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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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ROMANS 5:2-14 (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…"

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#1. 1 PETER 1:18

“Your useless [spiritually unproductive] way of life inherited [by tradition] from your forefathers…”

(MSG)

“dead-end, empty-headed life…”

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#2. We are told there is a Satanic energy

EPHESIANS 2:1-2 (NIV)

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

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EPHESIANS 4:22 (NKJV)

“…The old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts…”

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#3. The Law that operates

ROMANS 8:2 (NKJV)

“…the law of sin and death.”

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#4. The ultimate destiny

ROMANS 6:23 (NKJV)

“The wages of sin is death.”

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ROMANS 5:14 (MSG)

“But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.”

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ROMANS 8:3 (TLB)

“We aren’t saved from sin’s grasp by knowing the commandments of God because we can’t and don’t keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours—except that ours are sinful—and destroyed sin’s control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins.”

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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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Marked by God’s purpose.

EPHESIANS 2:10 (ESV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”

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In the New Man the energy comes from the Holy Spirit.

EPHESIANS 4:24 (NKJV)

“The new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

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ROMANS 8:2 (NKJV)

“The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.”

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NEW DESTINY—ETERNAL LIFE

IN ADAM SPHERE	*IN CHRIST SPHERE*
Old Man	New Man
This age/the world	The age to come (Heb. 6:5)
Body of sin	Body of Christ
Condemnation	Justification
Law of sin and death	Law of the Spirit of life
Satanic energy	Divine energy—Holy Spirit
Dead	Alive
Dominated	Free
Disobedience	Obedience
Damned	Eternal life

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ROMANS 6:6

“Knowing our old self was crucified with Him.”

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COLOSSIANS 3:9-11 (NKJV)

“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, *where* there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

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ROMANS 5:18-19 (MSG)

“Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.”

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:30 (NKJV)

“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption…”

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ROMANS 4:25 (JBPhillips)

“…who was delivered to death for our sins and raised again to secure our justification.”

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“Believers are justified only for the reason that they share a corporate solidarity with the justified Messiah—what was true of Him is true of God’s people.”

MICHAEL BIRD

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (EEB)

“Christ never did any wrong thing, but God punished him as if he had. He died as punishment for our sins. As a result, we become right with God when we belong to Christ. We become right, because he is right.”

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ROMANS 6:1 (JBPhillips)

“Shall we sin to our heart’s content and see how far we can exploit the grace of God? What a ghastly thought!”

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COLOSSIANS 3:8-11 (NKJV)

“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

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Grace is not against effort, it is against earning.

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PHILIPPIANS 2:12 (MSG)

“Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is *God’s* energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.”

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