong = "G3756" all|strong = "G3956".
 Our|strong = "G2532" indictment|strong = "H5612" against|strong = "G5259"
 both|strong = "G2532" Jews|strong = "G2453" and|strong = "G2532"
 Greeks|strong = "G1672" was|strong = "G1510" that|strong = "G3956"
 all|strong = "G3956" alike|strong = "G5037" were|strong = "G1510"
 in|strong = "G2532" subjection|strong = "H3533" to|strong = "G2532"
 sin|strong = "H2403". ¹⁰ As|strong = "G2531" scripture|strong = "G1125"
 says|strong = "H0559" –

“ There|strong = "G3754" is|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3756"
 even|strong = "G3761" one|strong = "G1520" who|strong = "G3748"
 is|strong = "G1510" righteous|strong = "G1342",

11not|strong = "G3756" one|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 understands|strong = "G4920",

n ot|strong = "G3756" one|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 is|strong = "G1510" searching|strong = "H2664" for|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316"!"

12They|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G1510" all|strong = "G3956"
 gone|strong = "H1980" astray|strong = "H8582";

t hey|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G1510" one|strong = "G1520"
 and|strong = "G4160" all|strong = "G3956" become|strong = "G1510"
 depraved|strong = "H7843";

t here|strong = "G1510" is|strong = "G1510" no|strong = "G3756"
 one|strong = "G1520" who|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510"
 doing|strong = "G4160" good|strong = "G3956" – no|strong = "G3756",
 not|strong = "G3756" one|strong = "G1520"!"

13“Their|strong = ”G3588” throats|strong = ”G2995” are|strong = ”G3588” like|strong = ”G1100” opened|strong = ”H6605” graves|strong = ”G5028”;

t hey|strong = ”G3588” deceive|strong = ”H5377” with|strong = ”G5259” their|strong = ”G3588” tongues|strong = ”G1100”.”

“ The|strong = ”G3588” venom|strong = ”H2534” of|strong = ”G5259” snakes|strong = ”H5175” lies|strong = ”H3577” behind|strong = ”H0310” their|strong = ”G3588” lips|strong = ”G5491” ,”

14“And|strong = ”G2532” their|strong = ”G2532” mouths|strong = ”G4750” are|strong = ”G3588” full|strong = ”G1073” of|strong = ”G2532” bitter|strong = ”H4751” curses|strong = ”H7043” .”

15“Swift|strong = ”G3691” are|strong = ”G3588” their|strong = ”G3588” feet|strong = ”G4228” to|strong = ”G3588” shed|strong = ”G1632” blood|strong = ”H1818” .

16Distress|strong = ”H6869” and|strong = ”G2532” trouble|strong = ”H6869” dog|strong = ”H3611” their|strong = ”G2532” steps|strong = ”H4609” ,

17and|strong = ”G2532” the|strong = ”G2532” path|strong = ”G3598” of|strong = ”G2532” peace|strong = ”G1515” they|strong = ”G2532” do|strong = ”G2532” not|strong = ”G3756” know|strong = ”G1097” .”

18“The|strong = ”G3588” fear|strong = ”G5401” of|strong = ”G2316” God|strong = ”G2316” is|strong = ”G1510” not|strong = ”G3756” before|strong = ”G3588” their|strong = ”G3588” eyes|strong = ”G3788” .”

19Now|strong = ”G1161” we|strong = ”G3754” know|strong = ”G1492” that|strong = ”G3754” everything|strong = ”G3956” said|strong = ”G3004” in|strong = ”G1722” the|strong = ”G1722” Law|strong = ”G3551” is|strong = ”G3588” addressed|strong = ”H0559” to|strong = ”G2443” those|strong = ”G3588” who|strong = ”G3588” are|strong = ”G3588” under|strong = ”G1722” its|strong = ”G3956” authority|strong = ”H3027” , in|strong = ”G1722” order|strong = ”G2443” that|strong = ”G3754” every|strong = ”G3956” mouth|strong = ”G4750” may|strong = ”G2532” be|strong = ”G1096” closed|strong = ”G5420” , and|strong = ”G2532” to|strong = ”G2443” bring|strong = ”G2532” the|strong = ”G1722” whole|strong = ”G3956” world|strong = ”G2889” under|strong = ”G1722” God’s|strong = ”G2316” judgment|strong = ”H4941” .²⁰ For|strong = ”G1063” no|strong = ”G3756” human|strong = ”G4561”

being|strong = "G1344" will|strong = "G3956" be|strong = "G3756"
 pronounced|strong = "H1696" righteous|strong = "G1344"
 before|strong = "G1799" God|strong = "H0430" as|strong = "G1063"
 the|strong = "G3956" result|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537"
 obedience|strong = "H3584" to|strong = "G3756" Law|strong = "G3551";
 for|strong = "G1063" it|strong = "G1063" is|strong = "G3956"
 Law|strong = "G3551" that|strong = "G3956" shows|strong = "H6213"
 what|strong = "G1063" sin|strong = "H2403" is|strong = "G3956".

21But|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161", quite|strong = "H3117"
 apart|strong = "G5565" from|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551",
 the|strong = "G2532" divine|strong = "H7080"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343" stands|strong = "H5975"
 revealed|strong = "G5319", and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 it|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551"
 and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" prophets|strong = "G4396"
 bear|strong = "G3140" witness|strong = "G3140" – ²² the|strong = "G1519"
 divine|strong = "H7080" righteousness|strong = "G1343"
 which|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510" bestowed|strong = "G1519",
 through|strong = "G1223" faith|strong = "G4102" in|strong = "G1519"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547", on|strong = "G1519"
 all|strong = "G3956", without|strong = "G3756" distinction|strong = "G1293",
 who|strong = "G3588" believe|strong = "G4100" in|strong = "G1519"
 him|strong = "G3588". ²³ For|strong = "G1063" all|strong = "G3956"
 have|strong = "G2532" sinned|strong = "H2398", and|strong = "G2532"
 all|strong = "G3956" fall|strong = "G5302" short|strong = "G5302"
 of|strong = "G2532" God's|strong = "G2316" glorious|strong = "G1391" ideal,
²⁴ but|strong = "G3588", in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1223"
 loving|strong = "H0157" kindness|strong = "H2617", are|strong = "G3588"
 being|strong = "G5547" freely|strong = "G1432"
 pronounced|strong = "H1696" righteous|strong = "G1344"
 through|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722"
 deliverance|strong = "H8668" found|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "G1722"
 Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424". ²⁵ For|strong = "G1519"
 God|strong = "G2316" set|strong = "H7760" him|strong = "G3588"
 before|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" world|strong = "H8398",
 to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G1519", by|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G1722" shedding|strong = "H8210" of|strong = "G1223"
 his|strong = "G1223" blood|strong = "H1818", a|strong = "G1519"
 means|strong = "G1223" of|strong = "G1223" reconciliation|strong = "H3722"
 through|strong = "G1223" faith|strong = "G4102". And|strong = "G2316"
 this|strong = "G3588" God|strong = "G2316" did|strong = "G2316"
 to|strong = "G1519" prove|strong = "H5254" his|strong = "G1223"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343", and|strong = "G2316"
 because|strong = "G1223", in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1223"

forbearance|strong = "H0753", he|strong = "G3739" had|strong = "G2316" passed|strong = "G3588" over|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1722" sins|strong = "H2403" that|strong = "G3739" people|strong = "G3588" had|strong = "G2316" previously|strong = "G4266" committed|strong = "G4266"; ²⁶ as|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G2532" proof|strong = "G4102", I|strong = "G2532" repeat|strong = "H6286", at|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" present|strong = "G3568" time|strong = "G2540", of|strong = "G1537" his|strong = "G1519" own|strong = "H1961" righteousness|strong = "G1343", that|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510" righteous|strong = "G1342" in|strong = "G1722" our|strong = "G2316" eyes|strong = "H5869", and|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2532" pronounce|strong = "H2930" righteous|strong = "G1342" the|strong = "G1722" person|strong = "G1342" who|strong = "G3588" takes|strong = "H3947" their|strong = "G2532" stand|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "G1722" faith|strong = "G4102" in|strong = "G1722" Jesus|strong = "G2424".

²⁷What|strong = "G4169", then|strong = "G3767", becomes|strong = "H1961" of|strong = "G1223" our|strong = "G1223" boasting|strong = "G2746"? It|strong = "G1223" is|strong = "G3588" excluded|strong = "G1576". By|strong = "G1223" what|strong = "G4169" sort|strong = "H3671" of|strong = "G1223" Law|strong = "G3551"? A|strong = "G1223" Law|strong = "G3551" requiring|strong = "H6963" obedience|strong = "H3584"? No|strong = "G3780", a|strong = "G1223" Law|strong = "G3551" requiring|strong = "H6963" faith|strong = "G4102".

²⁸For|strong = "G1063" we|strong = "G1063" conclude that|strong = "G1063" a|strong = "G2041" person|strong = "H5315" is|strong = "G4102" pronounced|strong = "H1696" righteous|strong = "G1344" on|strong = "G3049" the|strong = "G1063" ground|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "G3551" faith|strong = "G4102", quite|strong = "H3117" apart|strong = "G5565" from|strong = "G5565" obedience|strong = "H3584" to|strong = "G3551" Law|strong = "G3551". ²⁹
 Or|strong = "G2228" can|strong = "H4310" it|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588" God|strong = "G2316" is|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316" only|strong = "G3440" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Jews|strong = "G2453"? Isn't|strong = "G3780" he|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Gentiles|strong = "G1484"? ³⁰
 Yes|strong = "H3588", of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532" Gentiles|strong = "H1471" also|strong = "G2532", since|strong = "G1537" there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588" only|strong = "G2532" one|strong = "G1520" God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G2532"

he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316" pronounce|strong="H2930"
 those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3588"
 circumcised|strong="G4061" righteous|strong="G1344"
 as|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" result|strong="G1537"
 of|strong="G1537" faith|strong="G4102", and|strong="G2532"
 also|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3739"
 are|strong="G3588" uncircumcised|strong="H6189" on|strong="G1537"
 their|strong="G2532" showing|strong="H6213" the|strong="G2532"
 same|strong="G3739" faith|strong="G4102".

31Do|strong="G1096" we|strong="G3767", then|strong="G3767",
 use|strong="G3588" this|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G4102"
 to|strong="G1096" abolish|strong="H7665" Law|strong="G3551"?
 Heaven|strong="H8064" forbid|strong="G1096"! No|strong="G3361",
 we|strong="G3767" establish|strong="G2476" Law|strong="G3551".

4What|strong="G5101" then|strong="G3767", it|strong="G5101"
 may|strong="G3004" be|strong="G3588" asked|strong="G3004",
 are|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249" to|strong="G2596"
 say|strong="G3004" about|strong="G2596" Abraham|strong="H0085",
 the|strong="G2596" ancestor|strong="G3962" of|strong="G3962"
 our|strong="G2596" nation|strong="G4561"? ² If|strong="G1487"
 he|strong="G1063" was|strong="G2316" pronounced|strong="H1696"
 righteous|strong="G1344" as|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1537"
 result|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" obedience|strong="H3584",
 then|strong="G1063" he|strong="G1063" has|strong="G2192"
 something|strong="G2745" to|strong="G4314" boast|strong="G2745"
 of|strong="G1537". Yes|strong="G1063", but|strong="G1487"
 not|strong="G3756" before|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316". ³
 For|strong="G1063" what|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G2532" words|strong="G2532" of|strong="G2316"
 scripture|strong="G1124"? "Abraham|strong="G4100"
 had|strong="G2532" faith|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519"
 God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G1519"
 faith|strong="G4100" was|strong="G3588" regarded|strong="G3049"
 by|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" as|strong="G1519"
 righteousness|strong="G1343"."⁴ Now|strong="G1161"
 wages|strong="G3408" are|strong="G3588" regarded|strong="G3049"
 as|strong="G1161" due|strong="G2596" to|strong="G2596"
 the|strong="G1161" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588"
 works|strong="G2038", not|strong="G3756" as|strong="G1161"
 a|strong="G1161" favour|strong="G5485", but|strong="G1161"
 as|strong="G1161" a|strong="G1161" debt|strong="G3783"; ⁵
 while|strong="G1161", as|strong="G1519" for|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G1519" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588"

does|strong = "G2038" not|strong = "G3361" rely|strong = "H8172"
 on|strong = "G1909" their|strong = "G1519" obedience|strong = "H3584",
 but|strong = "G1161" has|strong = "G4102" faith|strong = "G4102"
 in|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 can|strong = "H4310" pronounce|strong = "H2930" the|strong = "G1519"
 godless|strong = "H2611" righteous|strong = "G1344", their|strong = "G1519"
 faith|strong = "G4102" is|strong = "G3588" regarded|strong = "G3049"
 by|strong = "G1909" God|strong = "G3361" as|strong = "G1519"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343".

6In|strong = "G2532" precisely|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "G2532"
 same|strong = "G3739" way|strong = "G3739" David|strong = "G1138"
 speaks|strong = "G3004" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G2532"
 blessing|strong = "G3108" pronounced|strong = "H1696" on|strong = "G3049"
 the|strong = "G2532" person|strong = "G3739" who|strong = "G3739"
 is|strong = "G3588" regarded|strong = "G3049" by|strong = "G2532"
 God|strong = "G2316" as|strong = "G2509" righteous|strong = "H6662"
 apart|strong = "G5565" from|strong = "G2532" actions|strong = "G2041" – 7
 "Blessed|strong = "G3107" are|strong = "G3588" those|strong = "G3588"
 whose|strong = "G3739" wrongdoings have|strong = "G2532"
 been|strong = "G2532" forgiven|strong = "H5545" and|strong = "G2532"
 over|strong = "H5921" whose|strong = "G3739" sins|strong = "H2403"
 a|strong = "G2532" veil|strong = "H6532" has|strong = "G3739"
 been|strong = "G2532" drawn|strong = "H8025"! 8 Blessed|strong = "G3107"
 the|strong = "G3739" man|strong = "G3361" whom|strong = "G3739"
 the|strong = "G3739" Lord|strong = "G2962" will|strong = "G3739"
 never|strong = "G3756" regard|strong = "G3049" as|strong = "G3739"
 sinful|strong = "H2400"! 9 Is|strong = "G3588" this|strong = "G3778"
 blessing|strong = "G3108", then|strong = "G3767",
 pronounced|strong = "H1696" on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G2532"
 circumcised|strong = "G4061" only|strong = "G2532" or|strong = "G2228"
 on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G2532" uncircumcised|strong = "H6189"
 as|strong = "G1519" well|strong = "G2532"? We|strong = "G1063"
 say|strong = "G3004" that|strong = "G3588" – "Abraham's|strong = "H0085"
 faith|strong = "G4102" was|strong = "G3588" regarded|strong = "G3049"
 by|strong = "G1909" God|strong = "G3004" as|strong = "G1519"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343". 10 Under|strong = "G1722"
 what|strong = "G4459" circumstances|strong = "G1722",
 then|strong = "G3767", did|strong = "G1510" this|strong = "G1722"
 take|strong = "G3049" place|strong = "G1722"? After|strong = "G1722"
 his|strong = "G1722" circumcision|strong = "G4061" or|strong = "G2228"
 before|strong = "G1722" it|strong = "G1510"? 11 Not|strong = "G1510"
 after|strong = "G1223", but|strong = "G2532" before|strong = "G1722".
 And|strong = "G2532" it|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1510"
 as|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G2532" sign|strong = "G4592"

of|strong = "G1223" this|strong = "G3588" that|strong = "G3588"
 he|strong = "G2532" received|strong = "G2983" the|strong = "G1722"
 rite|strong = "H5656" of|strong = "G1223" circumcision|strong = "G4061" –
 to|strong = "G1519" show|strong = "G2983" the|strong = "G1722"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343" due|strong = "G1722" to|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G1722" faith|strong = "G4102" of|strong = "G1223"
 an|strong = "G2532" uncircumcised|strong = "H6189" man|strong = "G3956"
 – in|strong = "G1722" order|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "G3588"
 he|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510"
 the|strong = "G1722" father|strong = "G3962" of|strong = "G1223"
 all|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G2532"
 faith|strong = "G4102" in|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2532"
 even|strong = "G2532" when|strong = "G2532"
 uncircumcised|strong = "H6189", so|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588"
 they|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G1510" regarded|strong = "G3049" by|strong = "G1223"
 God|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G1519" righteous|strong = "H6662"; ¹²
 as|strong = "G1722" well|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G1722"
 father|strong = "G3962" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"
 circumcised|strong = "G4061" – to|strong = "G2532" those|strong = "G3588"
 who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756"
 only|strong = "G3440" circumcised|strong = "G4061", but|strong = "G2532"
 who|strong = "G3588" also|strong = "G2532" follow|strong = "G4748"
 our|strong = "G2532" father|strong = "G3962" Abraham|strong = "H0085"
 in|strong = "G1722" that|strong = "G3588" faith|strong = "G4102"
 which|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532"
 while|strong = "G1722" still|strong = "H5750"
 uncircumcised|strong = "H6189". ¹³ For|strong = "G1063"
 the|strong = "G1223" promise|strong = "G1860" that|strong = "G3588"
 he|strong = "G3588" should|strong = "G3588" inherit|strong = "H5157"
 the|strong = "G1223" world|strong = "G2889" did|strong = "G1510"
 not|strong = "G3756" come|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G3756"
 Abraham|strong = "H0085" or|strong = "G2228" his|strong = "G1223"
 descendants|strong = "G4690" through|strong = "G1223"
 Law|strong = "G3551", but|strong = "G1063" through|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G1223" righteousness|strong = "G1343" due|strong = "H2706"
 to|strong = "G3756" faith|strong = "G4102". ¹⁴ If|strong = "G1487"
 those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" take|strong = "G2532"
 their|strong = "G2532" stand|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "G1537"
 Law|strong = "G3551" are|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G2532"
 inherit|strong = "H5157" the|strong = "G2532" world|strong = "H8398",
 then|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G4102" is|strong = "G3588"
 robbed|strong = "H1497" of|strong = "G1537" its|strong = "G1537"
 meaning|strong = "H0998" and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 promise|strong = "G1860" comes|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 nothing|strong = "H3808"! ¹⁵ Law|strong = "G3551" entails

punishment|strong = "H5771"; but|strong = "G1161", where|strong = "G3757"
 no|strong = "G3756" Law|strong = "G3551" exists|strong = "H1961",
 no|strong = "G3756" breach|strong = "H6556" of|strong = "G3551"
 it|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G1510" possible. ¹⁶ That|strong = "G2443"
 is|strong = "G1510" why|strong = "G1223" everything|strong = "G3956"
 is|strong = "G1510" made|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G1519"
 depend|strong = "H7200" on|strong = "G1519" faith|strong = "G4102":
 so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" everything|strong = "G3956"
 may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510" God's|strong = "H0430"
 gift|strong = "G5485", and|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1519"
 order|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" the|strong = "G2532"
 fulfilment of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532"
 promise|strong = "G1860" may|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510"
 made|strong = "G3756" certain|strong = "G2596" for|strong = "G1519"
 all|strong = "G3956" Abraham's|strong = "H0085"
 descendants|strong = "G4690" – not|strong = "G3756" only|strong = "G3440"
 for|strong = "G1519" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3739"
 take|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532" stand|strong = "G3778"
 on|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551",
 but|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1519"
 those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3739" take|strong = "G2532"
 their|strong = "G2532" stand|strong = "G3778" on|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G4102" of|strong = "G1537"
 Abraham|strong = "H0085". (He|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510"
 the|strong = "G2532" father|strong = "G3962" of|strong = "G1537"
 us|strong = "G1519" all|strong = "G3956"; ¹⁷ as|strong = "G5613"
 scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" – "I|strong = "G3739"
 have|strong = "G2532" made|strong = "G5087" you|strong = "G4771"
 the|strong = "G2532" father|strong = "G3962" of|strong = "G2316"
 many|strong = "G4183" nations|strong = "G1484".") And|strong = "G2532"
 this|strong = "G3588" they|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G2532"
 in|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" sight|strong = "G2713"
 of|strong = "G2316" that|strong = "G3754" God|strong = "G2316"
 in|strong = "G2532" whom|strong = "G3739" Abraham|strong = "G4100"
 had|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G3739", and|strong = "G2532"
 who|strong = "G3739" gives|strong = "G2227" life|strong = "G2227"
 to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" dead|strong = "G3498",
 and|strong = "G2532" speaks|strong = "H1696" of|strong = "G2316"
 what|strong = "G3739" does|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3361"
 yet|strong = "G2532" exist|strong = "G1510" as|strong = "G5613"
 if|strong = "G5613" it|strong = "G2532" did|strong = "G2532". ¹⁸
 With|strong = "G3844" no|strong = "G3739" ground|strong = "H0776"
 for|strong = "G1519" hope|strong = "G1680", Abraham|strong = "G4100",
 sustained|strong = "H5564" by|strong = "G2596" hope|strong = "G1680",
 put|strong = "G1096" faith|strong = "G3739" in|strong = "G1519"
 God|strong = "G3004"; in|strong = "G1519" order|strong = "H4616"

that|strong = "G3739", in|strong = "G1519" fulfilment of|strong = "G3844"
the|strong = "G1519" words|strong = "H1697" – "So|strong = "G3779"
many|strong = "G4183" will|strong = "G1510" your|strong = "G1909"
descendants|strong = "G4690" be|strong = "G1096", he|strong = "G3739"
might|strong = "G1484" become|strong = "G1096" "the|strong = "G1519"
father|strong = "G3962" of|strong = "G3844" many|strong = "G4183"
nations|strong = "G1484".¹⁹ Though|strong = "G2532"
he|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G3588" nearly|strong = "H1241"
a|strong = "G2532" hundred|strong = "G1541" years|strong = "G1541"
old|strong = "G1541", yet|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G1438"
faith|strong = "G4102" did|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3361"
fail|strong = "H3615" him|strong = "G3588", even|strong = "G2532"
when|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" thought|strong = "H0559"
of|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G1438" own|strong = "G1438"
body|strong = "G4983", then|strong = "G2532" utterly|strong = "H2763"
worn|strong = "H1086" out|strong = "G2532", and|strong = "G2532"
remembered|strong = "H2142" that|strong = "G3588" Sarah|strong = "G4564"
was|strong = "G3588" past|strong = "H5674" bearing|strong = "H5375"
children|strong = "H1121".²⁰ He|strong = "G1161" was|strong = "G3588"
not|strong = "G3756" led|strong = "H1980" by|strong = "G1519"
want|strong = "H4270" of|strong = "G2316" faith|strong = "G4102"
to|strong = "G1519" doubt|strong = "G1252" God's|strong = "G2316"
promise|strong = "G1860".²¹ On|strong = "G4160" the|strong = "G2532"
contrary|strong = "H7147", his|strong = "G4160" faith|strong = "G3739"
gave|strong = "G4160" him|strong = "G3739" strength|strong = "H5797";
and|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" praised|strong = "H1984"
God|strong = "G1861", in|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
firm|strong = "H3559" conviction that|strong = "G3754"
what|strong = "G3739" God|strong = "G1861" has|strong = "G3739"
promised|strong = "G1861" he|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510"
also|strong = "G2532" able|strong = "G1415" to|strong = "G2532"
carry|strong = "G4160" out|strong = "G2532".²² And|strong = "G2532"
therefore|strong = "G1352" his|strong = "G1519" faith|strong = "H0539"
"was|strong = "G2532" regarded|strong = "G3049" as|strong = "G1519"
righteousness|strong = "G1343".²³ Now|strong = "G1161"
these|strong = "G3748" words|strong = "H1697" – "it|strong = "G3754"
was|strong = "G3748" regarded|strong = "G3049" as|strong = "G1161"
righteousness|strong = "H6666" – were|strong = "G3748"
not|strong = "G3756" written|strong = "G1125" with|strong = "G1223"
reference to|strong = "G3756" Abraham|strong = "H0085"
only|strong = "G3440";²⁴ but|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532"
with|strong = "G1537" reference to|strong = "G2532" us|strong = "G2249".
Our|strong = "G2424" faith|strong = "G3739", too|strong = "G2532",
will|strong = "G3195" be|strong = "G2532" regarded|strong = "G3049"
by|strong = "G1223" God|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1909"
the|strong = "G2532" same|strong = "G3739" light|strong = "H0216",

if|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249" have|strong="G2532"
 faith|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1909" him|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3739" raised|strong="G1453" Jesus|strong="G2424",
 our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962", from|strong="G1537"
 the|strong="G2532" dead|strong="G3498"; ²⁵ for|strong="G1223"
 Jesus|strong="G2532" was|strong="G3588" given|strong="G3860"
 up|strong="G1453" to|strong="G2532" death|strong="H4194"
 to|strong="G2532" atone|strong="H3722" for|strong="G1223"
 our|strong="G2532" offences|strong="G3900", and|strong="G2532"
 was|strong="G3588" raised|strong="G1453" to|strong="G2532"
 life|strong="H5315" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G2249"
 might|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" pronounced|strong="H1696"
 righteous|strong="H6662".

⁵Therefore|strong="G3767", having|strong="G2192"
 been|strong="G2192" pronounced|strong="H1696"
 righteous|strong="G1344" as|strong="G2316" the|strong="G1537"
 result|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" faith|strong="G4102",
 let|strong="G3767" us|strong="G2249" enjoy|strong="G2192"
 peace|strong="G1515" with|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316"
 through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547",
 our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962". ² It|strong="G2532"
 is|strong="G3588" through|strong="G1223" him|strong="G3588"
 that|strong="G3739", by|strong="G1223" reason|strong="G1223"
 of|strong="G1223" our|strong="G2316" faith|strong="G4102",
 we|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2192" obtained|strong="G2192"
 admission to|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3739" place|strong="G1722"
 in|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316" favour|strong="G5485"
 in|strong="G1722" which|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739"
 now|strong="G2532" stand|strong="G2476". So|strong="G2532"
 let|strong="G2192" us|strong="G1519" exult|strong="G2744"
 in|strong="G1722" our|strong="G2316" hope|strong="G1680"
 of|strong="G1223" attaining|strong="H3499" God's|strong="G2316"
 glorious|strong="G1391" ideal. ³ And|strong="G2532"
 not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" that|strong="G3754",
 but|strong="G1161" let|strong="G1161" us|strong="G1722"
 also|strong="G2532" exult|strong="G2744" in|strong="G1722"
 our|strong="G2532" troubles|strong="G2347"; ⁴ for|strong="G1161"
 we|strong="G1161" know|strong="H3045" that|strong="G3588"
 trouble|strong="H6869" develops endurance|strong="G5281",
 and|strong="G1161" endurance|strong="G5281" strength|strong="H5797"
 of|strong="G1680" character|strong="G1382", and|strong="G1161"
 strength|strong="H5797" of|strong="G1680" character|strong="G1382"
 hope|strong="G1680", ⁵ and|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3754"
 hope|strong="G1680" never|strong="G3756" disappoints|strong="H8267".

For|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G1722" love|strong = "H0157"
 of|strong = "G4151" God|strong = "G2316" has|strong = "G2316"
 filled|strong = "H4390" our|strong = "G2316" hearts|strong = "G2588"
 through|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722" Holy|strong = "G4151"
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" which|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588"
 given|strong = "G1325" us|strong = "G1325"; ⁶ seeing|strong = "H7200"
 that|strong = "G1063", while|strong = "G1510" we|strong = "G2249"
 were|strong = "G1510" still|strong = "G2089" powerless|strong = "H0369",
 Christ|strong = "G5547", in|strong = "G2596" God's|strong = "H0430"
 good|strong = "G1510" time|strong = "G2540", died|strong = "H4191"
 on|strong = "G5228" behalf|strong = "G5228" of|strong = "G2596"
 the|strong = "G2596" godless|strong = "H2611". ⁷ Even|strong = "G2532"
 for|strong = "G1063" an|strong = "G2532" upright|strong = "G1342"
 person|strong = "G1342" scarcely|strong = "G3433" anyone|strong = "G5100"
 will|strong = "G2532" die|strong = "H4191". For|strong = "G1063"
 a|strong = "G2532" really|strong = "H2088" good|strong = "G3588"
 person|strong = "G1342" perhaps|strong = "G5029"
 someone|strong = "G5100" might|strong = "G2532" even|strong = "G2532"
 dare|strong = "G5111" to|strong = "G2532" die|strong = "H4191". ⁸
 But|strong = "G1161" God|strong = "G2316" puts|strong = "H7760"
 his|strong = "G1438" love|strong = "H0157" for|strong = "G3754"
 us|strong = "G1519" beyond|strong = "G5228" all|strong = "G1161"
 doubt|strong = "H0518" by|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1519"
 fact|strong = "G3754" that|strong = "G3754" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 died|strong = "G3588" on|strong = "G1519" our|strong = "G2316"
 behalf|strong = "G5228" while|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G2249"
 were|strong = "G1510" still|strong = "G2089" sinners|strong = "H2400". ⁹
 Much|strong = "G4183" more|strong = "G3123", then|strong = "G3767",
 now|strong = "G3568" that|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G3568"
 have|strong = "G3588" been|strong = "G3568" pronounced|strong = "H1696"
 righteous|strong = "G1344" by|strong = "G1223" virtue of|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G1722" shedding|strong = "H8210" of|strong = "G1223"
 his|strong = "G1223" blood|strong = "H1818", will|strong = "G4183"
 we|strong = "G3568" be|strong = "G3588" saved|strong = "G4982"
 through|strong = "G1223" him|strong = "G3588" from|strong = "G3588"
 the|strong = "G1722" wrath|strong = "G3709" of|strong = "G1223"
 God|strong = "G3588". ¹⁰ For|strong = "G1063" if|strong = "G1487",
 when|strong = "G1722" we|strong = "G1063" were|strong = "G1510"
 God's|strong = "G2316" enemies|strong = "G2190", we|strong = "G1063"
 were|strong = "G1510" reconciled|strong = "G2644" to|strong = "G1722"
 him|strong = "G3588" through|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722"
 death|strong = "G2288" of|strong = "G5207" his|strong = "G1223"
 Son|strong = "G5207", much|strong = "G4183" more|strong = "G3123",
 now|strong = "G1510" that|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G1063"
 have|strong = "G1510" become|strong = "G1510"
 reconciled|strong = "G2644", will|strong = "G2316" we|strong = "G1063"

be|strong = "G1510" saved|strong = "G4982" by|strong = "G1223" virtue
of|strong = "G5207" Christ's life|strong = "G2222". ¹¹ And|strong = "G2532"
not|strong = "G3756" only|strong = "G3440" that|strong = "G3739",
but|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G2249" exult|strong = "G2744"
in|strong = "G1722" God|strong = "G2316", through|strong = "G1223"
Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547", our|strong = "G2316"
Lord|strong = "G2962", through|strong = "G1223" whom|strong = "G3739"
we|strong = "G2249" have|strong = "G2532" now|strong = "G1161"
obtained|strong = "G2983" this|strong = "G3588"
reconciliation|strong = "G2643".

12Therefore|strong = "G1223", just|strong = "G5618" as|strong = "G5618"
sin|strong = "H2403" came|strong = "G1525" into|strong = "G1519"
the|strong = "G2532" world|strong = "G2889" through|strong = "G1223"
one|strong = "G1520" man|strong = "G3778", and|strong = "G2532"
through|strong = "G1223" sin|strong = "H2403" came|strong = "G1525"
death|strong = "G2288"; so|strong = "G3779", also|strong = "G2532",
death|strong = "G2288" spread|strong = "G1330" to|strong = "G1519"
all|strong = "G3956" humanity|strong = "H0120", because|strong = "G1223"
every|strong = "G3956" person|strong = "G3739" has|strong = "G3739"
sinned|strong = "H2398". ¹³ Even|strong = "G1161" before|strong = "G1722"
the|strong = "G1722" time|strong = "G1722" of|strong = "G3551"
the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551" there|strong = "G1161"
was|strong = "G1510" sin|strong = "H2403" in|strong = "G1722"
the|strong = "G1722" world|strong = "G2889"; but|strong = "G1161"
sin|strong = "H2403" cannot|strong = "G3756" be|strong = "G1510"
charged|strong = "H6680" against|strong = "G1722"
someone|strong = "H0376" where|strong = "G1722" no|strong = "G3756"
Law|strong = "G3551" exists|strong = "H1961". ¹⁴ Yet|strong = "G2532",
from|strong = "G2532" Adam|strong = "H0121" to|strong = "G2532"
Moses|strong = "G3475", death|strong = "G2288" reigned|strong = "H4427"
even|strong = "G2532" over|strong = "G1909" those|strong = "G3588"
whose|strong = "G3739" sin|strong = "H2403" was|strong = "G1510"
not|strong = "G3361" a|strong = "G2532" breach|strong = "H6556"
of|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G2532" law|strong = "H8451",
as|strong = "G2532" Adam's was|strong = "G1510". And|strong = "G2532"
Adam|strong = "H0121" foreshadows the|strong = "G2532"
one|strong = "G3739" to|strong = "G2532" come|strong = "G3195". ¹⁵
But|strong = "G2532" there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588"
a|strong = "G5613" contrast between|strong = "G1722" Adam's
offence|strong = "G3900" and|strong = "G2532" God's|strong = "G2316"
gracious|strong = "G5485" gift|strong = "G1431". For|strong = "G1063",
if|strong = "G1487" by|strong = "G1722" reason|strong = "H6440"
of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1722" offence|strong = "G3900"
of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1722" one|strong = "G1520"

man|strong = "G1520" the|strong = "G1722" whole|strong = "G1722"
 human|strong = "H0120" race|strong = "H4793" died|strong = "G3588",
 far|strong = "G3123" more|strong = "G3123" were|strong = "G3588"
 the|strong = "G1722" loving|strong = "H0157" kindness|strong = "H2617"
 of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G1722" gift|strong = "G1431" given|strong = "H5414"
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" loving|strong = "H0157"
 kindness|strong = "H2617" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G1722"
 one|strong = "G1520" man|strong = "G1520", Jesus|strong = "G2424"
 Christ|strong = "G5547", lavished|strong = "G4052" on|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" whole|strong = "G1722" human|strong = "H0120"
 race|strong = "H4793". ¹⁶ There|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588"
 a|strong = "G5613" contrast, too|strong = "G2532", between|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G2532" gift|strong = "G5486" and|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" results|strong = "H6529" of|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G2532" one|strong = "G1520" man's|strong = "G1520"
 sin|strong = "G3900". The|strong = "G2532" judgment|strong = "G2917",
 which|strong = "G3588" followed|strong = "H0310" on|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G2532" one|strong = "G1520" man's|strong = "G1520"
 sin|strong = "G3900", resulted|strong = "G1519" in|strong = "G1519"
 condemnation|strong = "G2917", but|strong = "G1161"
 God's|strong = "H0430" gracious|strong = "H2603" gift|strong = "G5486",
 which|strong = "G3588" followed|strong = "H0310" on|strong = "G1519"
 many|strong = "G4183" offences|strong = "G3900", resulted|strong = "G1519"
 in|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G5613" decree|strong = "H2942"
 of|strong = "G1537" righteousness|strong = "G1345". ¹⁷
 For|strong = "G1063" if|strong = "G1487", by|strong = "G1223"
 reason|strong = "G1223" of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722"
 offence|strong = "G3900" of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722"
 one|strong = "G1520" man|strong = "G1520", death|strong = "G2288"
 reigned|strong = "H4427" through|strong = "G1223" that|strong = "G3588"
 one|strong = "G1520" man|strong = "G1520", far|strong = "G3123"
 more|strong = "G3123" will|strong = "G2532" those|strong = "G3588",
 on|strong = "G1722" whom|strong = "G3588" God's|strong = "H0430"
 loving|strong = "H0157" kindness|strong = "H2617" and|strong = "G2532"
 his|strong = "G1223" gift|strong = "G1431" of|strong = "G1223"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343" are|strong = "G3588"
 lavished|strong = "H7235", find|strong = "H4672" life|strong = "G2222",
 and|strong = "G2532" reign|strong = "G2532" through|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G1722" one|strong = "G1520" man|strong = "G1520",
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547". ¹⁸ Briefly|strong = "G1223"
 then|strong = "G3767", just|strong = "G5613" as|strong = "G5613"
 a|strong = "G5613" single|strong = "G1520" offence|strong = "G3900"
 resulted|strong = "G1519" for|strong = "G1519" all|strong = "G3956"
 humanity|strong = "H0120" in|strong = "G1519"
 condemnation|strong = "G2631", so|strong = "G3779", too|strong = "G2532",

a|strong="G5613" single|strong="G1520" decree|strong="H2942" of|strong="G1223" righteousness|strong="G1345" resulted|strong="G1519" for|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" humanity|strong="H0120" in|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3956" declaration|strong="H0262" of|strong="G1223" righteousness|strong="G1345" which|strong="G2532" brings|strong="G1519" life|strong="G2222". ¹⁹ For|strong="G1063", as|strong="G5618" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" disobedience|strong="G3876" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520" man|strong="G1342" the|strong="G2532" whole|strong="H3605" human|strong="H0120" race|strong="H4793" was|strong="G3588" rendered|strong="H7725" sinful|strong="H2400", so|strong="G3779", too|strong="G2532", through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" obedience|strong="G5218" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" one|strong="G1520", the|strong="G2532" whole|strong="H3605" human|strong="H0120" race|strong="H4793" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" rendered|strong="H7725" righteous|strong="G1342". ²⁰ Law|strong="G3551" was|strong="G3588" introduced|strong="H6213" in|strong="G1161" order|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" offences|strong="G3900" might|strong="G3900" be|strong="G2443" multiplied|strong="H7235". But|strong="G1161", where|strong="G3757" sins|strong="G3900" were|strong="G3588" multiplied|strong="H7235", the|strong="G1161" loving|strong="H0157" kindness|strong="H2617" of|strong="G5485" God|strong="G3588" was|strong="G3588" lavished|strong="H7235" the|strong="G1161" more|strong="G1161", ²¹ in|strong="G1722" order|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443", just|strong="G5618" as|strong="G5618" sin|strong="H2403" had|strong="G2424" reigned|strong="H4427" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" realm|strong="H4437" of|strong="G1223" death|strong="G2288", so|strong="G3779", too|strong="G2532", might|strong="G2532" loving-kindness reign|strong="G2532" through|strong="G1223" righteousness|strong="G1343", and|strong="G2532" result|strong="G1519" in|strong="G1722" eternal|strong="H5769" life|strong="G2222", through|strong="G1223" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962".

Difficulties arising from this Teaching

6What|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2443" to|strong="G2443" say|strong="G3004", then|strong="G3767"?
 Are|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2443" to|strong="G2443" continue|strong="G1961" to|strong="G2443" sin|strong="H2403",
 in|strong="G1961" order|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" God's|strong="H0430" loving|strong="H0157" kindness|strong="H2617" may|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2443" multiplied|strong="H7235"? ²

Heaven|strong = "H8064" forbid|strong = "G1096"! We|strong = "G1722"
 became|strong = "G1096" dead|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "G1722"
 sin|strong = "H2403", so|strong = "G3361" how|strong = "G4459"
 can|strong = "G4459" we|strong = "G1722" go|strong = "H1980"
 on|strong = "G1722" living|strong = "G2198" in|strong = "G1722"
 it|strong = "G1096"? ³ Or|strong = "G2228" can|strong = "H4310"
 it|strong = "G3754" be|strong = "G1519" that|strong = "G3754"
 you|strong = "G3754" do|strong = "G2228" not|strong = "H3808"
 know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "G3754" all|strong = "G3745"
 of|strong = "G2424" us|strong = "G1519", who|strong = "G3588"
 were|strong = "G3588" baptized into|strong = "G1519"
 union|strong = "H2260" with|strong = "G1519" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424", in|strong = "G1519" our|strong = "G2424" baptism
 shared|strong = "H2267" his|strong = "G1519" death|strong = "G2288"? ⁴
 Consequently|strong = "G2532", through|strong = "G1223"
 sharing|strong = "H2161" his|strong = "G1223" death|strong = "G2288"
 in|strong = "G1722" our|strong = "G2532" baptism, we|strong = "G2249"
 were|strong = "G3588" buried|strong = "G4916" with|strong = "G1722"
 him|strong = "G3588"; so|strong = "G3779" that|strong = "G2443",
 just|strong = "G5618" as|strong = "G5618" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 was|strong = "G3588" raised|strong = "G1453" from|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G1722" dead|strong = "G3498" by|strong = "G1223"
 a|strong = "G2532" manifestation of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"
 Father's|strong = "G3962" power|strong = "H3027", so|strong = "G3779"
 we|strong = "G2249" also|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532"
 live|strong = "G4043" a|strong = "G2532" new|strong = "H2319"
 life|strong = "G2222". ⁵ If|strong = "G1487" we|strong = "G1063"
 have|strong = "G2532" become|strong = "G1096" united|strong = "G4854"
 with|strong = "G2532" him|strong = "G3588" by|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" act|strong = "H6213" symbolic of|strong = "G2532"
 his|strong = "G2532" death|strong = "G2288", surely|strong = "H4191"
 we|strong = "G1063" will|strong = "G1510" also|strong = "G2532"
 become|strong = "G1096" united|strong = "G4854" with|strong = "G2532"
 him|strong = "G3588" by|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 act|strong = "H6213" symbolic of|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G2532"
 resurrection. ⁶ We|strong = "G2249" recognise the|strong = "G3588"
 truth|strong = "H0571" that|strong = "G3754" our|strong = "H3068"
 old|strong = "G3820" self was|strong = "G3588" crucified|strong = "G4957"
 with|strong = "G4957" Christ, in|strong = "G3588" order|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G3588" body|strong = "G4983",
 the|strong = "G3588" stronghold|strong = "H4869" of|strong = "G4983"
 sin|strong = "H2403", might|strong = "G3778" be|strong = "G2443"
 rendered|strong = "H7725" powerless|strong = "G2673", so|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G3754" we|strong = "G2249" should|strong = "G3588"
 no|strong = "G3371" longer|strong = "G3371" be|strong = "G2443"
 slaves|strong = "G1398" to|strong = "G2443" sin|strong = "H2403". ⁷

For|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G3588" man|strong = "H0376"
 who|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "H3068" so|strong = "G1063"
 died|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "H3068" been|strong = "H1961"
 pronounced|strong = "H1696" righteous|strong = "G1344"
 and|strong = "G3588" released|strong = "H7971" from|strong = "G3588"
 sin|strong = "H2403". ⁸ And|strong = "G2532" our|strong = "G2532"
 belief|strong = "H1697" is|strong = "G5547", that|strong = "G3754",
 as|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G3754" have|strong = "G2532"
 shared|strong = "H2267" Christ's|strong = "G5547" death|strong = "H4194",
 we|strong = "G3754" will|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532"
 share|strong = "H2506" his|strong = "G2532" life|strong = "H5315". ⁹
 We|strong = "G3754" know|strong = "G1492", indeed|strong = "H3588",
 that|strong = "G3754" Christ|strong = "G5547", having|strong = "G1492"
 once|strong = "H6471" risen|strong = "G1453" from|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G1537" dead|strong = "G3498", will|strong = "G3748"
 not|strong = "G3765" die|strong = "G2288" again|strong = "G1453".
 Death|strong = "G2288" has|strong = "G5547" power|strong = "H3027"
 over|strong = "G2961" him|strong = "G1537" no|strong = "G3765"
 longer|strong = "G3765". ¹⁰ For|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G1161"
 death|strong = "H4194" that|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G1161"
 died|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G1161"
 death|strong = "H4194" to|strong = "G1161" sin|strong = "H2403",
 once|strong = "G2178" and|strong = "G1161" for|strong = "G1063"
 all|strong = "G1161". But|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1161"
 life|strong = "G2198" that|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G1161"
 now|strong = "G1161" lives|strong = "G2198", he|strong = "G1161"
 lives|strong = "G2198" for|strong = "G1063" God|strong = "G2316". ¹¹
 So|strong = "G3779" let|strong = "G1161" it|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G1510" with|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210" –
 regard|strong = "G3049" yourselves|strong = "G1438" as|strong = "G1722"
 dead|strong = "G3498" to|strong = "G2532" sin|strong = "H2403",
 but|strong = "G1161" as|strong = "G1722" living|strong = "G2198"
 for|strong = "G1161" God|strong = "G2316", through|strong = "G1722"
 union|strong = "H2260" with|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424". ¹² Therefore|strong = "G3767" do|strong = "G3361"
 not|strong = "G3361" let|strong = "G3767" sin|strong = "H2403"
 reign|strong = "H4427" in|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G1722"
 mortal|strong = "G2349" bodies|strong = "G4983" and|strong = "G3767"
 compel|strong = "H5647" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G1519"
 obey|strong = "G5219" its|strong = "G5219" cravings. ¹³
 Do|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3366" offer|strong = "H7126"
 any|strong = "G2198" part|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G1537"
 your|strong = "G2532" bodies|strong = "G3196" to|strong = "G2532"
 sin|strong = "H2403", in|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 cause|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G1537"
 unrighteousness|strong = "H5767", but|strong = "G2532"

once|strong="G3366" for|strong="G2532" all|strong="G2532" offer|strong="H7126" yourselves|strong="G1438" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316" (as|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588", though|strong="G2532" once|strong="G3366" dead|strong="G3498", now|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" life|strong="G2198"), and|strong="G2532" devote|strong="H2763" every|strong="G2532" part|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1537" your|strong="G2532" bodies|strong="G3196" to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" cause|strong="G3588" of|strong="G1537" righteousness|strong="G1343". ¹⁴ For|strong="G1063" sin|strong="H2403" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" lord|strong="G2961" it|strong="G1063" over|strong="G2961" you|strong="G5210". You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" living|strong="H2416" under|strong="G5259" the|strong="G1063" reign|strong="H4427", not|strong="G3756" of|strong="G5259" Law|strong="G3551", but|strong="G1063" of|strong="G5259" love|strong="H0157".

15What|strong="G5101" follows|strong="H3652", then|strong="G3767"? Are|strong="G1510" we|strong="G3754" to|strong="G3756" sin|strong="H2403" because|strong="G3754" we|strong="G3754" are|strong="G1510" living|strong="H2416" under|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3754" reign|strong="H4427" of|strong="G5259" love|strong="H0157" and|strong="G3767" not|strong="G3756" of|strong="G5259" Law|strong="G3551"? Heaven|strong="H8064" forbid|strong="G1096"! ¹⁶ Surely|strong="H4191" you|strong="G3739" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754" when|strong="G1492" you|strong="G3739" offer|strong="H7126" yourselves|strong="G1438" as|strong="G1519" servants|strong="G1401", to|strong="G1519" obey|strong="G5219" anyone|strong="G3739", you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G1519" servants|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1401" the|strong="G1519" person|strong="G3739" whom|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" obey|strong="G5219", whether|strong="G3739" the|strong="G1519" service|strong="H5656" be|strong="G1510" a|strong="G1519" service|strong="H5656" to|strong="G1519" sin|strong="H2403" which|strong="G3739" leads|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" death|strong="G2288", or|strong="G2228" a|strong="G1519" service|strong="H5656" to|strong="G1519" duty|strong="H2992" which|strong="G3739" leads|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" righteousness|strong="G1343". ¹⁷ God|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510" thanked|strong="G5485" that|strong="G3754", though|strong="G1161" you|strong="G3739" were|strong="G1510" once|strong="G3739" servants|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1537" sin|strong="H2403", yet|strong="G1161"

you|strong="G3739" learned|strong="H3925" to|strong="G1519"
 give|strong="G3860" hearty|strong="H5315" obedience|strong="H3584"
 to|strong="G1519" that|strong="G3754" form|strong="G5179"
 of|strong="G1537" doctrine|strong="G1322" under|strong="G1537"
 which|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739" were|strong="G1510"
 placed|strong="H5414". ¹⁸ Set|strong="G1659" free|strong="G1659"
 from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1161" control|strong="H3027"
 of|strong="G1343" sin|strong="H2403", you|strong="G1659"
 became|strong="G1402" servants|strong="G1402" to|strong="G1161"
 righteousness|strong="G1343". ¹⁹ I|strong="G2532" can|strong="G3004"
 but|strong="G2532" speak|strong="G3004" as|strong="G5618"
 people|strong="G4561" do|strong="G2532" because|strong="G1223"
 of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" weakness|strong="H4816"
 of|strong="G1223" your|strong="G1223" earthly|strong="G4561" nature.
 Once|strong="H6471" you|strong="G5210" offered|strong="H5927"
 every|strong="G2532" part|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1223"
 your|strong="G1223" bodies|strong="G3196" to|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G2532" service|strong="H5656" of|strong="G1223"
 impurity|strong="H5079", and|strong="G2532" of|strong="G1223"
 wickedness|strong="H7451", which|strong="G3588"
 leads|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" further|strong="H5750"
 wickedness|strong="H7451". Now|strong="G3568", in|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G2532" same|strong="G3779" way|strong="G3779",
 offer|strong="H7126" them|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G2532" service|strong="H5656" of|strong="G1223"
 righteousness|strong="G1343", which|strong="G3588"
 leads|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" holiness|strong="H6944". ²⁰
 While|strong="G1510" you|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510"
 still|strong="H5750" servants|strong="G1401" of|strong="G1401"
 sin|strong="H2403", you|strong="G1510" were|strong="G1510"
 free|strong="G1658" as|strong="G1063" regards|strong="H5234"
 righteousness|strong="G1343". ²¹ But|strong="G3767"
 what|strong="G5101" were|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1909"
 fruits|strong="G2590" that|strong="G3739" you|strong="G3739"
 reaped|strong="G3588" from|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588"
 things|strong="G3588" of|strong="G1909" which|strong="G3739"
 you|strong="G3739" are|strong="G3588" now|strong="G3568"
 ashamed|strong="G1870"? For|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1909"
 end|strong="G5056" of|strong="G1909" such|strong="G3588"
 things|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" death|strong="G2288". ²²
 But|strong="G1161" now|strong="G1161" that|strong="G3588"
 you|strong="G5210" have|strong="G2192" been|strong="G2192"
 set|strong="G1659" free|strong="G1659" from|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G1519" control|strong="H3027" of|strong="G2316"
 sin|strong="H2403", and|strong="G1161" have|strong="G2192"
 become|strong="G1161" servants|strong="G1402" to|strong="G1519"

God|strong = "G2316", the|strong = "G1519" fruit|strong = "G2590" that|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G5210" reap|strong = "G2192" is|strong = "G3588" an|strong = "G2192" ever|strong = "G1519" increasing|strong = "H3254" holiness|strong = "H6944", and|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1519" end|strong = "G5056" eternal|strong = "H5769" life|strong = "G2222". ²³ The|strong = "G1722" wages|strong = "G3800" of|strong = "G2316" sin|strong = "H2403" are|strong = "G3588" death|strong = "G2288", but|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1722" gift|strong = "G5486" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316" is|strong = "G3588" eternal|strong = "H5769" life|strong = "G2222", through|strong = "G1722" union|strong = "H2260" with|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424", our|strong = "G2316" Lord|strong = "G2962".

7 Surely|strong = "H4191", friends|strong = "H7453", you|strong = "G3754" know|strong = "G1097" (for|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G1063" am|strong = "G3551" speaking|strong = "G2980" to|strong = "G1909" people|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" know|strong = "G1097" what|strong = "G3588" Law|strong = "G3551" means|strong = "H3027") that|strong = "G3754" Law|strong = "G3551" has|strong = "G3748" power|strong = "H3027" over|strong = "G1909" a|strong = "G1909" person|strong = "H5315" only|strong = "H0389" as|strong = "G3745" long|strong = "G5550" as|strong = "G3745" they|strong = "G3588" lives|strong = "G2198". ² For|strong = "G1063" example|strong = "H7045", by|strong = "G2198" law|strong = "G3551" a|strong = "G1437" married|strong = "G1135" woman|strong = "G1135" is|strong = "G3588" bound|strong = "G1210" to|strong = "G1161" her|strong = "G1437" husband|strong = "G5220" while|strong = "G1161" he|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G3588" living|strong = "G2198"; but|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1437" her|strong = "G1437" husband|strong = "G5220" dies|strong = "H4191", she|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G3588" set|strong = "H7760" free|strong = "H2670" from|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G1161" law|strong = "G3551" that|strong = "G3588" bound|strong = "G1210" her|strong = "G1437" to|strong = "G1161" him|strong = "G3588". ³ If|strong = "G1437", then|strong = "G3767", during|strong = "G1096" her|strong = "G1437" husband's|strong = "H0376" lifetime|strong = "G2198", she|strong = "G1161" unites herself|strong = "G1438" to|strong = "G1096" another|strong = "G2087" man|strong = "G3361", she|strong = "G1161" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1096" called|strong = "G5537" an|strong = "G1096" adulteress|strong = "G3428"; but|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1437" her|strong = "G1437" husband|strong = "H0376" dies|strong = "H4191", the|strong = "G1161" law|strong = "G3551" has|strong = "G1096" no|strong = "G3361" further|strong = "H5750" hold|strong = "H2388" on|strong = "G1161" her|strong = "G1437", nor|strong = "G3361",

if|strong = "G1437" she|strong = "G1161" unites herself|strong = "G1438" to|strong = "G1096" another|strong = "G2087" man|strong = "G3361", is|strong = "G1510" she|strong = "G1161" an|strong = "G1096" adulteress|strong = "G3428". ⁴ And|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2443" with|strong = "G1537" you|strong = "G5210", my|strong = "G1473" friends|strong = "H7453"; as|strong = "G1519" far|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551" was|strong = "G1096" concerned|strong = "H6485", you|strong = "G5210" underwent death|strong = "G2289" in|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" crucified body|strong = "G4983" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532" Christ|strong = "G5547", so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" you|strong = "G5210" might|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1096" united|strong = "H3161" to|strong = "G1519" another|strong = "G2087", to|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G1096" raised|strong = "G1453" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G2532" dead|strong = "G3498", in|strong = "G1519" order|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" our|strong = "G2316" lives|strong = "H5315" might|strong = "G2532" bear|strong = "G2592" fruit|strong = "G2592" for|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316". ⁵ When|strong = "G3753" we|strong = "G2249" were|strong = "G1510" living|strong = "H2416" merely|strong = "H6680" earthly|strong = "G4561" lives|strong = "H5315", our|strong = "G1223" sinful|strong = "H2400" passions|strong = "G3804", aroused|strong = "G3804" by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551", were|strong = "G1510" active in|strong = "G1722" every|strong = "G1722" part|strong = "G1473" of|strong = "G1223" our|strong = "G1223" bodies|strong = "G3196", with|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" result|strong = "G1519" that|strong = "G3588" our|strong = "G1223" lives|strong = "H5315" bore|strong = "H3205" fruit|strong = "G2592" for|strong = "G1063" death|strong = "G2288". ⁶ But|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G2249" are|strong = "G3588" set|strong = "G2532" free|strong = "G1722" from|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551", because|strong = "G1722" we|strong = "G2249" are|strong = "G3588" dead|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3739" which|strong = "G3739" once|strong = "G3739" kept|strong = "G3739" us|strong = "G2249" under|strong = "G1722" restraint|strong = "H4622"; and|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2532" we|strong = "G2249" serve|strong = "G1398" under|strong = "G1722" new|strong = "H2319", spiritual|strong = "G4151" conditions|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3756" under|strong = "G1722" old|strong = "G2532", written|strong = "G1121" regulations|strong = "H4941".

7What|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G1063" to|strong = "G3004" say|strong = "G3004", then|strong = "G3767"?

That Law and sin are the same thing? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, I should not have learned what sin is, had I been for Law. If the Law did not say, “You must not covet,” I should not know it is to covet. ⁸ But sin took advantage of the commandment to arouse every form of covetousness where no consciousness of Law sin shows no sign of life. ⁹ There was a time when I myself, unconscious of Law, was alive; but when the commandment was brought home to me, sin sprang into life, while I died! ¹⁰ The should have meant life to result in death! ¹¹ Sin took advantage of the commandment to deceive me, and used it to bring death. ¹² And so

the Law is is
 holy, and each
 commandment is is also
 holy, and just,
 and good. ¹³ Did
 then, a thing,
 which is in itself
 was good, involve
 death in my
 case? Heaven forbid!
 It was sin
 that involved death; so
 that, by its
 use of what
 I regarded as
 good to bring
 about my death,
 its true nature might
 appear; and in
 this way the
 commandment showed
 how intensely sinful
 sin is. ¹⁴ We
 know that the
 Law is is spiritual,
 but I am earthly –
 sold into slavery
 to sin. ¹⁵ I
 do not understand
 my own actions.
 For I am
 so far from habitually
 doing what I
 want to do,
 that I find
 myself doing the
 thing that I
 hate. ¹⁶ But when
 I do what
 I want not
 to do, I
 am admitting that
 the Law is is
 right. ¹⁷ This being
 so, the action
 is is no longer

my|strong="G1722" own|strong="H1961", but|strong="G1161"
 is|strong="G3588" done|strong="G2716" by|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" sin|strong="H2403" which|strong="G3588"
 is|strong="G3588" within|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473". ¹⁸
 I|strong="G1473" know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754"
 there|strong="G1161" is|strong="G1510" nothing|strong="G3756"
 good|strong="G2570" in|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473" –
 I|strong="G1473" mean|strong="G2309" in|strong="G1722"
 my|strong="G1722" earthly|strong="G4561" nature. For|strong="G1063",
 although|strong="G1161" it|strong="G3754" is|strong="G1510"
 easy|strong="H7043" for|strong="G1063" me|strong="G1473"
 to|strong="G2309" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309"
 do|strong="G1492" right|strong="G2570", to|strong="G2309"
 act|strong="H6213" rightly|strong="H3588" is|strong="G1510"
 not|strong="G3756" easy|strong="H7043". ¹⁹ I|strong="G3739"
 fail|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2309" do|strong="G4160"
 the|strong="G1063" good|strong="G3756" thing|strong="G3778"
 that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" want|strong="G2309"
 to|strong="G2309" do|strong="G4160", but|strong="G1063"
 the|strong="G1063" bad|strong="G2556" thing|strong="G3778"
 that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" want|strong="G2309"
 not|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2309" do|strong="G4160" –
 that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G3739" habitually do|strong="G4160".
²⁰ But|strong="G1161", when|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1473"
 do|strong="G4160" the|strong="G1722" thing|strong="G3778"
 that|strong="G3739" I|strong="G1473" want|strong="G2309"
 not|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2309" do|strong="G4160",
 the|strong="G1722" action|strong="H6213" is|strong="G3588"
 no|strong="G3756" longer|strong="G3765" my|strong="G1722"
 own|strong="H1961", but|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3588"
 done|strong="G4160" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 sin|strong="H2403" which|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3588"
 within|strong="G1722" me|strong="G1473". ²¹ This|strong="G3588",
 then|strong="G3754", is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588"
 law|strong="G3551" that|strong="G3754" I|strong="G1473"
 find|strong="G2147" – when|strong="G2147" I|strong="G1473"
 want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2309" do|strong="G4160"
 right|strong="G2570", wrong|strong="G2556" presents|strong="H7126"
 itself|strong="H0905"! ²² At|strong="G2596" heart|strong="H3820"
 I|strong="G1063" delight|strong="G4913" in|strong="G2596"
 the|strong="G2596" Law|strong="G3551" of|strong="G2316"
 God|strong="G2316"; ²³ but|strong="G1161"
 throughout|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" body|strong="H1320"
 I|strong="G1473" see|strong="H7200" a|strong="G2532"
 different|strong="G2087" law|strong="G3551", one|strong="G3588"
 which|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"

conflict|strong = "H7379" with|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 law|strong = "G3551" accepted|strong = "H7521" by|strong = "G1722"
 my|strong = "G1722" reason|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "G2532"
 which|strong = "G3588" endeavours|strong = "H4611" to|strong = "G2532"
 make|strong = "G2532" me|strong = "G1473" a|strong = "G2532"
 prisoner|strong = "H0615" to|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588"
 law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2532" sin|strong = "H2403"
 which|strong = "G3588" exists|strong = "H1961"
 throughout|strong = "G1722" my|strong = "G1722" body|strong = "H1320".
²⁴ Miserable|strong = "H5999" man|strong = "G3778" that|strong = "G3588"
 I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473"! Who|strong = "G5101"
 will|strong = "G5101" deliver|strong = "G4506" me|strong = "G1473"
 from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1537" body|strong = "G4983"
 that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588" bringing|strong = "H0935"
 me|strong = "G1473" to|strong = "G5101" this|strong = "G3778"
 death|strong = "G2288"? ²⁵ Thank|strong = "G5485" God|strong = "G2316",
 there|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G3588" deliverance|strong = "H8668"
 through|strong = "G1223" Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547",
 our|strong = "G2316" Lord|strong = "G2962"! Well|strong = "H3190"
 then|strong = "G3767", for|strong = "G1223" myself|strong = "G1473",
 with|strong = "G1223" my|strong = "G1473" reason|strong = "G1223"
 I|strong = "G1473" serve|strong = "G1398" the|strong = "G1161"
 Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G1223" God|strong = "G2316",
 but|strong = "G1161" with|strong = "G1223" my|strong = "G1473"
 earthly|strong = "G4561" nature the|strong = "G1161" Law|strong = "G3551"
 of|strong = "G1223" sin|strong = "H2403".

⁸There|strong = "G1722" is|strong = "G3588", therefore|strong = "H3651",
 now|strong = "G3568" no|strong = "G3762" condemnation|strong = "G2631"
 for|strong = "G1722" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 are|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" union|strong = "H2260"
 with|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424"; ²
 for|strong = "G1063" through|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2532"
 union|strong = "H2260" with|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424", the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551"
 of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722" life-giving|strong = "H2425"
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" has|strong = "G5547" set|strong = "G1659"
 you|strong = "G4771" free|strong = "G1659" from|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G4151"
 sin|strong = "H2403" and|strong = "G2532" death|strong = "G2288". ³
 What|strong = "G3739" Law|strong = "G3551" could|strong = "G3588"
 not|strong = "G3739" do|strong = "G2532", in|strong = "G1722"
 so|strong = "G2532" far|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G1722"
 our|strong = "G2316" earthly|strong = "G4561" nature
 weakened|strong = "H7503" its|strong = "G1223" action|strong = "H6213",

God|strong = "G2316" did|strong = "G2532", by|strong = "G1223"
 sending|strong = "G3992" his|strong = "G1438" own|strong = "G1438"
 Son|strong = "G5207", with|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G2532" nature
 resembling|strong = "G3667" our|strong = "G2316" sinful|strong = "H2400"
 nature, to|strong = "G2532" atone|strong = "H3722" for|strong = "G1063"
 sin|strong = "H2403". He|strong = "G2532" condemned|strong = "G2632"
 sin|strong = "H2403" in|strong = "G1722" that|strong = "G3739"
 earthly|strong = "G4561" nature, ⁴ so|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G2443" the|strong = "G1722" requirements|strong = "G1345"
 of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551"
 might|strong = "G1473" be|strong = "G3361" satisfied|strong = "H7646"
 in|strong = "G1722" us|strong = "G2249" who|strong = "G3588"
 live|strong = "G4043" now|strong = "G1722" in|strong = "G1722"
 obedience|strong = "H3584", not|strong = "G3361" to|strong = "G2443"
 our|strong = "G1722" earthly|strong = "G4561" nature, but|strong = "G3361"
 to|strong = "G2443" the|strong = "G1722" Spirit|strong = "G4151". ⁵
 They|strong = "G1161" who|strong = "G3588" follow|strong = "G1161"
 their|strong = "G2596" earthly|strong = "G4561" nature are|strong = "G1510"
 earthly-minded, while|strong = "G1161" they|strong = "G1161"
 who|strong = "G3588" follow|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1161"
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" are|strong = "G1510" spiritually|strong = "G4151"
 minded|strong = "G5426". ⁶ To|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 earthly-minded means|strong = "H3027" death|strong = "G2288",
 to|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" spiritually|strong = "G4151"
 minded|strong = "G5427" means|strong = "H3027" life|strong = "G2222"
 and|strong = "G2532" peace|strong = "G1515"; ⁷ because|strong = "G1063"
 to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G3756" earthly-minded is|strong = "G3588"
 to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G3756" an|strong = "G1519"
 enemy|strong = "H0340" to|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316",
 for|strong = "G1063" such|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G1519"
 mind|strong = "G5427" does|strong = "G3761" not|strong = "G3756"
 submit|strong = "G5293" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1519"
 Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316",
 nor|strong = "G3761" indeed|strong = "G1063" can|strong = "G1410"
 it|strong = "G1063" do|strong = "G1410" so|strong = "G1519". ⁸
 They|strong = "G1161" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G1510"
 earthly|strong = "G4561" cannot|strong = "G1410" please|strong = "H4994"
 God|strong = "G2316". ⁹ You|strong = "G5210", however|strong = "G1161",
 are|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3756" earthly|strong = "G4561"
 but|strong = "G1161" spiritual|strong = "G4151", since|strong = "G2192"
 the|strong = "G1722" Spirit|strong = "G4151" of|strong = "G4151"
 God|strong = "G2316" lives|strong = "G3611" within|strong = "G1722"
 you|strong = "G5210". Unless|strong = "G1487" a|strong = "G2192"
 person|strong = "G5100" has|strong = "G2192" the|strong = "G1722"
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" of|strong = "G4151" Christ|strong = "G5547",
 they|strong = "G1161" do|strong = "G2192" not|strong = "G3756"

belong|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"; ¹⁰
 but|strong = "G1161", if|strong = "G1487" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 is|strong = "G3588" within|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210",
 then|strong = "G1161", though|strong = "G1487" the|strong = "G1722"
 body|strong = "G4983" is|strong = "G3588" dead|strong = "G3498"
 as|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G1722" consequence of|strong = "G4151"
 sin|strong = "H2403", the|strong = "G1722" spirit|strong = "G4151"
 is|strong = "G3588" life|strong = "G2222" as|strong = "G1722"
 a|strong = "G1722" consequence of|strong = "G4151"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343". ¹¹ And|strong = "G2532",
 if|strong = "G1487" the|strong = "G1722" Spirit|strong = "G4151"
 of|strong = "G1537" him|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 raised|strong = "G1453" Jesus|strong = "G2424" from|strong = "G1537"
 the|strong = "G1722" dead|strong = "G3498" lives|strong = "G3611"
 within|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210", he|strong = "G2532"
 who|strong = "G3588" raised|strong = "G1453" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"
 dead|strong = "G3498" will|strong = "G2532" give|strong = "G2227"
 life|strong = "G2227" even|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 your|strong = "G1223" mortal|strong = "G2349" bodies|strong = "G4983",
 through|strong = "G1223" his|strong = "G1223" Spirit|strong = "G4151"
 living|strong = "H2416" within|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210".

¹² So|strong = "G3767" then|strong = "G3767", friends|strong = "H7453",
 we|strong = "G1510" owe nothing|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G2596"
 our|strong = "G2596" earthly|strong = "G4561" nature, that|strong = "G3588"
 we|strong = "G1510" should|strong = "G3588" live|strong = "G2198"
 in|strong = "G2596" obedience|strong = "H3584" to|strong = "G2596"
 it|strong = "G1510". ¹³ If|strong = "G1487" you|strong = "G1487"
 live|strong = "G2198" in|strong = "G2596" obedience|strong = "H3584"
 to|strong = "G2596" your|strong = "G1487" earthly|strong = "G4561" nature,
 you|strong = "G1487" will|strong = "G3195" inevitably die|strong = "G2289";
 but|strong = "G1161" if|strong = "G1487", by|strong = "G2596"
 the|strong = "G1161" power|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "G4151"
 the|strong = "G1161" Spirit|strong = "G4151", you|strong = "G1487"
 put|strong = "G2289" an|strong = "G1161" end|strong = "H7093"
 to|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G1161" evil|strong = "H7451" habits
 of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1161" body|strong = "G4983",
 you|strong = "G1487" will|strong = "G3195" live|strong = "G2198". ¹⁴
 All|strong = "G3745" who|strong = "G3745" are|strong = "G1510"
 guided|strong = "H5148" by|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G1063"
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" of|strong = "G5207" God|strong = "G2316"
 are|strong = "G1510" children|strong = "G5207" of|strong = "G5207"
 God|strong = "G2316". ¹⁵ For|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G3739"
 did|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" receive|strong = "G2983"

the|strong="G1722" spirit|strong="G4151" of|strong="G4151"
 a|strong="G1519" slave|strong="H5650", to|strong="G1519"
 fill|strong="G1519" you|strong="G3739" once|strong="G3825"
 more|strong="G3825" with|strong="G1722" fear|strong="G5401",
 but|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1722" spirit|strong="G4151"
 of|strong="G4151" a|strong="G1519" child|strong="G1722"
 by|strong="G1722" adoption|strong="G5206", which|strong="G3739"
 leads|strong="G1519" us|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519"
 cry|strong="G2896" "Abba, our|strong="G1722" Father|strong="G3962".
¹⁶ The|strong="G3588" Spirit|strong="G4151" himself|strong="H5315"
 unites with|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" spirits|strong="G4151"
 in|strong="G2316" bearing|strong="G4828" witness|strong="G4828"
 to|strong="G2316" our|strong="G2316" being|strong="G1510"
 God's|strong="G2316" children|strong="G5043", ¹⁷ and|strong="G2532"
 if|strong="G1487" children|strong="G5043", then|strong="G2532"
 heirs|strong="G2818" – heirs|strong="G2818" of|strong="G2316"
 God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" joint|strong="H6504"
 heirs|strong="G2818" with|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547",
 since|strong="G1512" we|strong="G2532" share|strong="H2506"
 Christ's|strong="G5547" sufferings|strong="H4341" in|strong="G2532"
 order|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" we|strong="G2532"
 may|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" share|strong="H2506"
 his|strong="G2532" glory|strong="H3519".

18|strong="G1473" do|strong="G1063" not|strong="G3756"
 count|strong="G3049" the|strong="G1519" sufferings|strong="G3804"
 of|strong="G1391" our|strong="G4314" present|strong="G3568"
 life|strong="H5315" worthy|strong="H4941" of|strong="G1391"
 mention|strong="H2142" when|strong="G3754"
 compared|strong="H1819" with|strong="G4314" the|strong="G1519"
 glory|strong="G1391" that|strong="G3754" is|strong="G3588"
 to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G3756" revealed|strong="H1540"
 and|strong="G1391" bestowed|strong="G1519" on|strong="G1519"
 us|strong="G1519". ¹⁹ All|strong="G3588" nature
 awaits|strong="H3605" with|strong="G2316" eager|strong="H1245"
 expectation|strong="H8615" the|strong="G3588"
 appearing|strong="H7200" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G3588"
 sons|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" God|strong="G2316". ²⁰
 For|strong="G1063" nature was|strong="G3588" made|strong="G3756"
 subject|strong="G5293" to|strong="G1909" imperfection –
 not|strong="G3756" by|strong="G1223" its|strong="G1223"
 own|strong="H1961" choice|strong="H4022", but|strong="G1063" owing
 to|strong="G1909" him|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"
 made|strong="G3756" it|strong="G1063" so|strong="G1223" – ²¹
 yet|strong="G2532" not|strong="G2532" without|strong="G2532"

the|strong="G2532" hope|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3588"
 some|strong="G3588" day|strong="G3588" nature, also|strong="G2532",
 will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" set|strong="G1659"
 free|strong="G1659" from|strong="G2532" enslavement
 to|strong="G1519" decay|strong="H7845", and|strong="G2532"
 will|strong="G2316" attain|strong="H0935" to|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G2532" freedom|strong="G1657" which|strong="G3588"
 will|strong="G2316" mark|strong="H0226" the|strong="G2532"
 glory|strong="G1391" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G2532"
 children|strong="G5043" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316". ²²
 We|strong="G3754" know|strong="G1492", indeed|strong="G2532",
 that|strong="G3754" all|strong="G3956" nature alike|strong="H3162"
 has|strong="G3748" been|strong="G2532" groaning|strong="H0603"
 in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" pains|strong="G4944"
 of|strong="G2532" labour|strong="H5999" to|strong="G2532"
 this|strong="G3588" very|strong="G2532" hour|strong="H8160". ²³
 And|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" nature only|strong="G3440";
 but|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249" ourselves|strong="G1438"
 also|strong="G2532", though|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249"
 have|strong="G2192" already|strong="H3528" a|strong="G2192"
 first|strong="G3588" gift|strong="H4976" of|strong="G4151"
 the|strong="G1722" Spirit|strong="G4151" – we|strong="G2249"
 ourselves|strong="G1438" are|strong="G3588" inwardly|strong="G1722"
 groaning|strong="H0603", while|strong="G1722" we|strong="G2249"
 eagerly|strong="H6960" await our|strong="G2532" full|strong="G2192"
 adoption|strong="G5206" as|strong="G1722" sons|strong="G5206" –
 the|strong="G1722" redemption|strong="H1353" of|strong="G4151"
 our|strong="G2532" bodies|strong="G4983". ²⁴ By|strong="G2532"
 our|strong="G2532" hope|strong="G1680" we|strong="G3739"
 were|strong="G1510" saved|strong="G4982". But|strong="G1161"
 the|strong="G2532" thing|strong="G3739" hoped|strong="G1679"
 for|strong="G1063" is|strong="G1510" no|strong="G3756"
 longer|strong="G1510" an|strong="G2532" object|strong="H8047"
 of|strong="G2532" hope|strong="G1680" when|strong="G1161"
 it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" before|strong="G3588"
 our|strong="G2532" eyes|strong="H5869"; for|strong="G1063"
 who|strong="G3739" hopes|strong="G1679" for|strong="G1063"
 what|strong="G5101" is|strong="G1510" before|strong="G3588"
 his|strong="G2532" eyes|strong="H5869"? ²⁵ But|strong="G1161"
 when|strong="G1161" we|strong="G3739" hope|strong="G1679"
 for|strong="G1223" what|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3739"
 not|strong="G3756" before|strong="H6440" our|strong="G1223"
 eyes|strong="H5869", then|strong="G1161" we|strong="G3739"
 wait|strong="G5281" for|strong="G1223" it|strong="G1161"
 with|strong="G1223" patience|strong="G5281".

26 So the Spirit also, the Spirit supports us in our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should; but the Spirit himself pleads for us in sighs that we cannot find utterance for. ²⁷ Yet he who searches our hearts knows what the Spirit's meaning is, because the Spirit's pleadings of the Spirit for Christ's people are in accordance with his will. ²⁸ But we do God's things together for the good of those who love him – those who have received in his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom God chose from the first he also destined first to be transformed into his likeness to Son, so that his Son might be the eldest among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those whom God destined for this he also called;

and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3778" whom|strong="G3739"
 he|strong="G2532" called|strong="G2564" he|strong="G2532"
 also|strong="G2532" pronounced|strong="H1696"
 righteous|strong="G1344"; and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3778"
 whom|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" pronounced|strong="H1696"
 righteous|strong="G1344" he|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532"
 brought|strong="G1161" to|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1392".

31What|strong="G5101" are|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249"
 to|strong="G4314" say|strong="G3004", then|strong="G3767",
 in|strong="G2596" the|strong="G2596" light|strong="H0216"
 of|strong="G2316" all|strong="G2596" this|strong="G3778"?"

I f|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G3588"
 on|strong="G5228" our|strong="G2316" side|strong="H6285",
 who|strong="G5101" can|strong="G3004" there|strong="G1487"
 be|strong="G2316" against|strong="G2596" us|strong="G3004"?"

32God|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756"
 withhold|strong="H4513" his|strong="G3956" own|strong="G2398"
 Son|strong="G5207", but|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G3860"
 him|strong="G3588" up|strong="G3860" on|strong="G5228"
 behalf|strong="G5228" of|strong="G5207" us|strong="G5483"
 all|strong="G3956"; will|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"
 not|strong="G3756", then|strong="G2532", with|strong="G4862"
 him|strong="G3588", freely|strong="G5483" give|strong="G5483"
 us|strong="G5483" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956"?"

33Who|strong="G5101" will|strong="G2316" bring|strong="G1458"
 a|strong="G2596" charge|strong="G1458" against|strong="G2596"
 any|strong="G5101" of|strong="G2316" God's|strong="G2316"
 people|strong="G3588"? He|strong="G3588" who|strong="G5101"
 pronounces|strong="H2891" them|strong="G3588"
 righteous|strong="G1344" is|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316"!

34Who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510" there|strong="G2532"
 to|strong="G2532" condemn|strong="G2632" them|strong="G3588"?
 He|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" died|strong="G3588"
 for|strong="G5228" us|strong="G2249" is|strong="G1510"
 Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424"! – or|strong="G2532",
 rather|strong="G3123", it|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"
 he|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G1510"
 raised|strong="G1453" from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722"
 dead|strong="H4191", and|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739"

is|strong = "G1510" now|strong = "G1161" at|strong = "G1722"
 God's|strong = "G2316" right|strong = "G1188" hand|strong = "G1188"
 and|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" even|strong = "G2532"
 pleading|strong = "H1696" on|strong = "G1722" our|strong = "G2316"
 behalf|strong = "G5228"!

35Who|strong = "G5101" is|strong = "G3588" there|strong = "H8033"
 to|strong = "G2228" separate|strong = "G5563" us|strong = "G2249"
 from|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G3588" love|strong = "H0157"
 of|strong = "G2228" the|strong = "G3588" Christ|strong = "G5547"?
 Will|strong = "G5101" trouble|strong = "G2347", or|strong = "G2228"
 difficulty|strong = "H3811", or|strong = "G2228"
 persecution|strong = "G1375", or|strong = "G2228" hunger|strong = "G3042",
 or|strong = "G2228" nakedness|strong = "G1132", or|strong = "G2228"
 danger|strong = "G2794", or|strong = "G2228" the|strong = "G3588"
 sword|strong = "G3162"?

36Scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" –
 "For|strong = "G3754" your|strong = "G3650" sake|strong = "G1752"
 we|strong = "G3754" are|strong = "G3588" being|strong = "G4771"
 killed|strong = "G2289" all|strong = "G3650" the|strong = "G3588"
 day|strong = "G2250" long|strong = "G2250", We|strong = "G3754"
 are|strong = "G3588" regarded|strong = "G3049" as|strong = "G5613"
 sheep|strong = "G4263" to|strong = "G2289" be|strong = "G3588"
 slaughtered|strong = "G4967"."³⁷ Yet|strong = "H5750"
 amid|strong = "G1722" all|strong = "G3956" these|strong = "G3778"
 things|strong = "G3956" we|strong = "G2249" more|strong = "G3956"
 than|strong = "H4480" conquer|strong = "G5245" through|strong = "G1223"
 him|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" loved|strong = "H0157"
 us|strong = "G2249"!³⁸ For|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G1063"
 am|strong = "G3195" persuaded|strong = "G3982" that|strong = "G3754"
 neither|strong = "G3777" death|strong = "G2288", nor|strong = "G3777"
 life|strong = "G2222", nor|strong = "G3777" angels|strong = "H4397",
 nor|strong = "G3777" archangels, nor|strong = "G3777" the|strong = "G3754"
 present|strong = "G1764", nor|strong = "G3777" the|strong = "G3754"
 future|strong = "G3195", nor|strong = "G3777" any|strong = "G3754"
 powers|strong = "G1411",³⁹ nor|strong = "G3777" height|strong = "G5313",
 nor|strong = "G3777" depth|strong = "H8415", nor|strong = "G3777"
 any|strong = "G5100" other|strong = "G2087" created|strong = "G2937"
 thing|strong = "G5100", will|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G1410"
 able|strong = "G1410" to|strong = "G1410" separate|strong = "G5563"
 us|strong = "G2249" from|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G1722"
 love|strong = "H0157" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316"
 revealed|strong = "H1540" in|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 Jesus|strong = "G2424", our|strong = "G2316" Lord|strong = "G2962"!

Gentiles and Jews

9I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" speaking|strong="G3004"
 the|strong="G1722" truth|strong="H0571" as|strong="G1722"
 one|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" union|strong="H2260"
 with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547"; it|strong="G3004"
 is|strong="G3588" no|strong="G3756" lie|strong="G5574";
 and|strong="G4151" my|strong="G1722" conscience|strong="G4893",
 enlightened|strong="H0215" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151", ² bears|strong="H3205"
 me|strong="G1473" out|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532"
 I|strong="G1473" say|strong="G1473" that|strong="G3754"
 there|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2532"
 great|strong="G3173" weight|strong="H4948" of|strong="G2532"
 sorrow|strong="G3077" on|strong="G3588" me|strong="G1473"
 and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3754" my|strong="G1473"
 heart|strong="G2588" is|strong="G1510" never|strong="H3808"
 free|strong="H2670" from|strong="G2532" pain|strong="G3077". ³
 I|strong="G1473" could|strong="G3588" wish|strong="G2172"
 that|strong="G3588" I|strong="G1473" were|strong="G1510"
 myself|strong="G1473" accused|strong="H2764" and|strong="G4561"
 severed|strong="H0914" from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G2596"
 Christ|strong="G5547", for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2596"
 sake|strong="G5228" of|strong="G2596" my|strong="G1473"
 people|strong="G4561" – my|strong="G1473" own|strong="H1961"
 flesh|strong="G4561" and|strong="G4561" blood|strong="H1818". ⁴
 For|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510"
 Israelites|strong="G2475", and|strong="G2532" theirs|strong="H1992"
 are|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" adoption|strong="G5206"
 as|strong="G2532" children|strong="G5206", the|strong="G2532"
 visible|strong="H2379" presence|strong="H6440", the|strong="G2532"
 covenants|strong="G1242", the|strong="G2532" revealed|strong="H1540"
 Law|strong="G3548", the|strong="G2532" Temple|strong="H1004"
 worship|strong="G2999", and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"
 promises|strong="G1860". ⁵ They|strong="G2532" are|strong="G1510"
 descended|strong="H3381" from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532"
 patriarchs, and|strong="G2532", as|strong="G1519" far|strong="G3588"
 as|strong="G1519" his|strong="G3956" human|strong="G4561" nature
 was|strong="G1510" concerned|strong="H6485", from|strong="G1537"
 them|strong="G3588" came|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"
 Christ|strong="G5547" – he|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739"
 is|strong="G1510" supreme over|strong="G1909" all|strong="G3956"
 things|strong="G3956", God|strong="G2316" for|strong="G1519"
 ever|strong="G1519" blessed|strong="G2128". Amen|strong="H0543".

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 obedience|strong = "H3584", but|strong = "G1063" on|strong = "G1537"
 his|strong = "G2596" call|strong = "G2564" – Rebecca was|strong = "G3588"
 told|strong = "H5046", before|strong = "G2596" her|strong = "G2596"
 children|strong = "G1080" were|strong = "G3588" born|strong = "G1080"
 and|strong = "G2316" before|strong = "G2596" they|strong = "G3588"
 had|strong = "G2316" done|strong = "G4238" anything|strong = "G5100"
 either|strong = "G2228" right|strong = "G3756" or|strong = "G2228"
 wrong|strong = "H7451", ¹² that|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G3588"
 elder|strong = "H1419" would|strong = "H0014" be|strong = "G3588"
 a|strong = "G2041" servant|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1398"
 the|strong = "G3588" younger|strong = "G1640". ¹³ The|strong = "G1161"
 words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "G3588" scripture|strong = "G1125"
 are|strong = "G3588" – "I|strong = "G1161" loved|strong = "H0157"
 Jacob|strong = "G2384", but|strong = "G1161" I|strong = "G1161"
 hated|strong = "G3404" Esau|strong = "G2269"."

14What|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G3767"
 to|strong = "G3004" say|strong = "G3004", then|strong = "G3767"?
 Is|strong = "G3588" God|strong = "G2316" guilty|strong = "G1096"
 of|strong = "G2316" injustice|strong = "H5766"? Heaven|strong = "H8064"
 forbid|strong = "G1096"! ¹⁵ For|strong = "G1063" his|strong = "G2532"
 words|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" Moses|strong = "G3475"
 are|strong = "G3588" – "I|strong = "G3739" will|strong = "G2532"
 take|strong = "G2532" pity|strong = "H2347" on|strong = "G1653"
 whom|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G3739" take|strong = "G2532"
 pity|strong = "H2347", and|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 merciful|strong = "H2603" to|strong = "G2532" whom|strong = "G3739"
 I|strong = "G3739" am|strong = "G2532" merciful|strong = "H2603". ¹⁶
 So|strong = "G3767", then|strong = "G3767", all|strong = "G3588"
 depends|strong = "H5375", not|strong = "G3756" on|strong = "G1653"
 human|strong = "H0120" wishes|strong = "G2309" or|strong = "G3761"
 human|strong = "H0120" efforts|strong = "H3021", but|strong = "G3767"
 on|strong = "G1653" God's|strong = "G2316" mercy|strong = "G1653". ¹⁷
 In|strong = "G1722" scripture|strong = "G1124", again|strong = "G1519",
 it|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588" said|strong = "G3004"
 to|strong = "G1519" Pharaoh|strong = "G5328" – "It|strong = "G2532"
 was|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G1063" this|strong = "G3778"
 purpose|strong = "H6098" that|strong = "G3754" I|strong = "G1473"
 raised|strong = "G1825" you|strong = "G4771" to|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G1722" throne|strong = "H3678", to|strong = "G1519"
 show|strong = "G1731" my|strong = "G1722" power|strong = "G1411"
 by|strong = "G1722" my|strong = "G1722" dealings|strong = "H1697"
 with|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G4771", and|strong = "G2532"
 to|strong = "G1519" make|strong = "G1519" my|strong = "G1722"

name|strong = "G3686" known|strong = "H3045"
 throughout|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" world|strong = "G1093".
¹⁸ So|strong = "G3767", then|strong = "G3767", where|strong = "G3739"
 God|strong = "G1653" wills|strong = "G2309", he|strong = "G1161"
 takes|strong = "H3947" pity|strong = "H2347", and|strong = "G1161"
 where|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G1161" wills|strong = "G2309",
 he|strong = "G1161" hardens|strong = "G4645" the|strong = "G1161"
 heart|strong = "H3820". ¹⁹ Perhaps|strong = "H0194" you|strong = "G3004"
 will|strong = "G5101" say|strong = "G3004" to|strong = "G3004"
 me|strong = "G1473" – "How|strong = "G5101" can|strong = "G3004"
 anyone|strong = "H3605" still|strong = "G2089" be|strong = "G2089" blamed?
 For|strong = "G1063" who|strong = "G5101" withstands his|strong = "G3588"
 purpose|strong = "G5101"?" ²⁰ I|strong = "G1473" might|strong = "G2316"
 rather|strong = "G3304" ask|strong = "G3004" "Who|strong = "G5101"
 are|strong = "G1510" you|strong = "G4771" who|strong = "G5101"
 are|strong = "G1510" arguing|strong = "H3198" with|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316"?" Does|strong = "G4160" a|strong = "G1510"
 thing|strong = "G5101" which|strong = "G3588" a|strong = "G1510"
 person|strong = "G5101" has|strong = "G2316" moulded say|strong = "G3004"
 to|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G3588" person|strong = "G5101"
 who|strong = "G5101" has|strong = "G2316" moulded it|strong = "G4160"
 "Why|strong = "G5101" did|strong = "G4160" you|strong = "G4771"
 make|strong = "G4160" me|strong = "G1473" like|strong = "G3779"
 this|strong = "G3588"?" ²¹ Has|strong = "G2192" not|strong = "G3756"
 the|strong = "G1519" potter|strong = "G2763" absolute|strong = "H0653"
 power|strong = "G1849" over|strong = "G1537" their|strong = "G1519"
 clay|strong = "G4081", so|strong = "G1161" that|strong = "G3739"
 out|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1519"
 same|strong = "G3739" lump|strong = "G5445" they|strong = "G1161"
 make|strong = "G4160" one|strong = "G3739" thing|strong = "G3739"
 for|strong = "G1519" better|strong = "H2896", and|strong = "G1161"
 another|strong = "G3739" for|strong = "G1519" common|strong = "H1121",
 use|strong = "G2192"? ²² And|strong = "G2532" what|strong = "G3588"
 if|strong = "G1487" God|strong = "G2316", intending|strong = "G2309"
 to|strong = "G1519" reveal|strong = "H1540" his|strong = "G1519"
 displeasure|strong = "H2534" and|strong = "G2532" make|strong = "G1107"
 his|strong = "G1519" power|strong = "G1415" known|strong = "G1107",
 bore|strong = "H3205" most|strong = "G4183" patiently|strong = "G3115"
 with|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" objects|strong = "H3627"
 of|strong = "G2316" his|strong = "G1519" displeasure|strong = "H2534",
 though|strong = "G1487" they|strong = "G2532" were|strong = "G3588"
 fit|strong = "H6257" only|strong = "G1487" to|strong = "G1519"
 be|strong = "G2532" destroyed|strong = "H4229", ²³ so|strong = "G2443"
 as|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" make|strong = "G1107"
 known|strong = "G1107" his|strong = "G1519" surpassing|strong = "H3493"
 glory|strong = "G1391" in|strong = "G1519" dealing with|strong = "G2532"

the|strong="G2532" objects|strong="H3627" of|strong="G2532"
 his|strong="G1519" mercy|strong="G1656", whom|strong="G3739"
 he|strong="G2532" prepared|strong="G4282" beforehand|strong="G4282"
 for|strong="G1519" glory|strong="G1391", ²⁴ and|strong="G2532"
 whom|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532" called|strong="G2564" –
 even|strong="G2532" us|strong="G2249" – not|strong="G3756"
 only|strong="G3440" from|strong="G1537" among|strong="G1537"
 the|strong="G2532" Jews|strong="G2453" but|strong="G2532"
 from|strong="G1537" among|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532"
 Gentiles|strong="G1484" also|strong="G2532"! ²⁵ This|strong="G3588",
 indeed|strong="G2532", is|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588"
 he|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" book|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532"
 Hosea|strong="G5617" – “Those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"
 were|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" my|strong="G1722"
 people|strong="G2992", I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532"
 call|strong="G2564" my|strong="G1722" people|strong="G2992",
 and|strong="G2532" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"
 were|strong="G3588" unloved|strong="H8130" I|strong="G1473"
 will|strong="G2532" love|strong="H0157". ²⁶ And|strong="G2532"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" place|strong="G5117"
 where|strong="G3757" it|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"
 said|strong="G2046" to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G3588" –
 ‘You|strong="G5210" are|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"
 my|strong="G1722" people’, they|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"
 be|strong="G1510" called|strong="G2564" sons|strong="G5207"
 of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G1722" living|strong="G2198"
 God|strong="G2316".” ²⁷ And|strong="G1161" Isaiah|strong="G2268"
 cries|strong="G2896" aloud|strong="H7442" over|strong="G5228"
 Israel|strong="G2474" – “Though|strong="G5613" the|strong="G1161"
 sons|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207" Israel|strong="G2474"
 are|strong="G1510" like|strong="G5613" the|strong="G1161"
 sand|strong="H2344" of|strong="G5207" the|strong="G1161"
 sea|strong="G2281" in|strong="G1161" number|strong="H4557”,
 only|strong="H0389" a|strong="G5613" remnant|strong="G3005"
 of|strong="G5207" them|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510"
 escape|strong="H4422"! ²⁸ For|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532"
 Lord|strong="G2962" will|strong="G2532" execute|strong="G4160"
 his|strong="G1909" sentence|strong="H4941" on|strong="G1909"
 the|strong="G2532" world|strong="G1093", fully|strong="H4390"
 and|strong="G2532" without|strong="G2532" delay|strong="H0309”.
²⁹ It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1096" as|strong="G5613"
 Isaiah|strong="G2268" foretold – “Had|strong="G2532"
 not|strong="G3361" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962"
 of|strong="G2532" Hosts|strong="H6635" spared|strong="H2550"
 some|strong="G5613" few|strong="H4592" of|strong="G2532"

our|strong = "G2532" people|strong = "G3361" to|strong = "G2532"
 us|strong = "G2249", we|strong = "G2249" should|strong = "G2532"
 have|strong = "G2532" become|strong = "G1096" like|strong = "G5613"
 Sodom|strong = "G4670" and|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1096"
 made|strong = "G1096" to|strong = "G2532" resemble|strong = "H1819"
 Gomorrah|strong = "G1116"."

30What|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G3754"
 to|strong = "G3004" say|strong = "G3004", then|strong = "G3767"?
 Why|strong = "G5101", that|strong = "G3754" Gentiles|strong = "G1484",
 who|strong = "G5101" were|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3361"
 in|strong = "G4102" search|strong = "H2713" of|strong = "G1537"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343", secured|strong = "H2388"
 it|strong = "G3754" – a|strong = "G1161" righteousness|strong = "G1343"
 which|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G1537"
 result|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" faith|strong = "G4102"; ³¹
 while|strong = "G1161" Israel|strong = "G2474", which|strong = "G1343"
 was|strong = "G1161" in|strong = "G1519" search|strong = "H2713"
 of|strong = "G3551" a|strong = "G1519" Law|strong = "G3551"
 which|strong = "G1343" would|strong = "H0014" ensure|strong = "H3559"
 righteousness|strong = "G1343", failed|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G1519"
 discover|strong = "H1540" one|strong = "G1519". ³² And|strong = "G4102"
 why|strong = "G5101"? Because|strong = "G3754" they|strong = "G3588"
 looked|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "G3756" obedience|strong = "H3584",
 and|strong = "G4102" not|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G3756"
 faith|strong = "G4102", to|strong = "G3756" secure|strong = "H0982"
 it|strong = "G3754". They|strong = "G3588" stumbled|strong = "G4350"
 over|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1537" stumbling-block. ³³
 As|strong = "G2531" scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" –
 “See|strong = "G3708", I|strong = "G2532" place|strong = "G5087"
 a|strong = "G2532" stumbling-block in|strong = "G1722"
 Zion|strong = "G4622" – a|strong = "G2532" rock|strong = "G4073"
 which|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G2532" prove|strong = "H5254"
 a|strong = "G2532" hindrance; and|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532"
 who|strong = "G3588" believes|strong = "G4100" in|strong = "G1722"
 him|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532"
 no|strong = "G3756" cause|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G1909"
 shame|strong = "G2617"."

10My|strong = "G1699" friends|strong = "H7453", my|strong = "G1699"
 heart's|strong = "G2588" desire|strong = "G2107" and|strong = "G2532"
 prayer|strong = "G1162" to|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316"
 for|strong = "G1519" my|strong = "G1699" people|strong = "G3588"
 is|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G1519" their|strong = "G2532"
 salvation|strong = "G4991". ² I|strong = "G1063" can|strong = "G1063"

testify ^{strong = "G3140"} that ^{strong = "G3754"} they ^{strong = "G3754"} are ^{strong = "G3748"} zealous ^{strong = "G2205"} for ^{strong = "G1063"} the ^{strong = "G2596"} honour ^{strong = "H3519"} of ^{strong = "G2316"} God ^{strong = "G2316"}; but ^{strong = "G1063"} they ^{strong = "G3754"} are ^{strong = "G3748"} not ^{strong = "G3756"} guided ^{strong = "H5148"} by ^{strong = "G2596"} true ^{strong = "G1922"} insight ^{strong = "H7919"}, ³ for ^{strong = "G1063"}, in ^{strong = "G2532"} their ^{strong = "G2532"} ignorance ^{strong = "H7684"} of ^{strong = "G2316"} the ^{strong = "G2532"} divine ^{strong = "H7080"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"}, and ^{strong = "G2532"} in ^{strong = "G2532"} their ^{strong = "G2532"} eagerness to ^{strong = "G2532"} set ^{strong = "G2476"} up ^{strong = "G2476"} a ^{strong = "G2532"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"} of ^{strong = "G2316"} their ^{strong = "G2532"} own ^{strong = "G2398"}, they ^{strong = "G2532"} refused ^{strong = "G3756"} to ^{strong = "G2532"} accept ^{strong = "H7521"} with ^{strong = "G2532"} submission ^{strong = "H1844"} the ^{strong = "G2532"} divine ^{strong = "H7080"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"}. ⁴

For ^{strong = "G1063"} Christ ^{strong = "G5547"} has ^{strong = "G5547"} brought ^{strong = "G1519"} Law ^{strong = "G3551"} to ^{strong = "G1519"} an ^{strong = "G1519"} end ^{strong = "G5056"}, so ^{strong = "G1519"} that ^{strong = "G3588"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"} may ^{strong = "G5547"} be ^{strong = "G3956"} obtained ^{strong = "H5375"} by ^{strong = "G1519"} everyone ^{strong = "G3956"} who ^{strong = "G3588"} believes ^{strong = "G4100"} in ^{strong = "G1519"} him ^{strong = "G3588"}. ⁵ For ^{strong = "G1063"} Moses ^{strong = "G3475"} writes ^{strong = "G1125"} that ^{strong = "G3754"}, as ^{strong = "G1722"} for ^{strong = "G1063"} the ^{strong = "G1722"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"} which ^{strong = "G3588"} results ^{strong = "H6529"} from ^{strong = "G1537"} Law ^{strong = "G3551"}, those ^{strong = "G3588"} who ^{strong = "G3588"} practice ^{strong = "G4160"} it ^{strong = "G3754"} will ^{strong = "G4160"} find ^{strong = "H4672"} life ^{strong = "G2198"} through ^{strong = "G1722"} it ^{strong = "G3754"}. ⁶

But ^{strong = "G1161"} the ^{strong = "G1722"} righteousness ^{strong = "G1343"} which ^{strong = "G3588"} results ^{strong = "H6529"} from ^{strong = "G1537"} faith ^{strong = "G4102"} finds ^{strong = "H4672"} expression ^{strong = "H6440"} in ^{strong = "G1722"} these ^{strong = "G3778"} words ^{strong = "H1697"}:

“Do ^{strong = "G5101"} not ^{strong = "G3361"} say ^{strong = "G3004"} to ^{strong = "G1519"} yourself ^{strong = "G4771"} ‘Who ^{strong = "G5101"} will ^{strong = "G5101"} go ^{strong = "G1519"} up ^{strong = "G1519"} into ^{strong = "G1519"} heaven ^{strong = "G3772"}?’” (which ^{strong = "G3588"} means ^{strong = "G1510"} to ^{strong = "G1519"} bring ^{strong = "G2609"} Christ ^{strong = "G5547"} down ^{strong = "G2609"}) ⁷ “or ^{strong = "G2228"} ‘Who ^{strong = "G5101"} will ^{strong = "G5101"} go ^{strong = "G2597"} down ^{strong = "G2597"} into ^{strong = "G1519"} the ^{strong = "G1519"} depths ^{strong = "H8415"} below ^{strong = "H8478"}?’” (which ^{strong = "G3588"} means ^{strong = "G1510"} to ^{strong = "G1519"} bring ^{strong = "G1519"} Christ ^{strong = "G5547"} up ^{strong = "G1519"} from ^{strong = "G1537"} the ^{strong = "G1519"} dead ^{strong = "G3498"}). ⁸

No ⁹ does it say? “The message is ⁹ near you, on your lips and in your heart” (which means ⁹ “The message of ⁹ faith”).
 For ⁹ if ⁹ with your lips you acknowledge the truth of ⁹ the message that ⁹ LORD and ⁹ believe in ⁹ that ⁹ God ⁹ raised him ⁹ from the dead ⁹, you ⁹ will ⁹ be ⁹ saved. ¹⁰ For ⁹ with ⁹ their ⁹ hearts ⁹ people ⁹ believe ⁹ and ⁹ so ⁹ attain ⁹ to ⁹ righteousness ⁹, while ⁹ with ⁹ their ⁹ lips ⁹ they ⁹ make ⁹ their ⁹ profession of ⁹ faith ⁹ and ⁹ so ⁹ find ⁹ salvation. ¹¹
 As ⁹ the ⁹ passage ⁹ of ⁹ scripture ⁹ says ⁹ –
 “No ⁹ one ⁹ who ⁹ believes ⁹ in ⁹ him ⁹ will ⁹ have ⁹ any ⁹ cause ⁹ for ⁹ shame.” ¹²
 For ⁹ no ⁹ distinction ⁹ is ⁹ made ⁹ between ⁹ the ⁹ Jew ⁹ and ⁹ the ⁹ Greek ⁹, for ⁹ all ⁹ have ⁹ the ⁹ same ⁹ Lord ⁹, and ⁹ he ⁹ is ⁹ bountiful ⁹ to ⁹ all ⁹ who ⁹ invoke ⁹ him ⁹. ¹³ For ⁹ everyone ⁹ who ⁹ invokes ⁹ the ⁹ name ⁹ of ⁹ the ⁹ Lord ⁹ will ⁹

be|strong="G3956" saved|strong="G4982". ¹⁴ But|strong="G1161" how|strong="G4459", it|strong="G1161" may|strong="G1161" be|strong="G3756" asked|strong="G3767", are|strong="G3739" they|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" invoke|strong="H2142" one|strong="G3739" in|strong="G1519" whom|strong="G3739" they|strong="G1161" have|strong="G4100" not|strong="G3756" learned|strong="H3925" to|strong="G1519" believe|strong="G4100"? And|strong="G1161" how|strong="G4459" are|strong="G3739" they|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" believe|strong="G4100" in|strong="G1519" one|strong="G3739" whose|strong="G3739" words|strong="H1697" they|strong="G1161" have|strong="G4100" not|strong="G3756" heard|strong="H8085"? And|strong="G1161" how|strong="G4459" are|strong="G3739" they|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519" hear|strong="H8085" his|strong="G1519" words|strong="H1697" unless|strong="G3756" someone|strong="G3739" proclaims|strong="H7121" him|strong="G3739"? ¹⁵ And|strong="G1161" how|strong="G4459" is|strong="G3588" anyone|strong="G1437" to|strong="G1161" proclaim|strong="G2784" him|strong="G3588" unless|strong="G1437" they|strong="G1161" are|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G1125" as|strong="G5613" his|strong="G5613" messengers|strong="H4397"? As|strong="G5613" scripture|strong="G1125" says|strong="H0559" – “How|strong="G4459" beautiful|strong="G5611" are|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1161" feet|strong="G4228" of|strong="G3588" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" bring|strong="G2097" good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097"!”

¹⁶ Still|strong="H5750", it|strong="G1063" may|strong="G3956" be|strong="G3756" said|strong="G3004", everyone|strong="G3956" did|strong="G5101" not|strong="G3756" give|strong="G3004" heed|strong="G5219" to|strong="G3004" the|strong="G3956" good|strong="G3956" news|strong="G2098". No|strong="G3756", for|strong="G1063" Isaiah|strong="G2268" asks|strong="H7592" – “Lord|strong="G2962", who|strong="G5101" has|strong="G2962" believed|strong="G4100" our|strong="G3956" teaching|strong="H8451"?” ¹⁷ And|strong="G1161" so|strong="G1161" we|strong="G1161" gather|strong="H6908", faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G1161" result|strong="G1537" of|strong="G1537" teaching|strong="G4487", and|strong="G1161" the|strong="G1537" teaching|strong="G4487" comes|strong="H0935" in|strong="G4102" the|strong="G1537" message|strong="G4487" of|strong="G1537" Christ|strong="G5547”. ¹⁸ But|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" ask|strong="G3004" “Is|strong="G3588" it|strong="G2532" possible that|strong="G3588" people|strong="G3956" have|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3756" heard|strong="H8085”?” No|strong="G3756”,

indeed|strong = "G2532", for|strong = "G1519" – "Their|strong = "G2532" voices|strong = "H6963" spread|strong = "G1831" through|strong = "G3004" all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G2532" earth|strong = "G1093", and|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532" message|strong = "G4487" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" ends|strong = "G4009" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" world|strong = "G3625".” ¹⁹
 But|strong = "G3361" again|strong = "H7725" I|strong = "G1473" ask|strong = "G3004" “Did|strong = "G1097" not|strong = "G3756" the|strong = "G1909" people|strong = "G1484" of|strong = "G1909" Israel|strong = "G2474" understand|strong = "G1097"?”
 First|strong = "G4413" there|strong = "G3004" is|strong = "G3756" Moses|strong = "G3475", who|strong = "G3756" says|strong = "G3004" – “I|strong = "G1473", the|strong = "G1909" Lord|strong = "H3068", will|strong = "G1473" stir|strong = "H5782" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G1909" rivalry|strong = "H7068" with|strong = "G1909" a|strong = "G1909" nation|strong = "G1484" which|strong = "G1484" is|strong = "G3756" no|strong = "G3756" nation|strong = "G1484”; against|strong = "G1909" an|strong = "G1909" undiscerning nation|strong = "G1484" I|strong = "G1473" will|strong = "G1473”
 arouse|strong = "H5782" your|strong = "G1909" anger|strong = "G3949”.” ²⁰
 And|strong = "G2532" Isaiah|strong = "G2268" says|strong = "G3004" boldly|strong = "H7311” – “I|strong = "G1473" was|strong = "G1096" found|strong = "G2147” by|strong = "G1722” those|strong = "G3588” who|strong = "G3588” were|strong = "G3588” not|strong = "G3361” seeking|strong = "G2212” me|strong = "G1473”; I|strong = "G1473” made|strong = "G1096” myself|strong = "G1473” known|strong = "H3045” to|strong = "G2532” those|strong = "G3588” who|strong = "G3588” were|strong = "G3588” not|strong = "G3361” inquiring of|strong = "G2532” me|strong = "G1473”.” ²¹ But|strong = "G1161” of|strong = "G2250” the|strong = "G2532” people|strong = "G2992” of|strong = "G2250” Israel|strong = "G2474” he|strong = "G2532” says|strong = "G3004” – “All|strong = "G3650” day|strong = "G2250” long|strong = "G2250” I|strong = "G1473” have|strong = "G2532” stretched|strong = "G1600” out|strong = "G2532” my|strong = "G1473” hands|strong = "G5495” to|strong = "G4314” a|strong = "G2532” people|strong = "G2992” who|strong = "G3588” disobey|strong = "H0854” and|strong = "G2532” contradict.”

11I|strong = "G1473” ask|strong = "G3004”, then|strong = "G3767”, “Has|strong = "G2316” God|strong = "G2316” rejected|strong = "H3988” his|strong = "G2532” people|strong = "G2992”?” Heaven|strong = "H8064” forbid|strong = "G1096”! For|strong = "G1063” I|strong = "G1473” myself|strong = "G1473” am|strong = "G1510” an|strong = "G2532” Israelite|strong = "G2475”, a|strong = "G1096” descendant|strong = "G4690” of|strong = "G1537” Abraham|strong = "H0085”, of|strong = "G1537”

the|strong="G2532" tribe|strong="G5443" of|strong="G1537"
 Benjamin|strong="H1144". ² God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316"
 not|strong="G3756" rejected|strong="H3988" his|strong="G1722"
 people|strong="G2992", whom|strong="G3739" he|strong="G3739"
 chose|strong="H0977" from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G1722"
 first|strong="G3588". Have|strong="G5101" you|strong="G3739"
 forgotten|strong="H7911" the|strong="G1722" words|strong="H1697"
 of|strong="G2316" scripture|strong="G1124" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" story|strong="H4605" of|strong="G2316"
 Elijah|strong="G2243" – how|strong="G5613" he|strong="G3739" appeals
 to|strong="G2596" God|strong="G2316" against|strong="G2596"
 Israel|strong="G2474"? ³ “Lord|strong="G2962”, they|strong="G2532”
 have|strong="G2532" killed|strong="H2026" your|strong="G2962”
 prophets|strong="G4396”, they|strong="G2532” have|strong="G2532”
 pulled|strong="H5265” down|strong="G2679” your|strong="G2962”
 altars|strong="G2379”, and|strong="G2532” I|strong="G1473”
 only|strong="G3441” am|strong="G1473” left|strong="G5275”;
 and|strong="G2532” now|strong="G2532” they|strong="G2532”
 are|strong="G3588” eager|strong="H1245” to|strong="G2532”
 take|strong="G2532” my|strong="G2212” life|strong="G5590”.” ⁴
 But|strong="G3588” what|strong="G5101” was|strong="G3588”
 the|strong="G3588” divine|strong="G5538” response|strong="G5538”?
 “I|strong="G3004” have|strong="G3748” kept|strong="G2641”
 for|strong="G3756” myself|strong="G1683” seven|strong="G2035”
 thousand|strong="G2035” who|strong="G5101” have|strong="G3748”
 never|strong="G3756” bowed|strong="G2578” the|strong="G3588”
 knee|strong="G1119” to|strong="G3004” Baal|strong="H1168”.” ⁵
 And|strong="G2532” so|strong="G3779” in|strong="G1722”
 our|strong="G2532” own|strong="H1961” time|strong="G2540”,
 too|strong="G2532”, there|strong="G2532” is|strong="G3588”
 to|strong="G2532” be|strong="G1096” found|strong="G1096”
 a|strong="G1096” remnant|strong="G3005” of|strong="G2532”
 our|strong="G2532” nation|strong="H1471” selected|strong="H0977”
 by|strong="G1722” God|strong="G2532” in|strong="G1722”
 love|strong="H0157”. ⁶ But|strong="G1161” if|strong="G1487”
 in|strong="G1537” love|strong="H0157”, then|strong="G1161”
 it|strong="G1161” is|strong="G3588” not|strong="G3765”
 as|strong="G1161” a|strong="G1096” result|strong="G1537”
 of|strong="G1537” obedience|strong="H3584”.
 Otherwise|strong="G1893” love|strong="H0157” would|strong="G1096”
 cease|strong="H7673” to|strong="G1096” be|strong="G1096”
 love|strong="H0157”. ⁷ What|strong="G5101” follows|strong="H3652”
 from|strong="G3756” this|strong="G3778”? Why|strong="G5101”,
 that|strong="G3739” Israel|strong="G2474” as|strong="G1161”
 a|strong="G1161” nation|strong="H1471” failed|strong="G3756”
 to|strong="G3756” secure|strong="H0982” what|strong="G5101”

it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" seeking|strong="G1934",
 while|strong="G1161" those|strong="G3588" whom|strong="G3739"
 God|strong="G3588" selected|strong="H0977" did|strong="G5101"
 secure|strong="H0982" it|strong="G1161". ⁸ The|strong="G2532"
 rest|strong="H5117" grew|strong="H1431" callous; as|strong="G2531"
 scripture|strong="G1125" says|strong="H0559" – "God|strong="G2316"
 has|strong="G2316" given|strong="G1325" them|strong="G3588"
 a|strong="G2532" deadness of|strong="G4151" mind|strong="G2532" –
 eyes|strong="G3788" that|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588"
 not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G2532" see|strong="H7200"
 and|strong="G2532" ears|strong="G3775" that|strong="G3588"
 are|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3361" to|strong="G2532"
 hear|strong="H8085" – and|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532"
 is|strong="G3588" so|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532"
 this|strong="G3588" very|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250".” ⁹
 David|strong="G1138", too|strong="G2532", says|strong="G3004" –
 “May|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" feasts|strong="H4150"
 prove|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" snare|strong="G3803"
 and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1096" trap|strong="G3803"
 to|strong="G1519" them|strong="G3588" – a|strong="G1096" hindrance
 and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G1096" retribution|strong="H3820”; ¹⁰
 may|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" eyes|strong="G3788"
 be|strong="G2532" darkened|strong="G4654", so|strong="G2532"
 that|strong="G3588" they|strong="G2532" cannot|strong="G3361"
 see|strong="H7200”; and|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532"
 you|strong="G3956" always|strong="G3956" make|strong="G2532"
 their|strong="G2532" backs|strong="G3577" to|strong="G2532"
 bend|strong="G4781”.” ¹¹ I|strong="G3767" ask|strong="G3004"
 then|strong="G3767" – “Was|strong="G1096" their|strong="G1438"
 stumbling|strong="H4383" to|strong="G1519" result|strong="G1519"
 in|strong="G1519" their|strong="G1438" fall|strong="G4098”?”
 Heaven|strong="H8064" forbid|strong="G1096"! On|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G1519" contrary|strong="H7147”, through|strong="G2443"
 their|strong="G1438" falling|strong="G4098" away|strong="H5493"
 salvation|strong="G4991" has|strong="G1096" reached|strong="G1096"
 the|strong="G1519" Gentiles|strong="G1484”, to|strong="G1519"
 stir|strong="H5782" the|strong="G1519" rivalry|strong="H7068"
 of|strong="G3588" Israel|strong="H3478”. ¹² And|strong="G2532”,
 if|strong="G1487" their|strong="G2532" falling|strong="H5307"
 away|strong="H5493" has|strong="G2889" enriched|strong="H6238"
 the|strong="G2532" world|strong="G2889”, and|strong="G2532"
 their|strong="G2532" failure|strong="G2275" has|strong="G2889"
 enriched|strong="H6238" the|strong="G2532" Gentiles|strong="G1484”,
 how|strong="G4214" much|strong="G4214" more|strong="G3123"
 will|strong="G2532" result|strong="H6903" from|strong="G2532"
 their|strong="G2532" full|strong="G4138" restoration!

13But I am speaking to you who were Gentiles. ¹⁴ Being myself an apostle to the Gentiles, I exalt my office, in hope that I may stir countrymen and so save some of them. ¹⁵ For being cast aside has meant reconciliation of the world, what their but the the of of holy the and root so branches however branches off who a were among with root the the cultivated Yet exult other if exult

remember|strong="H2142" that|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771"
do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3756" support|strong="H2388"
the|strong="G1161" root|strong="G4491", but|strong="G1161"
that|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1161" root|strong="G4491"
supports|strong="H3802" you|strong="G4771". ¹⁹ But|strong="G3767"
branches|strong="G2798", you|strong="G3004" will|strong="G1473"
say|strong="G3004", were|strong="G2798" broken|strong="G1575"
off|strong="G1575", so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"
I|strong="G1473" might|strong="G1473" be|strong="G2443"
grafted|strong="G1461" in|strong="G3004". ²⁰ True|strong="G3588",
it|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" because|strong="G1161"
of|strong="G4102" their|strong="G3588" want|strong="H4270"
of|strong="G4102" faith|strong="G4102" that|strong="G3588"
they|strong="G1161" were|strong="G3588" broken|strong="G1575"
off|strong="G1575", and|strong="G1161" it|strong="G1161"
is|strong="G3588" because|strong="G1161" of|strong="G4102"
your|strong="G5426" faith|strong="G4102" that|strong="G3588"
you|strong="G4771" are|strong="G3588" standing|strong="G2476".
Do|strong="G5399" not|strong="G3361" think|strong="G5426"
too|strong="H4480" highly|strong="G5308" of|strong="G4102"
yourself|strong="G4771", but|strong="G1161" beware|strong="H8104".
²¹ For|strong="G1063", if|strong="G1487" God|strong="G2316"
did|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756" spare|strong="G5339"
the|strong="G2596" natural|strong="G5449" branches|strong="G2798",
neither|strong="G3761" will|strong="G2316" he|strong="G3588"
spare|strong="G5339" you|strong="G4771". ²² See|strong="G3708",
then|strong="G3767", both|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"
goodness|strong="G5544" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"
severity|strong="H6531" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" –
his|strong="G1909" severity|strong="H6531" towards
those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" fell|strong="G4098",
and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G1909" goodness|strong="G5544"
towards you|strong="G4771", provided|strong="H3557"
that|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" continue|strong="G1961"
to|strong="G2532" confide in|strong="G1909" that|strong="G3588"
goodness|strong="G5544"; otherwise|strong="G1893"
you|strong="G4771", also|strong="G2532", will|strong="G2316"
be|strong="G2532" cut|strong="G1581" off|strong="G1581". ²³
And|strong="G1161" they|strong="G1161", too|strong="G2548",
if|strong="G1437" they|strong="G1161" do|strong="G3361"
not|strong="G3361" continue|strong="G1961" in|strong="G2316"
their|strong="G1438" unbelief, will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1510"
grafted|strong="G1461" in|strong="G2316"; for|strong="G1063"
God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" it|strong="G1161"
in|strong="G2316" his|strong="G1438" power|strong="G1415"
to|strong="G1161" graft|strong="G1461" them|strong="G3588"

in|strong = "G2316" again|strong = "G3825". ²⁴ If|strong = "G1487" you|strong = "G4771" were|strong = "G3588" cut|strong = "G1581" off|strong = "G1581" from|strong = "G1537" your|strong = "G2532" natural|strong = "G5449" stock|strong = "H1503" – a|strong = "G2532" wild|strong = "G2532" olive|strong = "G1636" – and|strong = "G2532" were|strong = "G3588" grafted|strong = "G1461", contrary|strong = "G3844" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" course|strong = "H4256" of|strong = "G1537" nature|strong = "G5449", on|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G2532" good|strong = "G3588" olive|strong = "G1636", much|strong = "G4214" more|strong = "G3123" will|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532" – the|strong = "G2532" natural|strong = "G5449" branches|strong = "H7070" – be|strong = "G2532" grafted|strong = "G1461" back|strong = "G1519" into|strong = "G1519" their|strong = "G2532" parent tree|strong = "G1636".

25My|strong = "G1525" friends|strong = "G3844", so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" don't|strong = "G3756" think|strong = "H2803" too|strong = "H4480" highly|strong = "H3966" of|strong = "G3844" yourselves|strong = "G1438", I|strong = "G3739" want|strong = "G2309" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G2443" recognise the|strong = "G3588" truth|strong = "H0571", hitherto|strong = "H3541" hidden|strong = "H5641", that|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G3588" callousness which|strong = "G3739" has|strong = "G3739" come|strong = "G1096" over|strong = "G1096" Israel|strong = "G2474" is|strong = "G1510" only|strong = "G3756" partial|strong = "G3313", and|strong = "G1484" will|strong = "G2309" continue|strong = "G1096" only|strong = "G3756" until|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "G3588" whole|strong = "H3605" Gentile|strong = "G1484" world|strong = "H8398" has|strong = "G3739" been|strong = "G1510" gathered|strong = "H6960" in|strong = "G1525". ²⁶ And|strong = "G2532" then|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" Israel|strong = "G2474" will|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" saved|strong = "G4982". As|strong = "G2531" scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" – "From|strong = "G1537" Zion|strong = "G4622" will|strong = "G2532" come|strong = "G2240" the|strong = "G2532" Deliverer|strong = "G4506"; he|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2532" banish|strong = "H5080" ungodliness|strong = "H1100" from|strong = "G1537" Jacob|strong = "G2384". ²⁷ And|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2532" see|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "G2532" fulfilment of|strong = "G2532" my|strong = "G1473" covenant|strong = "G1242", when|strong = "G3752" I|strong = "G1473" have|strong = "G2532" taken|strong = "H3947" away|strong = "H5493" their|strong = "G2532" sins|strong = "H2403". ²⁸ From|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G1161" standpoint|strong = "G2596" of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1161" good|strong = "G1223" news|strong = "G2098", the|strong = "G1161" Jews|strong = "H3064" are|strong = "G3588"

God's|strong="H0430" enemies|strong="G2190" for|strong="G1223"
 your|strong="G1223" sake|strong="G1223"; but|strong="G1161"
 from|strong="G2596" the|strong="G1161" standpoint|strong="G2596"
 of|strong="G1223" God's|strong="H0430" selection, they|strong="G1161"
 are|strong="G3588" dear|strong="H3357" to|strong="G2596"
 him|strong="G3588" for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1161"
 sake|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1161" patriarchs.
²⁹ For|strong="G1063" God|strong="G2316" never|strong="H3808"
 regrets his|strong="G2532" gifts|strong="G5486" or|strong="G2532"
 his|strong="G2532" call|strong="G2532". ³⁰ Just|strong="G5618"
 as|strong="G5618" you|strong="G5210" at|strong="G1161"
 one|strong="G3588" time|strong="G4218" were|strong="G3588"
 disobedient|strong="H4784" to|strong="G1161" him|strong="G3588",
 but|strong="G1161" have|strong="G1653" now|strong="G1161"
 found|strong="G1653" mercy|strong="G1653" in|strong="G2316"
 the|strong="G1161" day|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2316"
 their|strong="G3588" disobedience; ³¹ so|strong="G3779",
 too|strong="G2532", they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532"
 now|strong="G3568" become|strong="H1961"
 disobedient|strong="H4784" in|strong="G2532" your|strong="G5212"
 day|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532" mercy|strong="G1656",
 in|strong="G2532" order|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443"
 they|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2532"
 their|strong="G2532" turn|strong="H7725" may|strong="G2532"
 now|strong="G3568" find|strong="H4672" mercy|strong="G1656". ³²
 For|strong="G1063" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316"
 given|strong="H5414" all|strong="G3956" alike|strong="H3162"
 over|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" disobedience,
 that|strong="G2443" to|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956"
 alike|strong="H3162" he|strong="G3588" may|strong="G2443"
 show|strong="G1653" mercy|strong="G1653". ³³ Oh|strong="G5599"!
 The|strong="G2532" unfathomable|strong="H2714"
 wisdom|strong="G4678" and|strong="G2532" knowledge|strong="G1108"
 of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"! How|strong="G5613"
 inscrutable|strong="H0369" are|strong="G3588" his|strong="G2532"
 judgments|strong="G2917", how|strong="G5613" untraceable
 his|strong="G2532" ways|strong="G3598"! Yes|strong="H3588" – ³⁴
 ho|strong="H1945" has|strong="G2962" ever|strong="H5769"
 comprehended|strong="H3557" the|strong="G1063"
 mind|strong="G3563" of|strong="G2962" the|strong="G1063"
 Lord|strong="G2962"? Who|strong="G5101" has|strong="G2962"
 ever|strong="H5769" become|strong="G1096" his|strong="G2228"
 counsellor|strong="G4825"? ³⁵ Or|strong="G2228" who|strong="G5101"
 has|strong="G5101" first|strong="G4272" given|strong="G4272"
 to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G2532", so|strong="G2532"
 that|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532"

claim|strong = "H0589" a|strong = "G2532" reward|strong = "H7939"? ³⁶
 For|strong = "G3754" all|strong = "G3956" things|strong = "G3956"
 are|strong = "G3588" from|strong = "G1537" him|strong = "G3588",
 through|strong = "G1223" him|strong = "G3588", and|strong = "G2532"
 for|strong = "G3754" him|strong = "G3588". And|strong = "G2532"
 to|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G3588" be|strong = "G2532"
 all|strong = "G3956" glory|strong = "G1391" for|strong = "G3754"
 ever|strong = "G1519" and|strong = "G2532" ever|strong = "G1519"!
 Amen|strong = "H0543".
 Advice on Daily Life

12I|strong = "G1223" entreat|strong = "G3870" you|strong = "G5210",
 then|strong = "G3767", friends|strong = "H7453", by|strong = "G1223"
 the|strong = "G1223" mercies|strong = "G3628" of|strong = "G1223"
 God|strong = "G2316", to|strong = "G2316" offer|strong = "H7126"
 your|strong = "G1223" bodies|strong = "G4983" as|strong = "G2316"
 a|strong = "G1223" living|strong = "G2198" and|strong = "G2316"
 holy|strong = "H6944" sacrifice|strong = "G2378",
 acceptable|strong = "G2101" to|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316",
 for|strong = "G1223" this|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588"
 your|strong = "G1223" rational worship|strong = "G2999". ²
 Do|strong = "G5101" not|strong = "G3361" conform to|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G2532" fashion|strong = "H3559" of|strong = "G2316"
 this|strong = "G3778" world|strong = "H8398"; but|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532" transformed|strong = "G3339" by|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" complete|strong = "G5046" change|strong = "H5162"
 that|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2316" come|strong = "G2532"
 over|strong = "G1519" your|strong = "G2532" minds|strong = "G3563",
 so|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G5210"
 may|strong = "G2532" discern|strong = "G1381" what|strong = "G5101"
 God's|strong = "G2316" will|strong = "G2307" is|strong = "G3588" –
 all|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588"
 good|strong = "G5101", acceptable|strong = "G2101", and|strong = "G2532"
 perfect|strong = "G5046".

3In|strong = "G1722" fulfilment of|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1722"
 charge|strong = "G1223" with|strong = "G1722" which|strong = "G3739"
 I|strong = "G1473" have|strong = "G1473" been|strong = "G1510"
 entrusted|strong = "H6485", I|strong = "G1473" tell|strong = "G3004"
 every|strong = "G3956" one|strong = "G1538" of|strong = "G1223"
 you|strong = "G5210" not|strong = "G3361" to|strong = "G1519"
 think|strong = "G5426" more|strong = "G1325" highly|strong = "G5252"
 of|strong = "G1223" themselves|strong = "G1519" than|strong = "G3844"
 they|strong = "G3588" ought|strong = "G1163" to|strong = "G1519"
 think|strong = "G5426", but|strong = "G3361" to|strong = "G1519"

think|strong="G5426" until|strong="G1519" they|strong="G3588"
 learn|strong="H3925" to|strong="G1519" think|strong="G5426"
 soberly|strong="G4993" – in|strong="G1722" accordance|strong="H5921"
 with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" measure|strong="G3358"
 of|strong="G1223" faith|strong="G4102" that|strong="G3739"
 God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" allotted|strong="G3307"
 to|strong="G1519" each|strong="G1538". ⁴ For|strong="G1063",
 just|strong="G2509" as|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" human|strong="H0120" body|strong="G4983"
 there|strong="G1161" is|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2192"
 union|strong="H2260" of|strong="G1520" many|strong="G4183"
 parts|strong="G3196", and|strong="G1161" each|strong="H0376"
 part|strong="G1161" has|strong="G2192" its|strong="G3956"
 own|strong="H1961" function|strong="G4234", ⁵ so|strong="G3779"
 we|strong="G1161", by|strong="G1722" our|strong="G5547"
 union|strong="H2260" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547",
 many|strong="G4183" though|strong="G1161" we|strong="G1161"
 are|strong="G1510", form|strong="H8389" but|strong="G1161"
 one|strong="G1520" body|strong="G4983", and|strong="G1161"
 individually|strong="G2596" we|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510"
 related|strong="H5608" one|strong="G1520" to|strong="G2596"
 another|strong="G2596" as|strong="G1722" its|strong="H3605"
 parts|strong="G3196". ⁶ Since|strong="G2192" our|strong="G2596"
 gifts|strong="G5486" differ|strong="G1313" in|strong="G2596"
 accordance|strong="G2596" with|strong="G2596" the|strong="G1161"
 particular|strong="H6106" charge|strong="H4931"
 entrusted|strong="H6485" to|strong="G2596" us|strong="G1325",
 if|strong="G1535" our|strong="G2596" gift|strong="G5486"
 is|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2596" preach|strong="H5197",
 let|strong="G1161" our|strong="G2596" preaching|strong="H7150"
 correspond|strong="H1961" to|strong="G2596" our|strong="G2596"
 faith|strong="G4102"; ⁷ if|strong="G1535" it|strong="G3588"
 is|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1722" minister|strong="G1248"
 to|strong="G1722" others|strong="G3588", let|strong="H7971"
 us|strong="G1722" devote|strong="H2763" ourselves|strong="H0587"
 to|strong="G1722" our|strong="G1722" ministry|strong="G1248";
 the|strong="G1722" teacher|strong="H4175" to|strong="G1722"
 their|strong="G1722" teaching|strong="G1321", ⁸ the|strong="G1722"
 counselor|strong="H3289" to|strong="G1722" their|strong="G1722"
 counsel|strong="H6098". Let|strong="H7971" the|strong="G1722"
 person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588" gives|strong="G3330"
 in|strong="G1722" charity do|strong="G1722" so|strong="G1722"
 with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722" generous|strong="H6340"
 heart|strong="H3820"; let|strong="H7971" the|strong="G1722"
 person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588"
 in|strong="G1722" authority|strong="H3027" exercise|strong="H6213"

due|strong="G1722" diligence|strong="G4710"; let|strong="H7971"
 the|strong="G1722" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588"
 shows|strong="G1653" kindness|strong="H2617" do|strong="G1722"
 so|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722"
 cheerful|strong="H3190" spirit|strong="G3588". ⁹ Let|strong="H7971"
 your|strong="G3588" love|strong="H0157" be|strong="G3588"
 sincere|strong="H3476". Hate|strong="H8130" the|strong="G3588"
 wrong|strong="H7451"; cling|strong="G2853" to|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G3588" right|strong="H3225". ¹⁰ In|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G1519" love|strong="G5360" of|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G1519" community|strong="H5712" of|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G1519" Lord's|strong="H3068" followers|strong="G3588",
 be|strong="G1519" affectionate to|strong="G1519" one|strong="G3588"
 another|strong="G3588"; in|strong="G1519" showing|strong="H6213"
 respect|strong="G1519", set|strong="H7760" an|strong="G1519"
 example|strong="H7045" of|strong="G3588" deference
 to|strong="G1519" one|strong="G3588" another|strong="G3588"; ¹¹
 never|strong="G3361" flagging in|strong="G3588" zeal|strong="H7068";
 fervent|strong="G2204" in|strong="G3588" spirit|strong="G4151";
 serving|strong="G1398" the|strong="G3588" Master|strong="G2962"; ¹²
 rejoicing|strong="G5463" in|strong="G5463" your|strong="G3588"
 hope|strong="G1680"; steadfast|strong="H3559" under|strong="G5278"
 persecution|strong="G2347"; persevering|strong="G5278"
 in|strong="G5463" prayer|strong="G4335"; ¹³ relieving|strong="H5526"
 the|strong="G3588" wants|strong="G5532" of|strong="G5532" Christ's
 people|strong="G3588"; devoted|strong="H8003" to|strong="G3588"
 hospitality|strong="G5381". ¹⁴ Bless|strong="G2127"
 your|strong="G2532" persecutors|strong="H7291" – bless|strong="G2127"
 and|strong="G2532" never|strong="G3361" curse|strong="G2672". ¹⁵
 Rejoice|strong="G5463" with|strong="G3326" those|strong="H1992"
 who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H3117" rejoicing|strong="G5463",
 and|strong="G2799" weep|strong="G2799" with|strong="G3326"
 those|strong="H1992" who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H3117"
 weeping|strong="G2799". ¹⁶ Let|strong="G1096" the|strong="G1519"
 same|strong="H1931" spirit|strong="G3588" of|strong="G3844"
 sympathy|strong="H5110" animate you|strong="G1438"
 all|strong="G3361", not|strong="G3361" a|strong="G1096"
 spirit|strong="G3588" of|strong="G3844" pride|strong="H1347";
 enjoy|strong="H7200" the|strong="G1519" company|strong="G3361"
 of|strong="G3844" ordinary|strong="H2455" people|strong="G3361".
 Do|strong="G1096" not|strong="G3361" think|strong="G5426"
 too|strong="H4480" highly|strong="G5308" of|strong="G3844"
 yourselves|strong="G1438". ¹⁷ Never|strong="G3367"
 return|strong="H7725" injury|strong="H0611" for|strong="G2570"
 injury|strong="H0611". Aim|strong="H1245" at|strong="G1799"
 doing|strong="H6213" what|strong="G2556" everyone|strong="G3956"

will|strong = "G3956" recognise as|strong = "G3956"
honourable|strong = "H3513". ¹⁸ If|strong = "G1487" it|strong = "G1487"
is|strong = "G3588" possible|strong = "G1415", as|strong = "G3956"
far|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G3956" rests|strong = "H5117"
with|strong = "G3326" you|strong = "G5210", live|strong = "G1514"
peaceably|strong = "G1514" with|strong = "G3326"
everyone|strong = "G3956". ¹⁹ Never|strong = "G3361"
avenge|strong = "G1556" yourselves|strong = "G1438", dear|strong = "H3357"
friends|strong = "H7453", but|strong = "G3361" make|strong = "G1325"
way|strong = "H1870" for|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G3588"
wrath|strong = "G3709" of|strong = "G2962" God|strong = "G3004";
for|strong = "G1063" scripture|strong = "G1125" declares|strong = "H5002" –
“It|strong = "G1063" is|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G1063"
me|strong = "G1325" to|strong = "G3004" avenge|strong = "G1556",
I|strong = "G1473" will|strong = "G2962" requite|strong = "H5414",
says|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962".” ²⁰
Rather|strong = "H3588" – “If|strong = "G1437" your|strong = "G1437"
enemy|strong = "G2190" is|strong = "G3588" hungry|strong = "G3983",
feed|strong = "G5595" him|strong = "G3588"; if|strong = "G1437"
he|strong = "G3778" is|strong = "G3588" thirsty|strong = "G1372",
give|strong = "G4160" him|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1909"
drink|strong = "G4222". By|strong = "G1909" doing|strong = "G4160"
this|strong = "G3778" you|strong = "G4771" will|strong = "G3778"
heap|strong = "G4987" coals|strong = "H1513" of|strong = "G1909"
fire|strong = "G4442" on|strong = "G1909" his|strong = "G1909"
head|strong = "G2776".” ²¹ Never|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G3361"
conquered|strong = "G3528" by|strong = "G1722" evil|strong = "G2556",
but|strong = "G3361" conquer|strong = "G3528" evil|strong = "G2556"
with|strong = "G1722" good|strong = "G3588".

13Let|strong = "G1161" everyone|strong = "G3956" obey|strong = "H8085"
the|strong = "G3956" supreme|strong = "G5242"
authorities|strong = "G1849". For|strong = "G1063" no|strong = "G3756"
authority|strong = "G1849" exists|strong = "H1961" except|strong = "G1487"
by|strong = "G5259" the|strong = "G3956" will|strong = "G2316"
of|strong = "G5259" God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G1161"
the|strong = "G3956" existing authorities|strong = "G1849"
have|strong = "G1510" been|strong = "G1510" appointed|strong = "G5021"
by|strong = "G5259" God|strong = "G2316". ² Therefore|strong = "G5620"
the|strong = "G1161" one|strong = "G1438" who|strong = "G3588"
sets|strong = "H0935" himself against|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "G1161" authorities|strong = "G1849" is|strong = "G3588"
resisting God’s|strong = "G2316" appointment|strong = "H3259",
and|strong = "G1161" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
resist|strong = "H2388" will|strong = "G2316" bring|strong = "G2983"

a|strong="G2983" judgment|strong="G2917" on|strong="G1161" themselves|strong="G1438". ³ A|strong="G2192" good|strong="G3756" action|strong="G2041" has|strong="G2192" nothing|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2532" fear|strong="G5401" from|strong="G1537" rulers|strong="H8269"; a|strong="G2192" bad|strong="G2556" action|strong="G2041" has|strong="G2192". Do|strong="G4160" you|strong="G1510" want|strong="G2309" to|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" reason|strong="G1537" to|strong="G2532" fear|strong="G5401" the|strong="G2532" authorities|strong="G1849"? Then|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" good|strong="G3756", and|strong="G2532" you|strong="G1510" will|strong="G2309" win|strong="H6743" their|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1868". ⁴ For|strong="G1063" they|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" servants|strong="G1249" appointed|strong="G4160" for|strong="G1063" your|strong="G1437" good|strong="G3756". But|strong="G1161", if|strong="G1437" you|strong="G4771" do|strong="G4160" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G1510" wrong|strong="G2556", you|strong="G4771" may|strong="G2316" well|strong="G1063" be|strong="G1510" afraid|strong="G5399"; for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1519" sword|strong="G3162" they|strong="G1161" carry|strong="G4160" is|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756" without|strong="G3756" meaning|strong="H0998"! They|strong="G1161" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" servants|strong="G1249" to|strong="G1519" inflict|strong="H5414" his|strong="G1519" punishments|strong="H8433" on|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588" do|strong="G4160" wrong|strong="G2556". ⁵ You|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3588" bound|strong="H0631", therefore|strong="G1352", to|strong="G2532" obey|strong="H8085", not|strong="G3756" only|strong="G3440" through|strong="G1223" fear|strong="H3372" of|strong="G1223" God's|strong="H0430" punishments|strong="H8433", but|strong="G2532" also|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" matter|strong="H1697" of|strong="G1223" conscience|strong="G4893". ⁶ This|strong="G3778", too|strong="G2532", is|strong="G1510" the|strong="G2532" reason|strong="G1223" for|strong="G1063" your|strong="G1223" paying|strong="H1576" taxes|strong="G5411"; for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G2532" officials|strong="H8269" are|strong="G1510" God's|strong="G2316" officers|strong="H7860", devoting|strong="G4342" themselves|strong="G4342" to|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3778" special|strong="H6381" work|strong="H4399". ⁷ In|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" cases|strong="H1697" pay|strong="H7999" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" due|strong="G3782" from|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3956" – tribute|strong="G5411" where|strong="G3956" tribute|strong="G5411" is|strong="G3588"

due|strong = "G3782", taxes|strong = "G5411" where|strong = "G3956"
 taxes|strong = "G5411" are|strong = "G3588" due|strong = "G3782",
 respect|strong = "G5092" where|strong = "G3956" respect|strong = "G5092"
 is|strong = "G3588" due|strong = "G3782", and|strong = "G5092"
 honour|strong = "G5092" where|strong = "G3956" honour|strong = "G5092"
 is|strong = "G3588" due|strong = "G3782".

8Owe|strong = "G3784" nothing|strong = "G3367" to|strong = "G3361"
 anyone|strong = "G3367" except|strong = "G1487" love|strong = "H0157";
 for|strong = "G1063" they|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 love|strong = "H0157" their|strong = "G3588" neighbour|strong = "H7453"
 have|strong = "G3588" satisfied|strong = "H7646" the|strong = "G3588"
 Law|strong = "G3551". ⁹ The|strong = "G1722"
 commandments|strong = "G1785", "You|strong = "G4771"
 must|strong = "G5100" not|strong = "G3756" commit|strong = "G3431"
 adultery|strong = "G3431", you|strong = "G4771" must|strong = "G5100"
 not|strong = "G3756" kill|strong = "G5407", you|strong = "G4771"
 must|strong = "G5100" not|strong = "G3756" steal|strong = "G2813",
 you|strong = "G4771" must|strong = "G5100" not|strong = "G3756"
 covet|strong = "G1937", and|strong = "G2532" whatever|strong = "G5100"
 other|strong = "G2087" commandment|strong = "G1785"
 there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G3588", are|strong = "G3588"
 all|strong = "G2532" summed up|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" words|strong = "G3056" – "You|strong = "G4771"
 must|strong = "G5100" love|strong = "H0157" your|strong = "G2532"
 neighbour|strong = "G4139" as|strong = "G5613" you|strong = "G4771"
 love|strong = "H0157" yourself|strong = "G4572"."¹⁰
 Love|strong = "H0157" never|strong = "G3756" wrongs|strong = "H7462"
 a|strong = "G3756" neighbour|strong = "G4139". Therefore|strong = "G3767"
 love|strong = "H0157" fully|strong = "H4390" satisfies|strong = "H7646"
 the|strong = "G3588" Law|strong = "G3551". ¹¹ This|strong = "G3778"
 I|strong = "G1473" say|strong = "G1473", because|strong = "G3754"
 you|strong = "G5210" know|strong = "G1492" the|strong = "G2532" crisis
 that|strong = "G3754" we|strong = "G2249" have|strong = "G2532"
 reached|strong = "H0935", for|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G2532"
 time|strong = "G2540" has|strong = "G3778" already|strong = "G2235"
 come|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G5210"
 to|strong = "G2532" rouse|strong = "H5782" yourselves|strong = "G4771"
 from|strong = "G1537" sleep|strong = "G5258"; our|strong = "G2532"
 salvation|strong = "G4991" is|strong = "G3588" nearer|strong = "G1452"
 now|strong = "G3568" than|strong = "G2228" when|strong = "G3753"
 we|strong = "G2249" accepted|strong = "H7521" the|strong = "G2532"
 faith|strong = "G4100".

12The|strong="G1161" night|strong="G3571" is|strong="G3588" almost|strong="G4298" gone|strong="G4298"; the|strong="G1161" day|strong="G2250" is|strong="G3588" near|strong="G1448". Therefore|strong="G3767" let|strong="G1161" us|strong="H5414" be|strong="G3588" done|strong="G2041" with|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1161" deeds|strong="G2041" of|strong="G2250" darkness|strong="G4655", and|strong="G1161" arm|strong="H2220" ourselves|strong="H0587" with|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1161" weapons|strong="G3696" of|strong="G2250" light|strong="G5457". ¹³ Being|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" light|strong="H0216" of|strong="G2250" day|strong="G2250", let|strong="G2532" us|strong="G1722" live|strong="G4043" becomingly, not|strong="G3361" in|strong="G1722" revelry and|strong="G2532" drunkenness|strong="G3178", not|strong="G3361" in|strong="G1722" lust|strong="G3361" and|strong="G2532" licentiousness, not|strong="G3361" in|strong="G1722" quarrelling and|strong="G2532" jealousy|strong="G2205". ¹⁴ No|strong="G3361"! Arm|strong="H2220" yourselves|strong="H5315" with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" spirit|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G2532" spend|strong="G4160" no|strong="G3361" thought|strong="H0559" on|strong="G1519" your|strong="G2962" earthly|strong="G4561" nature, to|strong="G1519" satisfy|strong="G4160" its|strong="H3605" cravings.

14As|strong="G1519" for|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" whose|strong="G3588" faith|strong="G4102" is|strong="G3588" weak|strong="H2470", always|strong="H3605" receive|strong="G4355" them|strong="G3588" as|strong="G1519" friends|strong="H7453", but|strong="G1161" not|strong="G3361" for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1519" purpose|strong="H6098" of|strong="G4102" passing|strong="G1253" judgment|strong="G1253" on|strong="G1519" their|strong="G1519" scruples. ² One|strong="G3739" person's|strong="H3820" faith|strong="G3739" permits|strong="H0834" them|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1161" eat|strong="G2068" food|strong="G5315" of|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956" kinds|strong="G3956", while|strong="G1161" another|strong="G3739" whose|strong="G3739" faith|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3588" weak|strong="H2470" eats|strong="G2068" only|strong="G3303" vegetable|strong="H3419" food|strong="G5315". ³ The|strong="G1161" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588" eats|strong="G2068" meat|strong="G3588" must|strong="G2919" not|strong="G3361" despise|strong="G1848" the|strong="G1161" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="G3588" abstains from|strong="G3588" it|strong="G1161"; nor|strong="G3361" must|strong="G2919" the|strong="G1161"

person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" abstains
 from|strong = "G3588" eating|strong = "G2068" meat|strong = "G3588"
 pass|strong = "G2919" judgment|strong = "G2919" on|strong = "G1161"
 the|strong = "G1161" one|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 eats|strong = "G2068" it|strong = "G1161", for|strong = "G1063"
 God|strong = "G2316" himself|strong = "H5315" has|strong = "G2316"
 received|strong = "G4355" them|strong = "G3588". ⁴ Who|strong = "G5101"
 are|strong = "G1510" you|strong = "G4771", that|strong = "G3588"
 you|strong = "G4771" should|strong = "G3588" pass|strong = "G2919"
 judgment|strong = "G2919" on|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1161"
 servant|strong = "G3610" of|strong = "G2962" another|strong = "G3588"?
 Their|strong = "G2398" standing|strong = "G2476" or|strong = "G2228"
 falling|strong = "G4098" concerns|strong = "H1157" their|strong = "G2398"
 own|strong = "G2398" master|strong = "G2962". And|strong = "G1161"
 stand|strong = "G2476" they|strong = "G1161" will|strong = "G5101",
 for|strong = "G1063" their|strong = "G2398" Master|strong = "G2962"
 can|strong = "G1063" enable|strong = "H7980" them|strong = "G3588"
 to|strong = "G1161" stand|strong = "G2476". ⁵ Again|strong = "G2398",
 one|strong = "G1538" person|strong = "G3739" considers|strong = "H7919"
 some|strong = "G3739" days|strong = "G2250" to|strong = "G1722"
 be|strong = "G3956" more|strong = "G1161" sacred|strong = "H6944"
 than|strong = "G3844" others|strong = "G3588", while|strong = "G1722"
 another|strong = "G3739" considers|strong = "H7919" all|strong = "G3956"
 days|strong = "G2250" to|strong = "G1722" be|strong = "G3956"
 alike|strong = "H3162". Everyone|strong = "G3956" ought|strong = "H3972"
 to|strong = "G1722" be|strong = "G3956" fully|strong = "G4135"
 convinced|strong = "G4135" in|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G1722"
 own|strong = "G2398" mind|strong = "G3563". ⁶ The|strong = "G2532"
 person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" observes|strong = "G5426"
 a|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250", observes|strong = "G5426"
 it|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 Master's|strong = "G2962" honour|strong = "H3519". They|strong = "G2532",
 again|strong = "G2532", who|strong = "G3588" eat|strong = "G2068"
 meat|strong = "G3588" eat|strong = "G2068" it|strong = "G2532"
 to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Master's|strong = "G2962"
 honour|strong = "H3519", for|strong = "G1063" they|strong = "G2532"
 give|strong = "G2168" thanks|strong = "G2168" to|strong = "G2532"
 God|strong = "G2316"; while|strong = "G2250" the|strong = "G2532"
 person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" abstains|strong = "G3756"
 from|strong = "G2532" it|strong = "G2532" abstains|strong = "G3756"
 from|strong = "G2532" it|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" Master's|strong = "G2962" honour|strong = "H3519",
 and|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" gives|strong = "G2168"
 thanks|strong = "G2168" to|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316". ⁷
 There|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3762"
 one|strong = "G3762" of|strong = "G2532" us|strong = "G2249"

whose|strong = "G2532" life|strong = "G2198" concerns|strong = "H1157"
 ourselves|strong = "G1438" alone|strong = "G1438", and|strong = "G2532"
 not|strong = "G3762" one|strong = "G3762" of|strong = "G2532"
 us|strong = "G2249" whose|strong = "G2532" death|strong = "H4194"
 concerns|strong = "H1157" ourself alone|strong = "G1438"; ⁸
 for|strong = "G1063", if|strong = "G1437" we|strong = "G1437"
 live|strong = "G2198", our|strong = "G2962" life|strong = "G2198"
 is|strong = "G1510" for|strong = "G1063" the|strong = "G3588"
 Master|strong = "G2962", and|strong = "G5037", if|strong = "G1437"
 we|strong = "G1437" die|strong = "H4191", our|strong = "G2962"
 death|strong = "H4194" is|strong = "G1510" for|strong = "G1063"
 the|strong = "G3588" Master|strong = "G2962". Whether|strong = "G1437",
 then|strong = "G3767", we|strong = "G1437" live|strong = "G2198"
 or|strong = "G1437" die|strong = "H4191" we|strong = "G1437"
 belong|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G5037" the|strong = "G3588"
 Master|strong = "G2962". ⁹ The|strong = "G2532" purpose|strong = "H6098"
 for|strong = "G1063" which|strong = "G2532" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 died|strong = "H4191" and|strong = "G2532" came|strong = "G2532"
 back|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" life|strong = "G2198"
 was|strong = "G2532" this|strong = "G3778" – that|strong = "G2443"
 he|strong = "G2532" might|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 Lord|strong = "G2961" over|strong = "G2961" both|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" dead|strong = "G3498" and|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" living|strong = "G2198". ¹⁰ I|strong = "G2532"
 would|strong = "G2316" ask|strong = "H7592" the|strong = "G2532"
 one|strong = "G3956" "Why|strong = "G5101" do|strong = "G5101"
 you|strong = "G4771" judge|strong = "G2919" other|strong = "G1161"
 followers|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G2532"
 Lord|strong = "G3588"?" And|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G2532"
 would|strong = "G2316" ask|strong = "H7592" the|strong = "G2532"
 other|strong = "G1161" "Why|strong = "G5101" do|strong = "G5101"
 you|strong = "G4771" despise|strong = "G1848" them|strong = "G3588"?"
 For|strong = "G1063" we|strong = "G1063" will|strong = "G2316"
 all|strong = "G3956" stand|strong = "G3936" before|strong = "G3936"
 the|strong = "G2532" court|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "G2316"
 God|strong = "G2316". ¹¹ For|strong = "G1063" scripture|strong = "G1125"
 says|strong = "G3004" – "As|strong = "G2532" surely|strong = "H4191"
 as|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473" live|strong = "G2198",
 says|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962",
 'every|strong = "G3956" knee|strong = "G1119" will|strong = "G2316"
 bend|strong = "H1869" before|strong = "G3588" me|strong = "G1473"
 and|strong = "G2532" every|strong = "G3956" tongue|strong = "G1100"
 will|strong = "G2316" praise|strong = "G1843" God|strong = "G2316".” ¹²
 So|strong = "G3767", then|strong = "G3767", each|strong = "G1538"
 one|strong = "G1538" of|strong = "G4012" us|strong = "G1325"
 will|strong = "G2316" have|strong = "G1473" to|strong = "G1325"

render|strong="H7725" account|strong="G3056" of|strong="G4012"
himself|strong="G1438" to|strong="G1325" God|strong="G2316".

13 Let|strong="G2919" us|strong="G2919", then|strong="G3767",
cease|strong="H7673" to|strong="G3361" judge|strong="G2919"
one|strong="G3588" another|strong="G3588". Rather|strong="G3123"
let|strong="G2919" this|strong="G3778" be|strong="G3361"
your|strong="G5087" resolve – never|strong="G3361" to|strong="G3361"
place|strong="G5087" a|strong="G2228" stumbling-block
or|strong="G2228" an|strong="G2228" obstacle|strong="G4348"
in|strong="G5087" the|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3778"
of|strong="G2228" a|strong="G2228" fellow|strong="H7453" follower
of|strong="G2228" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G3588". ¹⁴
Through|strong="G1223" my|strong="G1722" union|strong="H2260"
with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G2962"
Jesus|strong="G2424", I|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1492"
and|strong="G2532" am|strong="G1510" persuaded|strong="G3982"
that|strong="G3754" nothing|strong="G3762" is|strong="G1510"
defiling|strong="H2930" in|strong="G1722" itself|strong="G1438".
A|strong="G2532" thing|strong="G5100" is|strong="G1510"
“defiling|strong="H2930” only|strong="G1487" to|strong="G2532"
the|strong="G1722" person|strong="G5100" who|strong="G3588"
holds|strong="H4013" it|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532"
be|strong="G1510" so|strong="G2532". ¹⁵ If|strong="G1487",
for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1223" sake|strong="G1223"
of|strong="G1223" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771"
eat|strong="H0398", you|strong="G4771" wound|strong="H4347"
your|strong="G1223" fellow|strong="H7453" follower's
feelings|strong="H3629", your|strong="G1223" life|strong="G4043"
has|strong="G3739" ceased|strong="H2308" to|strong="G2596"
be|strong="G3361" ruled|strong="H4427" by|strong="G1223"
love|strong="H0157". Do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361",
by|strong="G1223" what|strong="G3739" you|strong="G4771"
eat|strong="H0398", ruin|strong="H2723" someone|strong="G3739"
for|strong="G1063" whom|strong="G3739" Christ|strong="G5547"
died|strong="G3588"! ¹⁶ Do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361"
let|strong="G3767" what|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588"
right|strong="H3225" for|strong="G3361" you|strong="G5210"
become|strong="G3361" a|strong="G3361" matter|strong="H1697"
of|strong="G3588" reproach|strong="H2781". ¹⁷ For|strong="G1063"
the|strong="G1722" kingdom|strong="H4467" of|strong="G4151"
God|strong="G2316" does|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"
consist|strong="G1510" of|strong="G4151" eating|strong="G1035"
and|strong="G2532" drinking|strong="G4213", but|strong="G2532"
of|strong="G4151" righteousness|strong="G1343" and|strong="G2532"

peace|strong="G1515" and|strong="G2532" gladness|strong="G5479"
 through|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" presence|strong="H6440"
 of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" Holy|strong="G4151"
 Spirit|strong="G4151". ¹⁸ The|strong="G1722" person|strong="G3778"
 who|strong="G3588" serves|strong="G1398" the|strong="G1722"
 Christ|strong="G5547" in|strong="G1722" this|strong="G3778"
 way|strong="G1722" pleases|strong="H2654" God|strong="G2316",
 and|strong="G2532" wins|strong="H3947" the|strong="G1722"
 approval|strong="H3068" of|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532"
 fellows|strong="H2270". ¹⁹ Therefore|strong="G3767"
 our|strong="G2532" efforts|strong="H3021" should|strong="G3588"
 be|strong="G2532" directed|strong="H5090" towards all|strong="G2532"
 that|strong="G3588" makes|strong="H6213" for|strong="G1519"
 peace|strong="G1515" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" mutual
 building|strong="G3619" up|strong="G1519" of|strong="G2532"
 character|strong="H6965". ²⁰ Do|strong="G3361" not|strong="G3361"
 undo|strong="H6213" God's|strong="G2316" work|strong="G2041"
 for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G3956" sake|strong="G1223"
 of|strong="G1223" what|strong="G3588" you|strong="G3956"
 eat|strong="G2068". Though|strong="G3303" everything|strong="G3956"
 is|strong="G3588" "clean|strong="G2513", yet|strong="G3303",
 if|strong="H0518" a|strong="G1223" person|strong="H5315"
 eats|strong="G2068" so|strong="G1223" as|strong="G2316"
 to|strong="G3361" put|strong="G3956" a|strong="G1223"
 stumbling-block in|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3956"
 way|strong="G1223" of|strong="G1223" others|strong="G3588",
 they|strong="G3588" do|strong="G3361" wrong|strong="G2556". ²¹
 The|strong="G1722" right|strong="G2570" course|strong="H4256"
 is|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1722" abstain|strong="H5144"
 from|strong="G3588" meat|strong="G2907" or|strong="G2228"
 wine|strong="G3631" or|strong="G2228", indeed|strong="H3588",
 anything|strong="G5315" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3588"
 a|strong="G1722" stumbling-block to|strong="G1722"
 your|strong="G1722" fellow|strong="H7453" follower of|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G3588". ²² As|strong="G1722"
 for|strong="G1722" yourself|strong="G4572" – keep|strong="G3361"
 this|strong="G3588" conviction|strong="G4572" of|strong="G2316"
 yours|strong="G4771" to|strong="G2596" yourself|strong="G4572",
 as|strong="G1722" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 presence|strong="G1799" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316".
 Happy|strong="G3107" the|strong="G1722" person|strong="G3739"
 who|strong="G3739" never|strong="G3361" has|strong="G2192"
 to|strong="G2596" condemn|strong="G2919" themselves|strong="G1438"
 in|strong="G1722" regard|strong="G2192" to|strong="G2596"
 something|strong="H1697" they|strong="G3588" think|strong="G2192"
 right|strong="H3225"! ²³ The|strong="G3956" person|strong="G3739",

however|strong = "G1161", who|strong = "G3739" has|strong = "G3739"
 misgivings|strong = "G1252" stands|strong = "H5975"
 condemned|strong = "G2632" if|strong = "G1437" they|strong = "G1161"
 still|strong = "H5750" eat|strong = "G2068", because|strong = "G3754"
 their|strong = "G3956" doing|strong = "H6213" so|strong = "G1161"
 is|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3756" the|strong = "G3956"
 result|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" faith|strong = "G4102".
 And|strong = "G1161" anything|strong = "G3956" not|strong = "G3756"
 done|strong = "H6213" as|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G3956"
 result|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" faith|strong = "G4102"
 is|strong = "G1510" a|strong = "G1510" sin|strong = "H2403".

15We|strong = "G2249", the|strong = "G2532" strong|strong = "G1415",
 ought|strong = "G3784" to|strong = "G2532" take|strong = "G1161"
 on|strong = "G1161" our|strong = "G2532" own|strong = "G1438"
 shoulders|strong = "H3802" the|strong = "G2532" weaknesses
 of|strong = "G2532" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"
 are|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3361" strong|strong = "G1415",
 and|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3361" merely|strong = "H6680"
 to|strong = "G2532" please|strong = "H4994" ourselves|strong = "G1438". ²
 Let|strong = "H7971" each|strong = "G1538" of|strong = "G3588"
 us|strong = "G1519" please|strong = "H4994" our|strong = "G4314"
 neighbour|strong = "G4139" for|strong = "G1519" our|strong = "G4314"
 neighbour's|strong = "H7453" good|strong = "G3588", to|strong = "G1519"
 help|strong = "H5826" in|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1519"
 building|strong = "G3619" up|strong = "G1519" of|strong = "G3588"
 their|strong = "G1519" character|strong = "H6965". ³
 Even|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 did|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3756" please|strong = "H4994"
 himself|strong = "G1438"! On|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G2532"
 contrary|strong = "H7147", as|strong = "G2531" scripture|strong = "G1125"
 says|strong = "H0559" of|strong = "G2532" him|strong = "G3588" –
 "The|strong = "G2532" reproaches|strong = "G3680" of|strong = "G2532"
 those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" were|strong = "G3588"
 reproaching you|strong = "G4771" fell|strong = "G1968"
 upon|strong = "G1909" me|strong = "G1473".” ⁴ Whatever|strong = "G3745"
 was|strong = "G3588" written|strong = "G1125" in|strong = "G1519"
 the|strong = "G2532" scriptures|strong = "G1124" in|strong = "G1519"
 days|strong = "H3117" gone|strong = "H1980" by|strong = "G1223"
 was|strong = "G3588" written|strong = "G1125" for|strong = "G1063"
 our|strong = "G2251" instruction|strong = "G1319", so|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G2443", through|strong = "G1223" patient|strong = "G5281"
 endurance|strong = "G5281", and|strong = "G2532"
 through|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G2532"
 encouragement|strong = "G3874" drawn|strong = "H8025"

from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" scriptures|strong="G1124",
 we|strong="G1063" might|strong="G2532" hold|strong="G2192"
 fast|strong="G2192" to|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2251"
 hope|strong="G1680". ⁵ And|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532"
 God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G1722" giver of|strong="G2316"
 this|strong="G3588" patience|strong="G5281" and|strong="G2532"
 this|strong="G3588" encouragement|strong="G3874",
 grant|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2532"
 be|strong="G2532" united|strong="H3161" in|strong="G1722"
 sympathy|strong="H5110" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547", ⁶
 so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" with|strong="G1722"
 one|strong="G1520" heart|strong="H3820" and|strong="G2532"
 one|strong="G1520" voice|strong="G4750" you|strong="G1722"
 may|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1392" the|strong="G1722"
 God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962"
 of|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547",
 our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962". ⁷ Therefore|strong="G1352"
 always|strong="H3605" receive|strong="G4355" one|strong="G3588"
 another|strong="G3588" as|strong="G2531" friends|strong="H7453",
 just|strong="G2531" as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G2532"
 Christ|strong="G5547" himself|strong="G1519" received|strong="G4355"
 us|strong="G1519", to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532"
 glory|strong="G1391" of|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316". ⁸
 For|strong="G1063" I|strong="G1063" tell|strong="G3004"
 you|strong="G3004" that|strong="G3588" Christ|strong="G5547",
 in|strong="G1519" vindication|strong="H6666" of|strong="G2316"
 God's|strong="G2316" truthfulness, has|strong="G2316"
 become|strong="G1096" a|strong="G1096" minister|strong="G1249"
 of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G1519" covenant|strong="H1285"
 of|strong="G2316" circumcision|strong="G4061", so|strong="G1519"
 that|strong="G3588" he|strong="G3588" may|strong="G5547"
 fulfil|strong="H4390" the|strong="G1519" promises|strong="G1860"
 made|strong="G1096" to|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2316"
 ancestors|strong="G3962", ⁹ and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G1722" Gentiles|strong="G1484" also|strong="G2532"
 may|strong="G2532" praise|strong="G1843" God|strong="G2316"
 for|strong="G5228" his|strong="G1223" mercy|strong="G1656".
 As|strong="G2531" scripture|strong="G1125" says|strong="H0559" –
 "Therefore|strong="G1223" will|strong="G2316" I|strong="G2532"
 make|strong="G2532" acknowledgment to|strong="G2532"
 you|strong="G4771" among|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 Gentiles|strong="G1484" and|strong="G2532" sing|strong="G5567"
 in|strong="G1722" honour|strong="G1392" of|strong="G1223"
 your|strong="G1223" name|strong="G3686".” ¹⁰ And|strong="G2532"
 again|strong="G3825" it|strong="G2532" says|strong="G3004" –
 "Rejoice|strong="G2165", you|strong="G3004" Gentiles|strong="G1484",

with|strong = "G3326" God's|strong = "H0430" people|strong = "G2992".¹¹
 And|strong = "G2532" yet|strong = "G2532" again|strong = "G3825" –
 "Praise|strong = "G1867" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962",
 all|strong = "G3956" you|strong = "G3956" Gentiles|strong = "G1484",
 and|strong = "G2532" let|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956"
 Peoples|strong = "G2992" sing|strong = "H7891" his|strong = "G3956"
 praises|strong = "H2167".¹² Again|strong = "G3825",
 Isaiah|strong = "G2268" says|strong = "G3004" – "There|strong = "G2532"
 will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510" a|strong = "G2532" Scion
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" house|strong = "H1004"
 of|strong = "G2532" Jesse|strong = "G2421", One|strong = "G3588"
 who|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G2532"
 arise|strong = "H6965" to|strong = "G2532" rule|strong = "H4910"
 the|strong = "G2532" Gentiles|strong = "G1484"; on|strong = "G1909"
 him|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G2532"
 Gentiles|strong = "G1484" rest|strong = "G1510" their|strong = "G2532"
 hopes|strong = "G1679".¹³ May|strong = "G2532" God|strong = "G2316",
 who|strong = "G3588" inspires|strong = "H0502" our|strong = "G2316"
 hope|strong = "G1680", grant|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "G5210"
 perfect|strong = "G4137" happiness|strong = "H8057" and|strong = "G2532"
 peace|strong = "G1515" in|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2532"
 faith|strong = "G4100", until|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210"
 are|strong = "G3588" filled|strong = "G4137" with|strong = "G1722"
 this|strong = "G3588" hope|strong = "G1680" by|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" power|strong = "G1411" of|strong = "G4151"
 the|strong = "G1722" Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151".

14|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1510" persuaded|strong = "G3982",
 my|strong = "G3956" friends|strong = "H7453" – yes|strong = "G1161",
 I|strong = "G1473" Paul|strong = "G1510", with|strong = "G2532"
 regard|strong = "G4012" to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" –
 that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" are|strong = "G1510"
 yourselves|strong = "G4771" full|strong = "G3324" of|strong = "G4012"
 kindness|strong = "H2617", furnished|strong = "H2836"
 with|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" Christian
 learning|strong = "H3948", and|strong = "G2532" well|strong = "G2532"
 able|strong = "G1410" to|strong = "G2532" give|strong = "G1473"
 advice|strong = "G3982" to|strong = "G2532" one|strong = "G3956"
 another|strong = "G3588".¹⁵ But|strong = "G1161" in|strong = "G2316"
 parts|strong = "G3313" of|strong = "G5259" this|strong = "G3588"
 letter|strong = "G1125" I|strong = "G1473" have|strong = "G1473"
 expressed|strong = "H5344" myself|strong = "G1473"
 somewhat|strong = "G3313" boldly|strong = "G5112" – by|strong = "G1223"
 way|strong = "G1223" of|strong = "G5259" refreshing|strong = "H4774"
 your|strong = "G1223" memories –¹⁶ because|strong = "G1722"

of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" charge|strong="H4931" with|strong="G1722" which|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316" has|strong="G2316" entrusted|strong="H6485" me|strong="G1473", that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" should|strong="G2316" be|strong="G1096" an|strong="G1519" assistant|strong="H8334" of|strong="G4151" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" to|strong="G1519" go|strong="G4151" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1722" Gentiles|strong="G1484" – that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" should|strong="G2316" act|strong="H6213" as|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1096" priest|strong="G2418" of|strong="G4151" God's|strong="G2316" good|strong="G3588" news|strong="G2098", so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" the|strong="G1722" offering|strong="G4376" up|strong="G1519" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" Gentiles|strong="G1484" may|strong="G2443" be|strong="G1096" an|strong="G1519" acceptable|strong="G2144" sacrifice|strong="G4376", consecrated|strong="H6942" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151". ¹⁷ It|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588", then|strong="G3767", through|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" union|strong="H2260" with|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424" that|strong="G3588" I|strong="G3767" have|strong="G2192" a|strong="G2192" proud|strong="G2746" confidence|strong="G2746" in|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" work|strong="H4399" for|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316". ¹⁸ For|strong="G1063" I|strong="G1473" will|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" dare|strong="G5111" to|strong="G1519" speak|strong="G2980" of|strong="G3056" anything|strong="G5100" but|strong="G2532" what|strong="G3739" Christ|strong="G5547" has|strong="G3739" done|strong="G2716" through|strong="G1223" me|strong="G1473" to|strong="G1519" win|strong="H6743" the|strong="G2532" obedience|strong="G5218" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G2532" Gentiles|strong="G1484" – ¹⁹ by|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" words|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" actions|strong="H5949", through|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" power|strong="G1411" displayed|strong="H5127" in|strong="G1722" signs|strong="G4592" and|strong="G2532" marvels|strong="H4159", and|strong="G2532" through|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151". And|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532", starting|strong="H4161" from|strong="G2532" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" and|strong="G2532" going|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1722" far|strong="G3588" as|strong="G1722" Illyria, I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G2532" told|strong="H5046" in|strong="G1722" full|strong="G4137" the|strong="G1722" good|strong="G3588" news|strong="G2098" of|strong="G4151" the|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547"; ²⁰

yet|strong = "G1161" always|strong = "H3605" with|strong = "G1909"
 the|strong = "G1161" ambition|strong = "G5389" to|strong = "G2443"
 tell|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "G1161" good|strong = "G2097"
 news|strong = "G2097" where|strong = "G3699" Christ's|strong = "G5547"
 name|strong = "G3687" had|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "G3756"
 previously|strong = "H8543" been|strong = "G3361" heard|strong = "H8085",
 so|strong = "G3779" as|strong = "G1161" to|strong = "G2443"
 avoid|strong = "H6544" building|strong = "G3618" on|strong = "G1909"
 another's|strong = "H7453" foundations|strong = "G2310". ²¹
 But|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2531" scripture|strong = "G1125"
 says|strong = "H0559" – "They|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 whom|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532"
 never|strong = "G3756" been|strong = "G2532" proclaimed|strong = "H7121"
 will|strong = "G2532" see|strong = "G3708"; and|strong = "G2532"
 they|strong = "G2532" who|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G2532"
 never|strong = "G3756" heard|strong = "H8085" will|strong = "G2532"
 understand|strong = "G4920"!"
 Conclusion|strong = "H5490"

22That|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588" why|strong = "G1352"
 I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2532"
 often|strong = "G4183" been|strong = "G2532" prevented|strong = "G1465"
 from|strong = "G2064" coming|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314"
 you|strong = "G5210". ²³ But|strong = "G1161" now|strong = "G1161"
 there|strong = "G1161" are|strong = "G3588" no|strong = "G3371"
 further|strong = "G4183" openings|strong = "H6607" for|strong = "G4314"
 me|strong = "G2192" in|strong = "G1722" these|strong = "G3778"
 parts|strong = "G5117", and|strong = "G1161" I|strong = "G1161"
 have|strong = "G2192" for|strong = "G4314" several|strong = "G4183"
 years|strong = "G2094" been|strong = "G2192" longing|strong = "G1974"
 to|strong = "G4314" come|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314"
 you|strong = "G5210" whenever|strong = "H3605" I|strong = "G1161"
 may|strong = "G2064" be|strong = "G3588" going|strong = "G2064"
 to|strong = "G4314" Spain. ²⁴ For|strong = "G1063" my|strong = "G5259"
 hope|strong = "G1679" is|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519"
 visit|strong = "H6485" you|strong = "G5210" on|strong = "G1519"
 my|strong = "G5259" journey|strong = "G4311", and|strong = "G2532"
 then|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G2532"
 sent|strong = "G2532" on|strong = "G1519" my|strong = "G5259"
 way|strong = "G4198" by|strong = "G5259" you|strong = "G5210",
 after|strong = "G5613" I|strong = "G2532" have|strong = "G2532"
 first|strong = "G4413" partly|strong = "G3313" satisfied|strong = "H7646"
 myself|strong = "H0589" by|strong = "G5259" seeing|strong = "G2300"
 something|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "G5259" you|strong = "G5210". ²⁵
 Just|strong = "G3588" now|strong = "G1161", however|strong = "G1161",

I|strong="G1161" am|strong="G3588" on|strong="G1519"
my|strong="G3588" way|strong="G4198" to|strong="G1519"
Jerusalem|strong="G2419", to|strong="G1519" take|strong="G1161"
help|strong="H5826" to|strong="G1519" Christ's people|strong="G3588"
there|strong="G1161". ²⁶ For|strong="G1063"
Macedonia|strong="G3109" and|strong="G2532" Greece|strong="H3120"
have|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" glad|strong="H8055"
to|strong="G1519" make|strong="G4160" a|strong="G2532"
collection|strong="H4864" for|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1722"
poor|strong="G4434" among|strong="G1722" Christ's
people|strong="G4160" at|strong="G1722" Jerusalem|strong="G2419".
²⁷ Yes|strong="G1063", they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1510"
glad|strong="H8055" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532"
so|strong="G2532"; and|strong="G2532" indeed|strong="G2532"
it|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2532"
duty|strong="H2992" which|strong="G3588" they|strong="G2532"
owe|strong="G3784" to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G3588".
For|strong="G1063" the|strong="G1722" Gentile|strong="G1484"
converts|strong="H7725" who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532"
shared|strong="G2841" their|strong="G2532" spiritual|strong="G4152"
blessings|strong="H1293" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"
duty|strong="H2992" bound|strong="G3784" to|strong="G2532"
minister|strong="G3008" to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G3588"
in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" things|strong="G3588"
of|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3588" world|strong="H8398". ²⁸
When|strong="G2532" I|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532"
settled|strong="H3427" this|strong="G3778" matter|strong="H1697",
and|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" secured|strong="H2388"
for|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" poor|strong="H6041"
at|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532"
enjoyment|strong="H2896" of|strong="G1223" these|strong="G3778"
benefits|strong="H8408", I|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532"
go|strong="G1519", by|strong="G1223" way|strong="G1223"
of|strong="G1223" you|strong="G5210", to|strong="G1519"
Spain|strong="G4681". ²⁹ And|strong="G1161" I|strong="G1161"
know|strong="G1492" that|strong="G3754", when|strong="G1161"
I|strong="G1161" come|strong="G2064" to|strong="G4314"
you|strong="G5210", it|strong="G3754" will|strong="G3748"
be|strong="G5547" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722"
full|strong="G4138" measure|strong="H4058" of|strong="G1722"
blessing|strong="G2129" from|strong="G2064" Christ|strong="G5547".

30I|strong="G1473" beg|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210",
then|strong="G2532", friends|strong="H7453", by|strong="G1223"
Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", our|strong="G2316"

Lord|strong="G2962", and|strong="G2532" by|strong="G1223"
 the|strong="G1722" love|strong="H0157" inspired|strong="H7307"
 by|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1722" Spirit|strong="G4151",
 to|strong="G4314" join|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473"
 in|strong="G1722" earnest|strong="H8085" prayer|strong="G4335"
 to|strong="G4314" God|strong="G2316" on|strong="G1722"
 my|strong="G1722" behalf|strong="G5228". ³¹ Pray|strong="G2443"
 that|strong="G2443" I|strong="G1473" may|strong="G2532"
 be|strong="G1096" rescued|strong="G4506" from|strong="G2532"
 those|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1722" Judea|strong="G2449"
 who|strong="G3588" reject|strong="H3988" the|strong="G1722"
 faith|strong="H0539", and|strong="G2532" that|strong="G2443"
 the|strong="G1722" help|strong="H5826" which|strong="G3588"
 I|strong="G1473" am|strong="G1473" taking|strong="G1096"
 to|strong="G1519" Jerusalem|strong="G2419" may|strong="G2532"
 prove|strong="G1096" acceptable|strong="G2144" to|strong="G1519"
 Christ's people|strong="G3588"; ³² so|strong="G2443"
 that|strong="G2443", God|strong="G2316" willing|strong="G2307",
 I|strong="G1223" may|strong="G2443" be|strong="G2316"
 able|strong="H3201" to|strong="G4314" come|strong="G2064"
 to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" with|strong="G1722"
 a|strong="G1722" joyful|strong="G5479" heart|strong="H3820",
 and|strong="G2064" enjoy|strong="H7200" some|strong="G1722"
 rest|strong="G4875" among|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". ³³
 May|strong="G3956" God|strong="G2316", the|strong="G3956" giver
 of|strong="G2316" peace|strong="G1515", be|strong="G3956"
 with|strong="G3326" you|strong="G5210" all|strong="G3956".
 Amen|strong="H0543".

16I|strong="G1473" commend|strong="G4921" to|strong="G2532"
 your|strong="G2532" care|strong="H3027" our|strong="G2532"
 sister|strong="H0269", Phoebe|strong="G5402", who|strong="G3588"
 is|strong="G1510" a|strong="G2532" minister|strong="G1249"
 of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" church|strong="G1577"
 at|strong="G1722" Cenchreae; ² and|strong="G2532" I|strong="G1473"
 ask|strong="H7592" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443"
 give|strong="G1096" her|strong="G1438" a|strong="G1096" Christian
 welcome|strong="G4327" – one|strong="G3739" worthy|strong="H4941"
 of|strong="G2532" Christ's people|strong="G4183" – and|strong="G2532"
 to|strong="G2443" aid her|strong="G1438" in|strong="G1722"
 any|strong="G2443" matter|strong="G4229" in|strong="G1722"
 which|strong="G3739" she|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532"
 need|strong="G5535" your|strong="G2962" assistance|strong="H5833".
 She|strong="G2532" has|strong="G2962" proved|strong="G1096"
 herself|strong="G1438" a|strong="G1096" staunch friend|strong="H7453"

and|strong="G2532" protector|strong="H6697" and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2443" many|strong="G4183" others|strong="G3588".

3 Give|strong="G1473" my|strong="G1722" greeting to|strong="G2532" Prisca|strong="G4251" and|strong="G2532" Aquila, my|strong="G1722" fellow|strong="G4904" workers|strong="G4904" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" cause|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547" Jesus|strong="G2424", ⁴ who|strong="G3739" risked|strong="G5294" their|strong="G1438" own|strong="G1438" lives|strong="G5590" to|strong="G2532" save|strong="H3467" mine|strong="G1473". It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" not|strong="G3756" I|strong="G1473" alone|strong="G3441" who|strong="G3739" thank|strong="G2168" them|strong="G3588", but|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G2532" churches|strong="G1577" among|strong="G1438" the|strong="G2532" Gentiles|strong="G1484" thank|strong="G2168" them|strong="G3588" also|strong="G2532". ⁵ Give|strong="G1473" my|strong="G1473" greeting, also|strong="G2532", to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G2532" church|strong="G1577" that|strong="G3739" meets|strong="H6293" at|strong="G1519" their|strong="G2532" house|strong="G3624", as|strong="G1519" well|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1519" to|strong="G1519" my|strong="G1473" dear|strong="H3357" friend|strong="H7453" Epaphroditus|strong="G1866", one|strong="G3739" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" first|strong="G3588" in|strong="G1519" Roman Asia|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519" believe|strong="H0539" in|strong="G1519" Christ|strong="G5547"; ⁶ to|strong="G1519" Mary|strong="G3137", who|strong="G3748" worked|strong="G2872" hard|strong="G4183" for|strong="G1519" you|strong="G5210"; ⁷ to|strong="G2532" Andronicus and|strong="G2532" Junia|strong="G2458", fellow|strong="G4869" Jews|strong="H3064" and|strong="G2532" once|strong="G3739" my|strong="G1722" fellow|strong="G4869" prisoners|strong="G4869", who|strong="G3739" are|strong="G1510" people|strong="G1510" of|strong="G2532" note|strong="G1978" among|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" apostles, and|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" became|strong="G1096" Christians before|strong="G4253" I|strong="G1473" did|strong="G2532"; ⁸ to|strong="G1722" my|strong="G1722" dear|strong="H3357" Christian friend|strong="H7453" Ampliatus; ⁹ to|strong="G2532" Urban, our|strong="G2532" fellow|strong="G4904" worker|strong="G4904" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" cause|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532" Christ|strong="G5547", and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" my|strong="G1722" dear|strong="H3357" friend|strong="H7453" Stachys|strong="G4720"; ¹⁰ to|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3588" tried|strong="G1384" and|strong="G5547"

true|strong = "G3588" Christian Apelles; to|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" household|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "G1537"
 Aristobulus; ¹¹ to|strong = "G1722" my|strong = "G1722"
 countryman|strong = "H0251" Herodion|strong = "G2267";
 to|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Christians in|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" household|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "G1537"
 Narcissus|strong = "G3488"; ¹² to|strong = "G2532"
 Tryphaena|strong = "G5170" and|strong = "G2532"
 Tryphosa|strong = "G5173", who|strong = "G3588" have|strong = "G2532"
 worked|strong = "G2872" hard|strong = "G4183" for|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" Master|strong = "G2962"; to|strong = "G2532"
 my|strong = "G1722" dear|strong = "H3357" friend|strong = "H7453"
 Persis|strong = "G4069", for|strong = "G1722" she|strong = "G2532"
 has|strong = "G2962" done|strong = "H6213" much|strong = "G4183"
 hard|strong = "G4183" work|strong = "G2872" for|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G1722" Master|strong = "G2962"; ¹³ to|strong = "G2532"
 that|strong = "G3588" eminent|strong = "H5089" Christian,
 Rufus|strong = "G4504", and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 his|strong = "G1722" mother|strong = "G3384", who|strong = "G3588"
 has|strong = "G2962" been|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G2532"
 mother|strong = "G3384" to|strong = "G2532" me|strong = "G1473"
 also|strong = "G2532"; ¹⁴ to|strong = "G2532" Asyncritus,
 Phlegon|strong = "G5393", Hermes|strong = "G2060",
 Patrobas|strong = "G3969", Hermas|strong = "G2057", and|strong = "G2532"
 our|strong = "G2532" friends|strong = "H7453" with|strong = "G4862"
 them|strong = "G3588"; ¹⁵ also|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 Philologus|strong = "G5378" and|strong = "G2532" Julia|strong = "G2456",
 Nereus|strong = "G3517" and|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G3956"
 sister|strong = "H0269", and|strong = "G2532" Olympas|strong = "G3652",
 and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" Christ's
 people|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588"
 with|strong = "G4862" them|strong = "G3588". ¹⁶ Greet|strong = "H7592"
 one|strong = "G3956" another|strong = "G3588" with|strong = "G1722"
 a|strong = "G1722" sacred|strong = "H6944" kiss|strong = "G5370".
 All|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G1722" churches|strong = "G1577"
 of|strong = "G1577" the|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547"
 send|strong = "H7971" you|strong = "G5210" greetings.

171|strong = "G3739" beg|strong = "G3870" you|strong = "G5210",
 friends|strong = "G3844", to|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"
 on|strong = "G1161" your|strong = "G2532" guard|strong = "G2532"
 against|strong = "G3844" people|strong = "G4160" who|strong = "G3739",
 by|strong = "G3844" disregarding the|strong = "G2532"
 teaching|strong = "G1322" which|strong = "G3739" you|strong = "G5210"
 received|strong = "H3947", cause|strong = "G4160"

divisions|strong = "G1370" and|strong = "G2532" create|strong = "H1254" difficulties; dissociate yourselves|strong = "G4771" from|strong = "G3844" them|strong = "G3588". ¹⁸ For|strong = "G1063" such|strong = "G5108" persons|strong = "G5108" are|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" serving|strong = "G1398" Christ|strong = "G5547", our|strong = "G2532" Master|strong = "G2962", but|strong = "G2532" are|strong = "G3588" slaves|strong = "G1398" to|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G1438" own|strong = "G1438" appetites|strong = "G2836"; and|strong = "G2532", by|strong = "G1223" their|strong = "G1438" smooth|strong = "G5542" words|strong = "G5542" and|strong = "G2532" flattery|strong = "G2129", they|strong = "G2532" deceive|strong = "G1818" simple-minded|strong = "H6612" people|strong = "G3588". ¹⁹ Everyone|strong = "G3956" has|strong = "G1510" heard|strong = "H8085" of|strong = "G1909" your|strong = "G3956" ready|strong = "H3559" obedience|strong = "G5218". It|strong = "G1161" is|strong = "G1510" true|strong = "G3588" that|strong = "G3588" I|strong = "G1161" am|strong = "G1510" very|strong = "G3588" happy|strong = "H0835" about|strong = "G1909" you|strong = "G5210", but|strong = "G1161" I|strong = "G1161" want|strong = "G2309" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G1519" be|strong = "G1510" well|strong = "G1063" versed in|strong = "G1519" all|strong = "G3956" that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510" good|strong = "G3956", and|strong = "G1161" innocent|strong = "H5355" of|strong = "G1909" all|strong = "G3956" that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G1510" bad|strong = "G2556". ²⁰ And|strong = "G1161" God|strong = "G2316", the|strong = "G1722" giver of|strong = "G5259" peace|strong = "G1515", will|strong = "G2316" before|strong = "G1722" long|strong = "H0753" crush|strong = "G4937" Satan|strong = "G4567" under|strong = "G5259" your|strong = "G2962" feet|strong = "G4228".

M ay|strong = "G5547" the|strong = "G1722" blessing|strong = "G5485" of|strong = "G5259" Jesus|strong = "G2424", our|strong = "G2316" Lord|strong = "G2962", be|strong = "G2316" with|strong = "G3326" you|strong = "G5210".

²¹ Timothy|strong = "G5095", my|strong = "G1473" fellow|strong = "G4904" worker|strong = "G4904", sends|strong = "H7971" you|strong = "G5210" his|strong = "G2532" greetings, and|strong = "G2532" Lucius|strong = "G3066", Jason|strong = "G2394", and|strong = "G2532" Sosipater|strong = "G4989", my|strong = "G1473" countrymen|strong = "H0251", send|strong = "H7971" theirs|strong = "H1992".

²² I|strong = "G1473" Tertius|strong = "G5060", who|strong = "G3588" am|strong = "G1473" writing|strong = "G1125" this|strong = "G3588"

letter|strong="G1992", send|strong="H7971" you|strong="G5210"
my|strong="G1722" Christian greeting.

23My|strong="G1473" host|strong="G3581" Gaius|strong="G1050",
who|strong="G3588" extends|strong="H7337" his|strong="G2532"
hospitality to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" whole|strong="G3650"
church|strong="G1577", sends|strong="H7971" you|strong="G5210"
his|strong="G2532" greeting; and|strong="G2532"
Erastus|strong="G2037", the|strong="G2532" city|strong="G4172"
treasurer|strong="G3623", and|strong="G2532" Quartus|strong="G2890",
our|strong="G2532" dear|strong="H3357" friend|strong="H7453",
add|strong="H3254" theirs|strong="H1992". ²⁴ ¹

25Now|strong="G1161" to|strong="G2532" him|strong="G3588"
who|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" able|strong="G1410"
to|strong="G2532" strengthen|strong="G4741" you|strong="G5210",
as|strong="G1161" promised|strong="H1696" in|strong="G2596"
the|strong="G2532" good|strong="G3588" news|strong="G2098"
entrusted|strong="H6485" to|strong="G2532" me|strong="G1473"
and|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2596" the|strong="G2532"
proclamation|strong="G2782" of|strong="G2532" Jesus|strong="G2424"
Christ|strong="G5547", in|strong="G2596" accordance|strong="G2596"
with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" revelation|strong="H1540"
of|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3588" hidden|strong="H5641"
purpose|strong="H6098", which|strong="G3588" in|strong="G2596"
past|strong="H5674" ages|strong="G5550" was|strong="G3588"
kept|strong="G4601" secret|strong="G4601" but|strong="G1161"
now|strong="G1161" has|strong="G5547" been|strong="G2532"
revealed|strong="H1540" ²⁶ and|strong="G1161", in|strong="G1519"
obedience|strong="G5218" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1519"
command|strong="G2003" of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1519"
immortal God|strong="G2316", made|strong="G1107"
known|strong="G1107" through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1519"
writings of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1519" prophets|strong="G4397"
to|strong="G1519" all|strong="G3956" nations|strong="G1484",
to|strong="G1519" secure|strong="H0982" submission|strong="H1844"
to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1519" faith|strong="G4102" - ²⁷
to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3588", I|strong="G3739"
say|strong="G1223", the|strong="G1519" wise|strong="G4680"
and|strong="G2316" only|strong="G3441" God|strong="G2316",
be|strong="G1519" ascribed|strong="H5414", through|strong="G1223"
Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547", all|strong="G3588"

¹ + 16.24 Some later manuscripts add: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Amen.