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I. PREFACE

A. DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFFILIATION HANDBOOK

At the Greater Grace Pastors Conference on June 23-24, 2005, the assembled pastors (just under 200 in number) met for two afternoons to discuss ways to best continue and strengthen the affiliation of Greater Grace World Outreach that they have enjoyed through the years. A preliminary draft of an Affiliation Handbook was presented and discussed. Nine discussion groups met to work on different sections of the text, improving and refining it. At the conclusion of the conference a nine-member interim council was elected to complete and publish the Handbook, defining our affiliation more precisely. Presented here are the results of the interim council's efforts.

In the original draft of the Handbook a provision was made for an elected ordination board. However, after much discussion and deliberation, the interim council decided that the function of ordination should remain with the Greater Grace Church of Baltimore (GGWO), and with each affiliated church that may choose to ordain its own men.

The body of Greater Grace pastors will elect a Pastoral Affiliation Council, a group of men who will function as an advisory team serving the affiliated pastors. It was further determined that such a council need not be incorporated as a legal entity in order to function effectively.

B. QUOTES REGARDING AFFILIATION

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16).

The founder of Greater Grace World Outreach, Pastor Carl H. Stevens, has spoken often of the value of pastors and local churches voluntarily affiliating with one another.

*“Affiliation is a safeguard, a protection, and a provision. It is also a means of multiplying our eternal rewards. Local assemblies that are voluntarily affiliated will receive, in some way, the rewards of the whole affiliated ministry. Affiliation is a protection from independence. It's a wonderful fellowship.”*¹

*“Affiliation is that which every joint supplieth.”*²

*“Affiliation is needed. It's scriptural. But churches must be self-propagating, self-supporting, and self-governing. We need each other's portions and gifts.”*³

*“There are no 'little churches' if Jesus is the Head of the church.”*⁴

¹The Grace Hour & Lunch Rap-6/25/98, ²The Attributes of Virtue, ³Added to the Lord, ⁴One Moment at a Time.

C. OUR AFFILIATION HISTORY

Pastor Stevens began his ministry in the early 1960's. Much of his focus was to teach the Word of God to men who would be able to teach others. He and the pastors trained by him have planted over three hundred churches during the last four decades. Home Bible studies developed into autonomous churches. Mission teams were sent to plant churches on foreign soil, and nationals were trained as pastors. The ministry of the Lord has been seen in the powerful preaching of God's Word, in the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and in the fitly framing of body members together in Christ. Pastor Stevens' part in this work has been evident to those who have been blessed by the Greater Grace ministry. The affiliation of pastors and local churches has continued to grow in number and in depth.

Throughout these years affiliation has been based on the spiritual and doctrinal relationships we have received through the Lord Jesus and our participation with one another in the work of God – a handshake, a visit, a conversation, a conference, a word spoken in season, the functioning of spiritual gifts. This kind of godly networking has contributed greatly to our personal and corporate edification.

D. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Greater Grace Pastoral Affiliation is to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) among all the churches affiliated with GGWO, co-laboring to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

E. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Affiliation: A voluntary fellowship of likeminded pastors, and/or autonomous local churches, which have organized on the basis of essential Bible doctrines to glorify Jesus Christ and win the lost to Him.

Greater Grace Church of Baltimore: An autonomous local church founded in 1987 with facilities at Moravia Park Drive in Baltimore, Maryland.

Greater Grace Pastors: Pastors who have been ordained by Greater Grace World Outreach and have freely chosen to affiliate with GGWO.

Greater Grace World Outreach (GGWO): The Greater Grace Church of Baltimore.

Home Base: An unofficial term used to describe one of the functions of the Greater Grace Church of Baltimore in its ministry to local assemblies and missionary teams that freely choose to be so related.

Ordination: The public blessing and pastoral charge given, in the presence of the church, to a man that has completed the requirements set forth by the ordaining institution, conferring upon him the title, office and responsibilities of pastor (or associate pastor).

Pastoral Affiliation Council: A group of ordained pastors who are affiliated with GGWO and are elected by their peers for the purpose of strengthening the affiliation of Greater Grace pastors and churches.

II. AFFILIATION WITH GGWO

A. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ORDINATION & AFFILIATION

Greater Grace World Outreach has ordained hundreds of men as pastors, associate pastors and licensed preachers. After Biblical training, these men were tested and deemed qualified by the GGWO Ordination Committee. According to the GGWO bylaws the Ordination Committee operates under the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore church. The Ordination Committee will soon publish an Ordination Handbook to complement the Affiliation Handbook.

Ordination is a process whereby a man is authorized to represent GGWO anywhere in the world. The criteria for ordination are clearly defined. The result of ordination is a binding charge before God's people. With ordination come sacred responsibilities and meaningful accountability.

Affiliation is a voluntary fellowship of likeminded pastors, and/or autonomous local churches. As pastors, associate pastors, and preachers – all ordained or licensed by Greater Grace World Outreach – we have accepted a common set of doctrinal beliefs and a common set of pastoral standards. Ordination provides the basis for our affiliation.

It is understood that the relationship with the ordaining institution will naturally remain an important one for each pastor, associate pastor and preacher.

Affiliation is much deeper than simply believing the same doctrines and holding to the same moral and ethical standards. It is the work of the Holy Spirit by Whom “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts” (Romans 5:5).

B. THE BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION FOR CHURCHES & PASTORS

Gifted men and women beyond the local assembly.

World evangelism through coordinated missions work.

Bible college programs.

Central home base.

Opportunities for worldwide Christian service.

Prayer covering of many intercessors for specific needs.

International conferences and seminars.

C. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GGWO AFFILIATION

Spirituality: The basis for true affiliation is doctrinal and spiritual. Natural organization can never produce genuine affiliation. Affiliation is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Freedom: Affiliation does not violate the autonomy of a local church. It encourages a variety of methods to reach the unsaved and the unchurched.

Consistency: Affiliated pastors agree upon essential doctrinal truths, and submit to common moral and ethical standards.

Accountability: Within an affiliation of pastors there is a responsibility to uphold the terms of one's ordination. Affiliated pastors submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21) in order to help preserve the dignity and purity of the pastoral office.

Vision: Greater Grace pastors have received a vision to evangelize the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to disciple believers in finished work truth, and to plant autonomous local churches that will experience the fullness of Christ's life.

Equality: Affiliation recognizes the value of every pastor and every local assembly, regardless of size or nationality.

Honor: Greater Grace pastors esteem the heritage they have received from the founder of GGWO, Pastor Carl H. Stevens. They also endeavor to properly esteem "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), as well as other pastors and local assemblies within the universal body of Christ.

Love: This first fruit of the Holy Spirit is the mark of the Christian (John 13:35). In a true affiliation there is fervent love toward one another without envy or strife.

Holiness: Pastors are called to be personally set apart to the Lord, knowing the need to be continually cleansed and renewed.

Diversity: Within an affiliation of pastors there are many different gifts given by God as He pleases, not as man chooses. Affiliation helps each pastor to recognize and develop those gifts.

D. SERVICES OFFERED TO AFFILIATED CHURCHES & PASTORS

The Pastoral Affiliation Council will work in cooperation with the Greater Grace Church of Baltimore, Maryland, to complement the other local churches in the affiliation. Below are listed some of the services that are currently available.

- 1) Biblical Teaching Resources
 - a. The Grace Hour radio program
 - b. GGWO Website: Online message library, weekly services broadcast live
 - c. MBC&S: Extension school, correspondence courses
 - d. Grace Publications
 - e. Foreign language resources: MBC&S classes, evangelism materials, booklets
- 2) Local Church and Pastoral Support
 - a. Prayer teams
 - b. Resources and advice on pastoral/church problems
 - c. Resources and advice on church legal and tax issues
 - d. Resources and advice on bylaws, forming a church board

- e. Placement services
- f. Resources and advice on Christian education
- 3) Cooperation with Affiliated Church Events
 - a. Worship team seminars
 - b. Youth rallies
 - c. Conferences
 - d. Evangelistic outreaches
 - e. Family & marriage seminars
- 4) Home Base Events
 - a. International Convention
 - b. Pastors' conferences
 - c. Women's seminars
 - d. The Grace Hour Banquet and Winter Banquet
 - e. Marriage Seminar
 - f. Camp Life
 - g. Easter drama presentation
- 5) GGWO Missions Department
 - a. Overseas Summer/Winter Harvests
 - b. International missions conferences
 - c. U.S. missions conferences
 - d. Guest missionary speakers
 - e. Church planting projects
 - f. Administering missionary financial support
 - g. Help in fund-raising for Greater Grace-sponsored orphanages
 - h. Missions publications: Newsletters, *Wings of Glory*, monthly Prayer Calendar
 - i. Providing resources to help start a missions department in local churches (power-point presentations, missionary photos, posters of target areas)

E. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PASTORAL AFFILIATION

1. Holding a currently recognized Ordination Certificate, Associate Pastor Certificate, or Preacher's License from the GGWO Ordination Committee, or an equivalent ordination certificate approved by the GGWO Ordination Committee.
2. Agreeing with the GGWO Statement of Faith.
3. Honoring 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 13:8, and Ephesians 4:3 in all relationships within the affiliation.

F. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCH AFFILIATION

Any church that has a senior pastor (presiding elder, chief elder) who is affiliated with GGWO may consider itself affiliated with GGWO. Out of respect for each local church's autonomy this Handbook makes no other stipulation. The Handbook does make some recommendations to affiliated churches, especially in the area of financial policy. (See Page 12.)

G. AMENDMENTS TO THE AFFILIATION HANDBOOK

Amendments to the Handbook may be made only at the Annual Greater Grace Pastors Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, in June. A two-thirds majority vote of the ordained pastors present is required for any amendment to the Handbook.

III. THE PASTORAL AFFILIATION COUNCIL

A. THE PURPOSE OF THE PASTORAL AFFILIATION COUNCIL

The Pastoral Affiliation Council has been established to serve the pastors, associate pastors, and licensed preachers who have been ordained by GGWO, and are affiliated with GGWO. Its responsibilities include:

- 1) Maintaining accurate contact information concerning all pastors, associate pastors, and licensed preachers who have been ordained by GGWO and are affiliated with GGWO.
- 2) Connecting pastors with the services requested for their ministries.
- 3) Organizing pastoral conferences and seminars.
- 4) Informing pastors of special events.
- 5) Staying in touch with pastors for the purpose of encouragement and edification.
- 6) Working to help resolve conflicts involving Greater Grace-affiliated pastors.
- 7) Helping pastors to be faithful to the terms of their ordination, urging them to hold fast to sound doctrine and high personal standards.
- 8) Making a recommendation of revocation or suspension to the GGWO Ordination Committee if evidence is found of continuing violations of ordination standards and/or doctrine.

B. THE ELECTION OF THE PASTORAL AFFILIATION COUNCIL

The Pastoral Affiliation Council will consist of fourteen ordained Greater Grace pastors, each having served as an affiliated pastor for a minimum of 10 years. The body of ordained pastors gathered at the Annual Pastors Conference in June will elect nine at-large members.

Five other members will be elected by the ordained pastors from each of five regions of the world. The five regions are Latin America, Europe/Russia, Eurasia/Middle East, Asia, and Africa. These elections will take place before the Annual Pastors Conference.

The term of service will be three years, and there will be no limit to the number of terms a pastor may serve. On the first elected board four men will serve one year, five will serve two years, and five will serve three years, in order to achieve staggered terms. The

Affiliation Board members will elect from among themselves a Chairman, a Co-Chairman, and a Secretary.

C. THE SELECTION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

If one of the Pastoral Affiliation Council members is unable to complete his term, the remaining members may appoint an ordained Greater Grace pastor who meets the stated requirements to complete the missing member's term.

IV. PASTORAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR

A pastor ordained by GGWO must be governed by the scriptural qualifications given for elders and bishops as stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Those standards are:

1. Possessing a sound mind, limiting his liberty with proper thinking.
2. Vigilance over his own life.
3. Reverence for sacred things.
4. Purity in his moral life.
5. Power over himself, able to restrain his impulses.
6. Not prone to fits of anger.
7. Expressing proper and orderly behavior because his inner life is right.
8. Loving those things that are intrinsically good.
9. Not addicted to alcohol or other substances, possessing a conviction against the use of such substances.
10. Absolute faithfulness to his wife.
11. Attending to his family with care and diligence, leading and protecting them.
12. Possessing a dignity of character that calls forth respect from his children.
13. Not inexperienced in spiritual things.
14. Growing in his skillfulness in teaching God's Word.
15. Holding firmly to the Word as he has been taught.
16. Not eager for material gain, free from the love of money.
17. Generosity toward guests.
18. An attitude of fairness, forbearance, patience and consideration.
19. Not insistent on the letter of the law in dealing with others.
20. An attitude of justice and uprightness in decisions.
21. Not argumentative or contentious.
22. Not dominated by self-interest or demanding to have his way.
23. Possessing nothing in his character upon which an enemy could base a charge.
24. Having a good testimony before those outside the church.

B. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR

An associate pastor ordained by GGWO must serve under the oversight of a pastor affiliated with GGWO. He must be governed by the same Scriptural qualifications given for elders and bishops in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A PREACHER

A License to Preach is given to a man who desires to preach God's Word, but has not yet fulfilled the GGWO requirements for ordination. He is a pastor-in-training. He must meet the Scriptural qualifications given for elders and bishops in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. The License to Preach confers upon him the right to teach and preach the Word of God in public settings. He must be under the oversight of a pastor affiliated with GGWO. He is not licensed to conduct marriage ceremonies.

D. PASTORAL STANDARDS

The pastoral standards set forth in a GGWO ordination charge will normally include the following areas:

Ministry & Vision

Preaching & Teaching

Doctrine

Purity

Attitude

Marriage & Family

Prayer

Finances

Inner Life

E. SPECIFIC AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

All the pastoral charges are important. However, violation of certain standards brings a greater shame on the ministry than other violations might. Since the first-century church, the most frequent problems have occurred in the following three areas:

- 1) Moral
- 2) Doctrinal
- 3) Financial

Because of the great damage that pastoral failure can cause, the Pastoral Affiliation Council has recognized and adopted ministry-wide standards in these three areas. The Affiliation Council recommends that each local church adopt policies to ensure pastoral accountability in these areas.

F. MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The pastor must be very careful in his relationships with women. He must be careful to avoid situations that might lead to compromising his convictions. The local church bylaws should have provisions to remove a pastor from his position if he behaves immorally. The Affiliation Council recommends that he avoid being alone with a woman. (There are reasonable exceptions to this, such as family members, secular work-related duties, and medical emergencies.) It is also recommended that the pastor counsel in an openly observable place with another person nearby.

Unmarried pastors should be careful to maintain absolute purity in all relationships. If an unmarried pastor is dating, the Affiliation Council recommends that he make himself accountable to a mature man of God in his local assembly.

G. DOCTRINAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Concerning doctrine, a pastor should never depart from the GGWO Statement of Faith in his teaching and preaching.

H. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

In some countries the following principles may need to be applied in different ways, according to the various laws governing corporations and churches. The following recommendations are made to every church in the Greater Grace affiliation, with the recognition that each church is autonomous.

1. The senior pastor (presiding elder, chief elder, etc.) should not be a check signer nor have access to church funds outside of his compensation and expense reimbursement.
2. All requests for reimbursement of expenses by a pastor should be documented with receipts containing all pertinent information.
3. Counting of the offering should be performed by at least two individuals who have no other access to church funds or part in the church accounting function.
4. The church should maintain a separate account for designated gifts and carry them as a liability on the balance sheet. These funds must not be used for other purposes.
5. An annual report on the finances of the church should be available to the whole congregation. While not necessarily disclosing specific salaries, financials reports should have sufficient detail so that one could conclude a general range of compensation for employees.

6. A board of trustees (or finance committee) should prepare an annual budget under which the local church will operate. That committee should publish periodic financial reports to verify that the budget is being properly executed.

Whatever financial policies a local church adopts, they should include verifiable accountability at every level.

I. THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF A PASTOR WITHOUT A BOARD OF ELDERS

Many times a newly planted church will not have enough qualified men to compose a governing board in its initial stages of growth. In such cases, the pastor should make himself accountable: a) to the Board of Elders of the church that sent him to the new area, or b) to another affiliated church's Board of Elders in his area, or c) to the Board of Elders of the Greater Grace Church of Baltimore.

J. PASTORAL DISCIPLINE

The primary accountability for the senior pastor of a local church will continue to be his own board of elders. That governing board has the responsibility to hold the senior pastor accountable, especially in the three areas mentioned above.

If a local church governing board finds their pastor in violation of the ordination standards, they should attempt to bring him into compliance, following the steps of Matt.18:15-17. If they are unsuccessful, that board may appeal outside their local assembly, first requesting the help of the Pastoral Affiliation Council and/or the GGWO Ordination Committee.

The Pastoral Affiliation Council and the GGWO Ordination Committee will work hand-in-hand when dealing with pastors at this stage. They must allow the pastor to have due process. There is always the possibility of false accusations. The Council and Committee members should remain impartial. Before issuing any decision, they should hear and weigh evidence from all involved parties.

K. REVOCATION OF ORDINATION

Ultimately, the GGWO Ordination Committee may suspend or revoke the pastor's credentials. They may decide this on the basis of their own discovery of the evidence, or they may act upon the request of the Pastoral Affiliation Council's discovery of the evidence.

If revocation or suspension of ordination takes place, that action will be reported to the local church's governing board. The Affiliation Council should offer whatever assistance and guidance the local church may need during any such transition. If the pastor desires restoration, the Affiliation Council should work to provide the help and accountability that would most benefit that process.

If any pastor should choose to ignore the accountability provisions of this Handbook, he should return his ordination certificate to the GGWO Ordination Committee.

L. GRIEVANCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Experience has shown that pastors may have conflicts with other pastors, even within the same ministry. Some pastors might abuse the authority of their office “as being lords over those entrusted to [them]” (1 Peter 5:3). Some might, in their zeal, proselytize members from another local assembly. The Pastoral Affiliation Council will have the responsibility of offering help in resolving such conflicts, and of intervening to correct such violations of pastoral ethics, when these matters are brought to the Council’s attention. Members of the Affiliation Council will be assigned to work with the individual pastors to help them achieve suitable resolutions and corrections.

V. THE GGWO STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have been given by the verbal plenary inspiration of God and are, therefore, inerrant.¹ They are designed to lead us to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. They are fully inspired by God and therefore, serve as the authoritative guide for Christian understanding, life, and ministry.² The Scriptures are not to be added to, superseded, or changed by tradition or any supposed later revelation.³ Every doctrinal formulation, whether of creed, confession or theology, must be put to the test of the full counsel of God in the Holy Scriptures.⁴ All redemptive understanding of the Scriptures depends upon the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the most accurate factual knowledge attained through exegesis, exposition, and interpretation does not bring about conversion or spiritual comprehension without the Holy Spirit creating an understanding through the Word and applying the message to the heart.⁵

God is triune. There is but one God, infinite, eternal, almighty, and perfect in holiness, truth, and love.⁶ In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are co-existent, co-equal, co-eternal.⁷ The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit. Yet each is true Deity. One God --the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-- is the foundation of Christian faith and life.⁸

God is the Creator of heaven and earth.⁹ All things were made by His Word. Through the same Word, He daily sustains all of His creation.¹⁰ He made man for fellowship with Himself and intended that all creation should live to the praise of His glory.¹¹ As Creator, this triune God created the universe apart from any pre-existing materials and without any evolutionary process. We believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis.

Man was created male and female, in the image and likeness of God.¹² Through the original sin of man (by Adam and Eve), mankind has fallen from God and has become corrupt in his whole nature. By himself, man is totally incapable of returning to God.¹³ Fallen, sinful humanity, whatever its character or attainments, is eternally lost and without hope apart from salvation in Christ.¹⁴

Jesus Christ the Son is fully God and fully man, the only Savior from the sins of the world.¹⁵ He was the Word made flesh, supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and was perfect in nature, teaching, and obedience.¹⁶ He died and shed His blood on the cross as the vicarious atonement for the sins of all mankind. He rose from the dead in His own glorified body, ascended into heaven, and will return in glory.¹⁷ He is the Head of His body, the church, and the Victor over all the powers of darkness. He reigns at the right hand of God the Father.¹⁸

Salvation, the gift of God, is provided by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ on the basis of His shed blood in a vicarious death.¹⁹ Recognizing his need for a Savior, and looking to Christ and His vicarious atonement for sin, man is born anew unto eternal life by the Holy Spirit.²⁰ There is no other name except Jesus Christ by which man may be saved.²¹ Through His great redemptive act, there is forgiveness of sin, liberation from bondage to the world, and freedom in His Spirit.²²

The Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He unites man to Jesus Christ in faith, brings about the new birth, and dwells within the regenerate. He produces in them the fruit of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to grow in the experience of sanctification.²³ The Holy Spirit inspired the prophets, anointed Jesus Christ for His ministry, filled the church with power on the day of Pentecost, and will transform the mortal bodies of believers into bodies like Jesus' own body in the glory of the resurrection.²⁴ The Holy Spirit is imparted to all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as Savior.²⁵ The promise of the Father that the Holy Spirit would be sent in power was not only made to the early disciples, but continues through generations to come. God sovereignly gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edifying of the body of Christ.²⁶ The gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers were given by the Lord Jesus Christ for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.²⁷

The church, which is the body and future bride of Christ, is dedicated to the worship and service of God, the observance of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as the practice of good works.²⁸ The primary task of the church in all ages is to teach all nations and to make disciples, bringing the Gospel into every aspect of life and thought. The ultimate mission of the church is the redemption of souls, through obedience to the Great Commission.²⁹

Satan. We believe that Satan was created a perfect angelic being.³⁰ He rebelled against God.³¹ As a result he became depraved, the devil, the leader of the host of angels who fell with him, and the adversary of God and of God's people.³² Satan has been defeated and judged at the cross. He now awaits his ultimate doom at the end of the Millennium.³³

The consummation of all things includes the rapture of the church, followed by a literal seven year period of tribulation on the earth, the Second Advent of Jesus with His literal one thousand year reign on the earth from Jerusalem, and the final judgment of the unsaved.³⁴ Satan with his hosts, and all humanity outside of Christ, will be separated eternally from the presence of God, enduring eternal punishment in a literal hell.³⁵ All

who have been redeemed by Christ from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light will be secure with Christ in the New Jerusalem with the new heaven and new earth forever.³⁶

¹ Psalm 19:7-13; 119:89,105.

² 2 Timothy 3:15-17.

³ Isaiah 8:20; Galatians 1:8-9.

⁴ Matthew 22:29-33; Ephesians 2:20; Acts 28:23.

⁵ 1 Corinthians 2:7-16.

⁶ Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4,6; Isaiah 44:6-8; 57:15; 1 John 4:8; Genesis 17:1; Ps. 145:3.

⁷ Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14.

⁸ John 14:23,25; 15:26; 16:13-15.

⁹ Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:9.

¹⁰ John 1:3,10; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2-3; Psalm 147:13; Romans 8:28; John 3:16.

¹¹ Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11.

¹² Genesis 1:26-27.

¹³ Romans 5:12, 16-17; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 6:44.

¹⁴ John 3:3-7; Acts 4:12.

¹⁵ John 1:1, 20:28; Colossians 1:19; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 2:14-18.

¹⁶ John 1:14; Matt. 1:18, 22-23; Luke 1:35; John 8:29; Heb 5:8.

¹⁷ John 19:33-37; Romans 4:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

¹⁸ Colossians 1:8, 2:15; Hebrews 1:3-4.

¹⁹ Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1; Acts 16:31, Romans 3:25; Hebrews 9:12, 10:19; Rev. 1:5.

²⁰ Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7; Acts 3:19-21.

²¹ Acts 4:12.

²² Ephesians 1:17; Galatians 6:14-15.

²³ John 15:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, 1 Peter 1:2.

²⁴ 1 Peter 1:10,12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Luke 4:1, 18-21; Acts 2:4, 4:31; Romans 8:11; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 John 3:2.

²⁵ Acts 2:38-39; Luke 11:13.

²⁶ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 28-31; 14:1, 13; Romans 12:6-8.

²⁷ Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 11:28; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13.

²⁸ Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 2:22; 5:23, 26,27; 1 Peter 2:5, 9-10; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14.

²⁹ Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

³⁰ Ezekiel 28:15.

³¹ Ezekiel 28:15-18; Isaiah 14: 12-17.

³² Revelation 12:4, 10-17; 13:7; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

³³ John 16:11; Revelation 20:1-2, 7-10.

³⁴ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3: 11-15; Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 12:10; 14:3-11; Revelation 20:11-15.

³⁵ Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:47-48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

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