

Psalm 124

- 1** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side-- let Israel now say--
- 2** if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,
- 3** then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4** then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5** then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6** Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!
- 7** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!
- 8** Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

2. Corinthians 5

- 14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;
- 15** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.
- 16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.
- 17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- 18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- 19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
- 20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- 21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

John 8

- 28** So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.
- 29** And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."
- 30** As he was saying these things, many believed in him.
- 31** So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
- 32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- 33** They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"
- 34** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.
- 35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
- 36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.