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“With deep insight he saw that this was the ultimate phrase, dividing all humanity into two classes, in Christ and out of Christ; so that his world was not divided by BC and AD, but into IC and OC—‘In Christ’ and ‘Outside Christ.’”

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#1. The Vine and Branches in John 15.

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#2. The Head and the Body.

EPHESIANS 1:22-23 (NIV)

“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way”

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#3. Husband and Wife.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17 (JB Phillips)

“Have you realised the almost incredible fact that your bodies are integral parts of Christ himself? Am I then to take parts of Christ and join them to a prostitute? Never! Don’t you realise that when a man joins himself to a prostitute *he makes with her a physical unity*? For God says, ‘the two shall be one flesh’. On the other hand the man who joins himself to God is one with him in spirit.

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-17 (TLB)

“Don’t you realize that your bodies are actually parts and members of Christ? So should I take part of Christ and join him to a prostitute? Never! And don’t you know that if a man joins himself to a prostitute *she becomes a part of him and he becomes a part of her*? For God tells us in the Scripture that in his sight the two become one person. But if you give yourself to the Lord, you and Christ are joined together as one person.”

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2 PETER 1:4

“That you may become partakers of the divine nature.”

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

“But of him are you in Christ Jesus…”

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“It is God who has made you part of Christ Jesus.”

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GALATIANS 2:20 (AMP)

“I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me…”

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ROMANS 6:4-5 (RSV)

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

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EPHESIANS 2:6 (AMP)

“And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus…”

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1 SAMUEL 17:8-9 (ESV)

“Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”

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ROMANS 5:12-14 (MSG)

“You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we’re in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn’t sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.”

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Melchizedek

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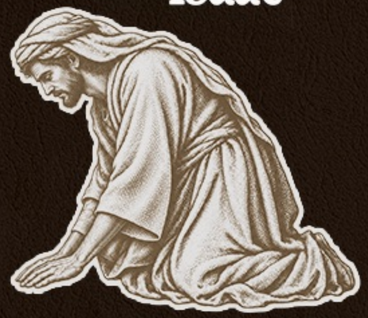

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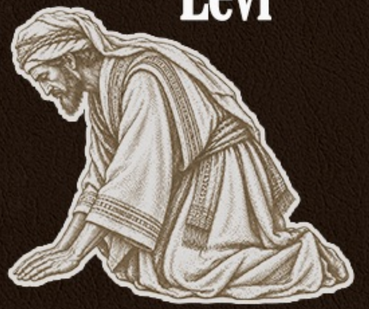

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HEBREWS 7:9-10 (TLB)

“One might even say that Levi himself (the ancestor of all Jewish priests, of all who receive tithes), paid tithes to Melchizedek through Abraham. For although Levi wasn’t born yet, the seed from which he came was in Abraham when Abraham paid the tithes to Melchizedek.”

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ROMANS 1:28-32 (TLB)

“So it was that when they gave God up and would not even acknowledge him, God gave them up to doing everything their evil minds could think of. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness and sin, of greed and hate, envy, murder, fighting, lying, bitterness, and gossip.

They were backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud, braggarts, always thinking of new ways of sinning and continually being disobedient to their parents. They tried to misunderstand, broke their promises, and were heartless—without pity. They were fully aware of God’s death penalty for these crimes, yet they went right ahead and did them anyway and encouraged others to do them, too.”

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EPHESIANS 2:1-3 (ESV)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

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EPHESIANS 4:17-19 (NKJV)

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

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COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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