

# The Security of the Believer: Conditional or Unconditional?

This study will likely serve as a starting point for readers working through the issues regarding the security of the believer by providing the most popular passages used in support of each position. Over 100 verses will be quoted for each view from modern translations like the New American Standard Bible (NASB), the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB), the English Standard Version (ESV), and the International Standard Version (ISV).<sup>1</sup> The following Interlinear or Literal Translations of the New Testament will be used as well.

**KJ3LT** = *King James 3 Literal Translation of the Holy Bible*  
Translation by Jay P. Green Sr., 2005 Edition

This is a revised edition of Green's 1986 Hebrew-English-Greek work called *The Interlinear Bible*. The Greek text follows the *Textus Receptus*. I used the translation provided by [www.sgpbooks.com/bibles/LiteralPages.htm](http://www.sgpbooks.com/bibles/LiteralPages.htm).

**NKJGE** = *The NKJV Greek English Interlinear New Testament*  
Translators: Arthur L. Farstad, Zane C. Hodges, C. Michael Moss,  
Robert E. Picirilli, Wilber N. Pickering, 1985, 1994

This translation follows the Majority Text.

**NGEINT** = *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*  
Translators: Robert K. Brown and Philip W. Comfort, 1990

The Greek text follows the 1993 Critical Text of the Greek New Testament, Fourth Edition, by the United Bible Societies.

**ALT** = *Analytical-Literal Translation of the New Testament of the Holy Bible*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
Translation by Gary F. Zeolla, 2005

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<sup>1</sup> The NASB and HCSB were obtained at [www.olivetree.com/bible](http://www.olivetree.com/bible). The ESV at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). The ISV was obtained at <http://isv.org/downloads.index.htm>. In numerous places the ISV provides the reader with a more literal translation than that found in other modern translations.

This translation was based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Byzantine Majority Text. See [www.dtl.org](http://www.dtl.org) to purchase the book or an inexpensive downloadable version. The ALT now has a 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

**FNT = Faithful New Testament**

Translation by William Wilde Zeitler, 2007

This literal translation can be downloaded at [www.faithfulbible.com](http://www.faithfulbible.com). As to which text he uses he says: “I subscribe to the view that the best choice of text is that supported by the broadest base of early sources” (Preface, xi).<sup>2</sup>

## What are Interlinear or Literal Translations?

Greek-English Interlinear (GEI) and Literal Translations (LT) both seek to provide the reader with a *word-for-word translation* from the Greek text. GEI have one line for the Greek text and another corresponding line of translation into English, the LT leave out the Greek text. For example, here is a verse comparison of John 3:16 between a GEI translation, two Literal translations, and two modern translations:

Ουτως γαρ ηγαπησεν ο θεος τον κοσμον, ωστε τον υιον  
FOR ~ THUS LOVED - GOD THE WORLD, THAT THE SON,

τον μονογενη εδωκεν, ινα πας ο πιστων εις αυτον  
THE UNIQUE ONE, HE GAVE, THAT EVERYONE BELIEVING IN HIM

μη αποληται αλλ εχη ζωην αιωνιον.  
MAY NOT PERISH BUT HAVE LIFE ETERNAL.<sup>3</sup>

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten [or, unique] Son, so that every[one] believing [or, trusting] in Him shall not perish, but shall be having eternal life! (ALT)

For God thus agape-loved the world: so that he gave his uniquely-begotten son, so that everyone believing in him not perish but be having eternal zoe-life. (FNT)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> For more information on this see his Preface, “The Underlying Text,” p. ix-xi.

<sup>3</sup> *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*, Translators Robert K. Brown and Philip W. Comfort (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, 1990). The symbol ~ is used to show a flipping of the Greek order into English.

<sup>4</sup> Zeitler adds qualifying terms in his translation marked with a (-) that he explains in his footnotes. In this study I did not think it was necessary to include these in the passages I will be quoting from the FNT. Nevertheless, I do encourage readers to visit his website and download this fine translation with its qualifying words and footnotes.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (New International Version)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)

For most people, the GEI translations did not read as smoothly as the LT, and even less so than a modern translation. However, notice a couple of differences between the modern translations and the Interlinear/LT:

- believes vs. believing/trusting
- have eternal life vs. shall be having eternal life

Do the GEI and LT impact the meaning of the verse for you? I think it does, but you can decide for yourself.<sup>5</sup> Of course, each verse/passage is a part of a chapter, and each chapter is part of a book, so I would encourage readers to read the verses both before and after each passage to insure that you are reading and interpreting the passage in its proper literary context.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> When I have introduced verse comparisons between Literal Translations and modern translations to others in the church setting, without exception, people thought the Literal Translation impacted the meaning of the passage.

<sup>6</sup> This resource was completed in December 2009, by Steve Witzki.

## PASSAGES USED TO SUPPORT UNCONDITIONAL SECURITY

**John 1:12-13.** But as many as received Him, He gave to them *the* right to become children of God, to the *ones* believing in His name; 13 who not of blood, nor of *the* will of flesh, nor of *the* will of man, but of God were born. (NKJGE)

**John 3:14-18.** “And just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, in this manner it is necessary for the son of man to be lifted up, 15 so that everyone believing in him may be having eternal life. 16 For God thus loved the world: so that he gave his uniquely-begotten son, so that everyone believing in him not perish but be having eternal life. 17 For God did not send his son into the world that he judge the world, but that the world be saved through him. 18 The [one] believing in him is not judged, the [one] not believing [in him] has already been judged, because he has not believed in the name of the uniquely-begotten son of God.” (FNT)

**John 3:36.** The one believing in the Son has life eternal; but the one disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. (NGEINT)

**John 4:13-14.** Jesus answered and said to her: “Everyone drinking from this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks from the water that I will give to him, he will not thirst for eternity, but the water that I will give to him will become in him [a] well of water springing-up to eternal life.” (FNT)

**John 5:24.** “Truly truly I say to you that the [one] hearing my word and believing the [one] having sent me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but is moved out of death into life.” (FNT)

**John 6:35, 37.** But Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life! The one coming to Me shall by no means hunger, and the one believing [or trusting] in Me will by no means thirst at any time! . . . 37 All that the Father gives to Me will come to Me, and the one coming to Me I shall by no means cast out.” (ALT)

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**Matthew 10:17-22.** “Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. . . . 21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” (ESV)

**Mark 8:34-38.** Then Jesus called the crowd to himself along with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, he must deny himself, pick up his cross, and follow me continually, 35 because whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the gospel will save it. 36 What profit will a person have if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? 37 Indeed, what can a person give in exchange for his life? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes with the holy angels in his Father’s glory.” (ISV)

**John 6:54-58.** “The one feeding on my flesh and drinking my blood has life eternal, and I will raise up him on the last day. 55 For the flesh of me is true food, and the blood of me is true drink. 56 The one feeding on my flesh and drinking my blood in me abides and I in him. 57 As sent me the living Father and I live because of the Father, [so] also the one feeding on me even that one will live because of me. 58 This one is the bread out of heaven having come down, not as ate the fathers and died; the one feeding on this bread will live into the age.” (NGEINT)

**John 8:12.** Then again to them spoke Jesus saying, “I am the light of the world; the one following me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.” (NGEINT)

**John 8:51.** “Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone my word keeps, death he will never see into the age.” (NGEINT)

**John 6:39-40.** “And this is the will of the Father having sent Me, that out of all which He has given to Me I will not lose [any of] it, but I will raise it up on the last day. 40 And this is the will of the One having sent me, that every[one] looking on the Son and believing [or, trusting] in Him shall be having eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (ALT)

**John 6:44.** “No one is able to come to me unless the Father having sent me should draw him, and I will raise up him in the last day.” (NGEINT)

**John 6:47.** “Truly, truly I say to you, the one believing has life eternal.” (NGEINT)

**John 7:37-38.** Now in the last day of the festival Jesus stood and cried out saying: “If anyone thirst, he must be coming to me and drinking. 38 The [one] believing in me, just as the scripture said: ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his belly.’” (FNT)

**John 10:27-29.** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give to them eternal life, and they shall by no means perish into the age [fig., forever]! And no one will pluck them out of My hand. 29 My Father who has given [them] to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to be plucking [them] out of the hand of My Father.” (ALT)

**John 11:25-26.** Then Said to her Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one believing in me even if he should die will live, and everyone living and believing in me never dies into the age. Do you believe this?” (NGEINT)

**John 17:11-12.** “And no longer am I in the world, and [yet] they are in the world, and I come to you. Holy father, keep them in your name that you have given to me, in order that they be one just as we [are]. 12 When I was with them, I was keeping them in your name that you have given me, and I guarded [them] and no one of them perished except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture be fulfilled.” (FNT)

**John 20:30-31.** Indeed therefore many other signs Jesus did before the disciples, which have not been written in this scroll. 31 But these [things] are written in order that you be believing that Jesus is the Christ the son of God, and in order that believing you be having life in his name. (FNT)

**John 12:25-26.** “The [one] loving his life will lose it, and the [one] hating his life in this world will guard it to life eternal. 26 If anyone be serving me, he must be following me, and where I am, there also will be the [one] serving me. If anyone be serving me, the father will honor him.” (FNT)

**John 14:15, 21, 23-24.** “If you are loving Me, keep My commandments. . . . 21 The one having My commandments and keeping them, that one is the one loving Me. And the one loving Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him. . . . 23 If anyone is loving Me, My word he will keep. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and will make [Our] dwelling place with him. 24 The one not loving Me does not keep My words, and the word which you hear is not Mine, but of the Father, the One having sent Me.” (ALT)

**John 15:1-6.** “I am the vine, the true one, and the Father of me the vinedresser is. 2 Every branch in me not bearing fruit he takes it, and ever [branch] bearing fruit he prunes it that much fruit it may bear. 3 Already you are clean because of the word which I have spoken to you; 4 Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit from itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither you unless in me you remain. 5 I am the vine, you [are] the branches. The one remaining in me and I in him this one bears much fruit, because apart from me you are not able to do anything. 6 Unless someone remains in me, He was(is) cast out as the branch and was(is) dried up and they gather them and into the fire they throw [them] and they are burned.” (NGEINT)

**Acts 14:21-22.** And having preached the good news [in] that city and having made disciples many, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging [them] to remain in the faith and that through many tribulations it is necessary [for] us to enter into the kingdom of God. (NGEINT)

**Romans 8:12-13.** So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (NASB)

**Acts 16:30-31.** And having brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what is it necessary [for] me to be doing so that I shall be saved?” 31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your house!” (ALT)

**Romans 1:16.** For not I am ashamed of the good news, for [the] power of God it is unto salvation to everyone believing, both to the Jew first and to Greek. (NGEINT)

**Romans 6:23.** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in union with the Messiah Jesus our Lord. (ISV)

**Romans 8:1.** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in union with the Messiah Jesus. (ISV)

**Romans 8:28-30.** And we know that to the ones loving God all things he works together for good, to the ones being called according to [his] purpose. 29 Because whom he foreknew, also he predestined [to be] conformed to the image of the son of him, for him to be firstborn among many brothers; 30 and whom he predestined, these also he called; and whom he called, these also he justified; and whom he justified these also he glorified. (NGEINT)

**Romans 8:31-39.** What, then, can we say about all of this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 The one who did not spare his own Son, but offered him as a sacrifice for all of us, surely will give us all things, along with his Son, won't he? 33 Who shall accuse God's elect? It is God who justifies! 34 Who is the one to condemn? It is the Messiah Jesus who is interceding on our behalf. He died, and more importantly, has been raised and is seated at the right hand of God. 35 Who shall separate us from the Messiah's love? Can trouble, distress, persecution, hunger, nakedness, danger, or a violent death do this? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are thought of as sheep headed for slaughter.” 37 In all these things we are triumphantly victorious due to the one who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor anything above, nor anything below, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is ours in union with the Messiah Jesus our Lord. (ISV)

**Romans 8:16-17.** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. (NASB)

**Romans 11:19-22.** Then you will say, “Branches were cut off so that I could be grafted in.” 20 That's right! They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you remain only because of faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid! 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he certainly will not spare you either. 22 Consider, then, the kindness and severity of God: his severity toward those who fell, but God's kindness toward you—if you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off. (ISV)

**1 Corinthians 9:24–10:12.** Do you not know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. However, they do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. 26 Therefore I do not run like one who runs aimlessly, or box like one who beats the air. 27 Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified. 10:1 Now I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ. 5 But God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. 6 Now these things became examples for us, so that we will not desire evil as they did. 7 Don't become idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to play. 8 Let us not commit sexual immorality as some of them did, and in a single day 23,000 people fell dead. 9 Let us not tempt Christ as some of them did, and were destroyed by snakes. 10 Nor should we complain as some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall! (HCSB)

**Romans 10:9-11.** Because if you confess *the* Lord Jesus with your mouth, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from *the* dead, you will be saved. 10 For with *the* heart *one* believes unto righteousness, and with *the* mouth *one* confesses unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone believing on Him will not be put to shame.” (KJ3LT)

**Romans 11:29.** For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 1:7-9.** . . . you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son . . . . (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15.** For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. 14 If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 10:13.** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so that you are able to bear it. (HCSB)

**Ephesians 1:4-6, 11-12.** He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. . . . In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 15:1-2.** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. (ESV)

**Galatians 5:16, 19-21.** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. . . . 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (NASB)

**Galatians 6:7-8.** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man may sow, that he also will reap. 8 For the *one* sowing to his own flesh will reap corruption of the flesh. But the *one* sowing to the Spirit will reap everlasting life of the Spirit. (KJ3LT)

**Ephesians 5:3-7.** But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not become partners with them. (ESV)

**Colossians 1:21-23.** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard . . . (ESV)

**Ephesians 1:13-14.** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory. (NASB)

**Ephesians 2:8-9.** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (NASB)

**Ephesians 4:30.** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (NASB)

**Philippians 1:6.** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (NASB)

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. (NASB)

**2 Timothy 2:11-13.** It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. (NASB)

**2 Timothy 4:18.** The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

**Hebrews 7:25.** Therefore, He is also being able to be saving to the [very] end [fig., completely] the ones coming through Him to God, [since] He is always living to be making the intercession on their behalf. (ALT)

**Hebrews 9:12.** He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (NASB)

**Hebrews 10:10.** By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (NASB)

**1 Timothy 1:18-19.** This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. (NASB)

**Hebrews 3:12-14.** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. (ESV)

**Hebrews 5:9.** An having been made perfect, he [Jesus] became to all the ones obeying him [the] source of eternal salvation. (NGEINT)

**Hebrews 9:27-28.** And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (ESV)

**Hebrews 10:14.** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (ESV)

**Hebrews 10:26-31.** For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (ESV)

**Hebrews 12:14.** Be pursuing peace with all, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord (FNT)

**Hebrews 12:1-2.** . . . let us keep running with endurance the race set before us, 2 fixing our attention on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of the faith . . . (ISV)

**Hebrews 13:5.** Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you; nor forsake you.” (ESV)

**1 Peter 1:3-9.** Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the One according to His great mercy having regenerated us to a living hope, through [the] resurrection of Jesus Christ from [the] dead, 4 into an inheritance [which is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been reserved in the heavens for you, 5 the ones being guarded by [the] power of God through faith for [the] salvation ready to be revealed in [the] last time; 6 in which you are very glad, [though] now [for] a little [while], if it is necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith, [being] much more precious [than] gold, the [thing] perishing, but being approved through fire, shall be found to praise and honor and to glory in [the] revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom not having known, you love; in whom now not seeing but believing, you are very glad with a inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 receiving the end of your faith, [the] salvation of [your] souls. (ALT)

**1 Peter 5:8-10.** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (ESV)

**1 John 3:6.** No one who remains in union with him keeps on sinning. The one who keeps on sinning hasn't seen him or known him. (ISV)

**1 John 5:4-5.** Because every one having been begotten from God overcomes the world, and this is the victory having overcome the world—our faith! 5 Who is the one overcoming the world, if not the one believing [or, who is convinced] that Jesus is the Son of God? (ALT)

**James 1:12.** How blessed is the man who endures temptation! When he has passed the test, he will receive the victor's crown of life that God has promised to those who keep on loving him. (ISV)

**2 Peter 1:3-11.** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (ESV)

**2 Peter 3:16-17.** . . . Some things in them [Paul's letters] are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, leading to their own destruction, as they do the rest of the Scriptures. 17 And so, dear friends, since you already know these things, continually be on your guard not to be carried away by the deception of lawless people. Otherwise, you may fall from your secure position. (ISV)

**1 John 2:3-6.** This is how we can be sure that we have come to know him: if we continually keep his commandments. 4 The person who says, “I have come to know him,” but does not continually keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth has no place in that person. 5 But whoever continually keeps his commandments is the kind of person in whom God's love has truly been perfected. This is how we can be sure that we are in union with God: 6 The one who says that he abides in him must live the same way he himself lived. (ISV)

**1 John 5:10-13.** The one believing in the Son of God has the witness in himself, the one not believing God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony which God has testified concerning the Son of him. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in the Son of him. 12 The one having the Son has the (this) life; the one not having the Son of God the life does not have. 13 These things I wrote to you that you may know that you have eternal life, to the ones believing in the name of the Son of God. (NGEINT)

**Jude 1.** Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ. (NASB)

**Jude 24-25.** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling [or “falling,” NIV, ISV], and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (NASB)

**Revelation 13:8.** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. (NASB)

**Revelation 17:8.** “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.” (NASB)

**Revelation 17:14.** “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.” (NASB)

**1 John 3:23-24.** And this is his commandment: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus the Messiah, and to love one another as he commanded us. 24 The person who keeps his commandments abides in God, and God abides in him. This is how we can be sure that he remains in us: he has given us his Spirit. (ISV)

**Jude 20-21.** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. (NASB)

**Revelation 2:10-11.** [To the church at Smyrna] “Fear not at all the things you are about to suffer, behold the devil is about to cast [some] of you into prison that you may be tested and you will have affliction ten-days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 The one having ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one overcoming never will be hurt by the second death.” (NGEINT)

**Revelation 3:4-6.** “But you have a few names (persons) in Sardis which did not soil the garments of them, and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy. 5 The one overcoming, in similar manner, will be clothed in white garments, and never will I blot out the name of him from the book of life and I will confess the name of him before the Father of me and before the angels of him. 6 The one having an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (NGEINT)

**Revelation 21:7-8.** “The one overcoming will inherit these things and I will be to him God and he will be to me a son. 8 But for the cowardly and unbelieving and ones having become vile and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all the false ones, their part [will be] in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” (NGEINT)