The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 292 Scriptures

This is Section E of a multi-part instruction. The only ones who have the right to claim Preeminent Domain is Elohim and those who were called and elected to inherit and inhabit the earth, i.e., every member of the Body of Christ. Build your capacity to receive the exceeding, abundantly, above all that you can imagine through the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

Recognize you are heavily endorsed and reinforced by the kingdom of God that is already within you. Always remain in the position of honor and humility before the Lord. Realize you are supernaturally endowed with exousia authority and dunamis power. Release your God-given dominion to work in you at the fullest strength to govern the earth by faith. Recover all lost, stolen, and destroyed territory and take new ground.

Enlarge your territory to bring Heaven to Earth. Enlarge your heart to receive God's vision and provision. Enlarge your mouth over the enemy and give him no room to cause any division. Make it impossible for satan to ever breach your property line. Be the triple threat that employs: 1) the Word of God, both logos and rhema; 2) the blood of the Lamb; and 3) the name of Jesus.

Living out Jesus command, "You are the salt of the earth"

Matthew 5:13, The Voice

Salt draws out the good flavors subtly hidden in food and preserves what would otherwise spoil, as do those who claim to be children of God.

¹³ You, *beloved*, are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes bland and loses its saltiness, can anything make it salty again? *No*. It is useless. It is tossed out, thrown away, or trampled.

Strong's Concordance

halas and hala: salt

Original Word: $\mathring{\alpha}\lambda\alpha\varsigma$, $\alpha\tau \circ \varsigma$, $\tau \circ$ Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter Transliteration: halas and hala Phonetic Spelling: (hal'-as) Definition: Salt Usage: Salt.

HELPS Word-studies

217 *hálas* – *salt*; (figuratively) God *preserving* and *seasoning* a believer as they grow, i.e. in loving the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, strength and in all their relationships (cf. Mk 12:30,31).

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin from hals Definition salt NASB Translation salt (8).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 217: ἄλα

 $[\mathring{\alpha}\lambda\alpha, \tau\acute{o}]$, read by Tdf. in Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34; see $\mathring{\alpha}\lambda\alpha\varsigma$.

STRONGS NT 217: $\[\alpha \lambda \alpha \zeta \alpha \lambda \alpha \zeta, \]$ ($\[\alpha \tau \sigma \zeta, \tau \sigma \]$ (a later form, found in the Sept. and N. T. (Aristotle, de mirab, ause. § 138; Plutarch, qu. conv. 4:4, 3, 3), cf. Alexander Buttmann (1873) Ausf. Spr. i., p. 220; dative $\[\alpha \lambda \alpha \tau \iota \]$ Colossians 4:6), and $\[\alpha \lambda \zeta, \dot{\alpha} \lambda \dot{\sigma} \zeta, \dot{\sigma} \]$ (the classic form (from Homer down); Sir. 22:15 (13); ; Wis. 10:7; 1 Macc. 10:29, etc. Mark 9:49 $\[\dot{\alpha} \lambda \iota \]$ (adtive (T WH Tr marginal reading omit; Tr text brackets), and in Mark 9:50 L T Tr WH $\[\alpha \lambda \alpha \]$ accusative (yet without the article) with the nominative $\[\tau \dot{\sigma} \dot{\sigma} \lambda \alpha \zeta \]$, finally, the nominative and the accusative $\[\alpha \lambda \alpha \]$ Tdf. in Mark 9:50 (also Matthew 5:13; Luke 14:34 (where see his note)) (similar to $\[\gamma \dot{\alpha} \lambda \alpha \]$, genitive $\[\gamma \dot{\alpha} \lambda \alpha \tau \sigma \zeta, \]$ a form noted by certain grammarians, see (WH's Appendix, p. 158;) Kühner, 1:353f; but see what Fritzsche, Commentary on Sirach (Sir. 39:26), p. 226f, says in opposition); **salt**;

- Salt with which food is seasoned and sacrifices are sprinkled: Mark 9:49 R G;
 άλίζω.
- 2. ἄλας τῆς γῆς, those kinds of saline matter used to fertilize arable land [suitable for growing crops], Matthew 5:13{a}; here salt as a condiment cannot be understood, since this renders land sterile (Deuteronomy 29:23; Zephaniah 2:9; Judges 9:45); cf. Grohmann in Kauffer's Biblical Studien, 1844, p. 82ff The meaning is, 'It is your prerogative to impart to mankind (likened to arable land) the influences required for a life of devotion to God.' In the statement immediately following, ἐάν δέ ἄλας κτλ., the

comparison seems to be drawn from salt as a condiment, so that two figures are blended; (but it is better to adopt this latter meaning throughout the passage, and take $\gamma\tilde{\eta}$ to denote the mass of mankind, see under the word, 4 b. and cf. Tholuck and others at the passage). In Mark 9:50{a} and Luke 14:34 salt is a symbol of that health and vigor of soul which is essential to Christian virtue; (cf. Meyer on the former passage).

3. Salt is a symbol of lasting concord, Mark 9:50{c}, because it protects food from putrefaction [decay] and preserves it unchanged. Accordingly, in the solemn ratification of compacts, the Orientals were, and are to this day, accustomed to partake of salt together. Cf. Winers RWB under the word Salz; (BB. DD. under the word); Knobel on Leviticus, p. 370. 4. Wisdom and grace exhibited in speech: Colossians 4:6 (where see Lightfoot).

https://enduringword.com/seasoned-with-salt/

Salt Speaks of Purity

As a chemical compound, salt can't change. It has an inherent purity. God wanted every sacrifice brought before Him to come from a pure heart. Some of what we do for God is from impure motives. We should ask God to give us the purest of motives: to show our gratitude and to honor His glory. I've also heard that salt itself cannot change, but it can be corrupted by what it added to it. When our motives are impure, it is often because we add concern about our own glory and prestige. Ask God to build in you the purity of salt.

Salt Speaks of Preservation

As a preservative, salt stops the normal operations of flesh. It is the nature of flesh to spoil, but salt-cured meat will stay good. Long before we used refrigeration and freezing to keep things, people preserved meats by salting them. When we come before God, we don't come in our own "spoiled flesh." We come in the name of Jesus, on the basis of His merits, not ours. We can only be "preserved" by the constant work of God in us.

Salt Speaks of Preciousness

Salt was an expensive, valued commodity in the ancient world. Roman soldiers were sometimes paid in salt. Adding salt to every sacrifice was a way to make each offering to God a little more costly, a little more precious. We need to put our best into everything, and give everything unto God.

If you go to the market you can see some foods that are "salt free" or "reduced salt." That might be just what someone needs in their diet, but when we think of what salt symbolized for ancient Israel, we understand that we should never life a "salt free" or "reduced salt" life.

Every day is a gift we can and should give to God. It's proper that we "season" or "sprinkle" our day with the understanding of:

- The purity God wants us to live out: Jesus is our purity
- The preserving work God wants to do in us: Jesus preserves us to the end
- The precious nature of each moment we give to God: *Everything given to Jesus is precious*

Even a small sacrifice can be precious before God if it is seasoned with salt!

Are you worth your salt? Is your spiritual diet include salt or is it low sodium or salt-free?

Strong's Concordance

gé: the earth, land

Original Word: $\gamma \tilde{\eta}$, $\gamma \tilde{\eta} \zeta$, $\tilde{\eta}$

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: gé

Phonetic Spelling: (ghay)
Definition: the earth, land

Usage: the earth, soil, land, region, country, inhabitants of a region.

HELPS Word-studies

1093 $g\acute{e}$ – properly, the physical earth; (figuratively) the "arena" we live in which operates in space and time which God uses to prepare us for eternity.

The physical earth (1093 /gé) is the temporary, probationary place to live out moral preferences "through the body," i.e. as free moral agents (cf. 2 Cor 5:1-10). In this way, God makes an eternal record of everything we do on the earth. Through faith, each scene of life becomes equally, eternally significant (cf. Mt 13:31,32,17:20; cf. also Lk 16:10; Lk 17:6; 2 Pet 1:1).

[The OT Hebrew term, 776 /asitía ("earth"), also refers to the physical earth as "God's arena" – "the physical theater" in which our eternal destiny freely plays out.]

Genesis 19:25-26, The Voice

²⁵ He destroyed both cities, along with the other villages and towns in the valley and all of the people who lived there—even the vegetation was wiped

out! ²⁶ But Lot's wife never made it; she lagged behind her husband and looked back—despite the messenger's advice—and turned into a pillar of salt.

Lot's wife makes a fateful turn. She stops and looks back. No one knows why. Perhaps it is to mourn the past. Perhaps curiosity gets the better of her; but instead of looking ahead to her destination—a place of safety and security—she turns around and looks back at what she has left behind. In that instant, as the messenger warned, she perishes. All that is left of her is a standing pillar of salt.

Deuteronomy 29:23, The Voice

²³ "This whole place is a burned-out wasteland of sulfur and salt! No one plants anything here because nothing grows here—not even grass! It's like what happened when He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [a] Admah and Zeboiim, when He was so furious with those cities."

In other words, the Lord chose to employ this ancient custom to help His people, Israel, because it was already familiar to them. However, the Lord also made it clear that the use of salt was NOT optional. From the Lord's perspective (which is really the only perspective we should concern ourselves with), the SALT OF THE COVENANT was now a sign that the worshipper was in agreement with the Lord and had every intention of upholding God's covenants.

Leviticus 2:13, The Voice

¹³ You must salt every grain offering you bring so that the salt of your covenant with God^[a] will not be missing. You will season all of the offerings you present with salt.

Numbers 18:19, The Voice

¹⁹ Everything sanctified and offered by the Israelites to Me, I am giving to you and your sons and your daughters as a perpetual decree. This is *a binding agreement for all time*—a covenant of salt, made in the presence of Me *and preserved* for you and your descendants after you.

Consistently live sprinkled with the salt from the Word of God and the Spirit of God

John 12:48-50, King James Version

- ⁴⁸ He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words [*rhema*], hath one that judgeth him: the word [logos] that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.
- ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.
- ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Colossians 4:6, The Voice

⁶ When you speak the word, speak it gracefully (as if seasoned with salt), so you will know how to respond to everyone rightly.

James 3:10-12, The Voice

¹⁰ One mouth streams forth both blessings and curses. My brothers and sisters, this is not how it should be. ¹¹ Does a spring gush crystal clear freshwater and moments later spurt out bitter salt water? ¹² My brothers and sisters, does a fig tree produce olives? Is there a grapevine capable of growing figs? Can salt water give way to freshwater?

James 5:17-18, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

- ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months.
- ¹⁸ And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].
- 1 Kings 17:1, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition
- $^{\mathbf{1}}$ Elijah the Tishbite, of the temporary residents of Gilead, 1,200 m (3,900 ft) said to Ahab, As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew or rain these years but according to My word.
- 1 Kings 18:41-46, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition
- ⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain.
- ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees
- ⁴³ And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, There is nothing. Elijah said, Go again seven times.
- ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time the servant said, A cloud as small as a man's hand is arising out of the sea. And Elijah said, Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.
- ⁴⁵ In a little while, the heavens were black with wind-swept clouds, and there was a great rain. And Ahab went to Jezreel.
- ⁴⁶ The hand of the Lord was on Elijah. He girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [nearly twenty miles].

Keep on sprinkling salt on your knower, transporter, chooser, thinker, and your feeler

Knower - You are a precision-directing, life-giving spirit is the Knower. It bends in the direction it should go in order to follow the Light, just like a flower does on a sunny or cloudy day.

Proverbs 20:27, The Voice

²⁷ The lamp of the Eternal illuminates the human spirit, searching our most intimate thoughts.

<u>Transporter</u> - In a body. To deliver service, develop infrastructure, not operate with props, oxygen; water supply; nutrition, supplements, detoxification, fitness, rest, energy, stamina, has the capacity to live up to 120 years

Genesis 6:3 King James Version (KJV)

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

With a soul, that houses 3 parts:

Acts 20:32 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³²And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).

<u>Chooser</u> not just wishing, desiring, or even intentions, but your will - choices; may not choose what need or want, but it chooses what you have. Motive: emotion operating on the will to act

Psalm 25:12-13 Living Bible (TLB)

¹²Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best.

¹³He shall live within God's circle of blessing, and his children shall inherit the earth.

<u>Thinker</u> - Mind that thinks, analyzes, rationalizes, memorizes, imagines, discerns, make judgments, meditates, marinates—steep,

Philippians 4:8 King James Version (KJV)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Jeremiah 29:11 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

<u>Feeler</u> – emotions, make appealing and/or arousing expressions, passionate, sensation; animated; stimulates responses and reactions, agitates, momentum

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

⁴Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

⁵It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

⁶It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail.

⁷Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

⁸Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy ([a]the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled *and* pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed *and* cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

Keep on sprinkling salt on your perceiver, believer, carver, and reproducer

<u>Perceiver</u> - With an attitude [thoughts and feelings jointly demonstrated] that senses whether your outlook is good or bad, right/wrong opinions, views, awareness, observation; may not be fact, just only an expressed opinion that needs to be onionized. Peel away the skin until you get to the core of things so that you carry the right perspective.

Job 42:1-6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹Then Job said to the Lord, ²I know that You can do all things, and that no thought *or* purpose of Yours can be restrained *or* thwarted. ³[You said to me] Who is this that darkens *and* obscures counsel [by words] without knowledge? Therefore [I now see] I have [rashly] uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴[I had virtually said to You what You have said to me:] Hear, I beseech You, and I will speak; I will demand of You, and You declare to me. ⁵I had heard of You [only] by the hearing of the ear, but now my [spiritual] eye sees You. ⁵Therefore I loathe [my words] *and* abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes.

Believer That has a heart that shapes your imagination and stretches to believe the impossible. Faith to endure or escape. Look forward, develop expectation, hopes, dreams, convictions, trust. Enter, exit, endure, escape

You are never a nonbeliever. You may not have discerned what you believe, you are intuitively believe something all the time.

Jeremiah 17:5-10 King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? The LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Romans 10:10 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

<u>Carver</u> - With our mouth influences direction to carve out a smooth transition from your point of origination to your point of destination, it helps what you have shaped be cut out of the mold; informant of your heart...talk expectation, not experience; talk health, talk hurt

Proverbs 15:4 King James Version (KJV)

⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

Zephaniah 3:9 King James Version (KJV)

For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

<u>Reproducer</u> - With a subconscious mind that scans and makes a replica.

Can't discern if you are doing it or not; which is the advantage for every unfulfilled dream. Living in your dream, not waiting for it without forfeiting your present. If you are still waiting for it, then you are not living in it.

Proverbs 29:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁸Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained [uncontrolled];

But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God].

Genesis 11:1-9 King James Version (KJV)

- ¹And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
- ²And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- ³And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.
- ⁴And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
- ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
- ⁶And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
- ⁷Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- *So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
- Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Keep on sprinkling salt on your craver, enforcer, and arranger

<u>Craver</u> - Appetite is the strong desires and drive passions; never satisfied; skinless flesh that craves to be covered; a failure to thrive creates a perpetual sucking to be satisfied i.e., a continuous drive for comfort; e.g. attention, recognition, celebrated, served, endorsed, validated, power left hungry or thirsty with no signs for becoming quenched, it will become desperate; it will long for fulfillment; eventually it will be intemperate; in that stage, deemed uncontrollable, it will manifest excessive behaviors.

Ecclesiastes 6:7 King James Version (KJV)

⁷All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

1 Peter 2:2-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

²Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow unto [completed] salvation, ³Since you have [already] tasted the goodness *and* kindness of the Lord.

Enforcer - Instincts that fight for survival and reproduction of its own kind – applies pressures if threatened; fight/flight, pet peeves, preserves what you consider order by taming what's you think is out of alignment; imposes own rules to correct something you deem noncompliant; unadvertised rules that you impose on others; create an avenue for disciplining others, might even overpower them so others will play by your rules

Romans 8:5-11, The Voice

⁵ If you live your life animated by the flesh—namely, your fallen, corrupt nature—then your mind is focused on the matters of the flesh. But if you live your life animated by the Spirit—namely, God's indwelling presence—then your focus is on the work of the Spirit. ⁶ A mind focused on the flesh is doomed to death, but a mind focused on the Spirit will find full life and complete peace. ⁷ You see, a mind focused on the flesh is declaring war against God; it defies the authority of God's law and is incapable of following His path. ⁸ So it is clear that God takes no pleasure in those who live oriented to the flesh.

The power of sin and death has been eclipsed by the power of the Spirit. The Spirit breathes life into our mortal, sin-infested bodies—thanks to what Jesus has done for us. By sending His Son in "the likeness of sinful flesh," God judges sin finally and completely. The sins of the world are concentrated and condemned in the flesh of Jesus as He hangs on the cross. So now there is no condemnation remaining for those who've entered into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

⁹ But you do not live in the flesh. You live in the Spirit, assuming, of course, that the Spirit of God lives inside of you. *The truth is that* anyone who does not have the Spirit of the Anointed living within does not belong to God. ¹⁰ If the Anointed One lives within you, even though the body is *as good as* dead because of *the effects of* sin, the Spirit is infusing you with life now that you are right with God. ¹¹ If the Spirit of the One who resurrected Jesus from the dead lives inside of you, then *you can be sure that* He who raised Him will cast *the light of* life into your mortal bodies through the life-giving power of the Spirit residing in you.

<u>Arranger</u> – Disposition has the power to change whole environments; to make someone likely to receive something; set the tone, make connections or disconnections; establishes culture; mood setter; a presence that can be felt in the environment: verbal/non-verbal, body language, scenes, sounds, and smells. Thermostat – readjusts the temperature in the room Thermometer – reads the temperature

Matthew 6:9-11 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

⁹You should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. ¹⁰Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. ¹¹Give us our food for today. ^[a]

Footnotes:

a. 6.11 our food for today: Or "the food that we need" or "our food for the coming day."

Ephesians 2:1-10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹And you [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins ² In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of

this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]. ³ Among these we as well as you once lived and conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by our corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind [our cravings dictated by our senses and our dark imaginings]. We were then by nature children of [God's] wrath and heirs of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He guickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved ([a]delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation). ⁶ And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us [b]]joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One). ⁷ He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (^[c]delivered from judgment *and* made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;

⁹ Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), ^[d] recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].