THE QUESTION

Does being fervent in spirit mean strong feelings or zeal shown in right living?

Asked by a THF member on September 27, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 8 numbered quotations · the 22 early Christian passages and 211 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Mostly zeal shown in right living, though warmth of heart is part of it. Paul lists being fervent in spirit among duties like love, service, prayer and hospitality. Chrysostom explains it as being warm and awake by the Spirit, and early writers praise eager zeal when it is aimed at doing good.

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Fervency sits among Paul's practical duties

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Clement of Alexandria quotes Romans 12 in full. Being fervent in spirit is set beside hard work, serving the Lord, hope, patience, prayer, hospitality and sharing with the saints. The setting is a life of active love, not a feeling on its own.

1 “Do not be lazy in your work. Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoice in hope. Be patient in tribulation. Continue steadfastly in prayer. Practice hospitality.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.12 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 11, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Chrysostom: fervent means warm and awake

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Chrysostom says Paul always pushes for a higher degree: not just zeal, but zeal without laziness; not just having the Spirit, but having the Spirit fervent. He explains this as being warm and awake, which joins inner warmth with alert action.

2 “nor only to be zealous, but to be so without laziness; nor only to have the Spirit, but to have it fervent, that is, to be warm and awake.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Romans* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 17, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Good deeds and the Spirit kindle each other

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Chrysostom says practicing these duties draws the Spirit to us, and the Spirit then makes the duties easy. He pictures a believer glowing from both sides, with the Spirit and with love. He also says serving our brothers counts as serving the Lord.

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3 “For if you have the things mentioned before, you will draw the Spirit to yourself. And if the Spirit remains with you, it will also make you fit for these purposes, and everything will be easy through the Spirit and through love, while you are made to glow from both sides.”

later in the same passage

“For it is possible to serve God in all these ways, because whatever you do for your brother passes on to your Master, and since He Himself has been benefited, He will count your reward accordingly.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Romans* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 17, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Early writers aim zeal at doing good

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Clement of Rome urges believers to be prompt in doing good and never lazy in any good work. Polycarp likewise tells the church to be zealous in pursuing what is good. Zeal here is an eager will to act rightly.

4 “He urges us, therefore, with our whole heart to attend to this, that we not be lazy or slothful in any good work.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 22, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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5 “Let us be zealous in the pursuit of what is good, keeping ourselves from causes of offense, from false brethren, and from those who in hypocrisy bear the name of the Lord, and lead vain people into error.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 5, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Zeal can be spent on the wrong things

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Clement of Rome scolds a church that was full of zeal, but about things that do not lead to salvation. Strong feeling alone is not the goal; it must be pointed toward what God has shown in Scripture.

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6 “You are fond of contention, brothers, and full of zeal about things that do not pertain to salvation. Look carefully into the Scriptures, which are the true utterances of the Holy Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 21, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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The Spirit's eagerness strengthens weak flesh

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Irenaeus speaks of the eager willingness of the Spirit that overcomes the weakness of the flesh. He gives the martyrs as an example: their courage comes from the readiness of the Spirit. Spiritual eagerness is praised here as real strength for faithful living.

7 “Therefore, if anyone uses the eager willingness of the Spirit as a kind of catalyst to the weakness of the flesh, it inevitably follows that what is strong will overcome the weak, so that the weakness of the flesh will be absorbed by the strength of the Spirit; and the person in whom this happens cannot be carnal, but spiritual, because of the communion with the Spirit.”

later in the same passage

“This is why the martyrs offer their testimony and scorn death, not because of the weakness of the flesh, but because of the readiness of the Spirit.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 7, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Spiritual people are led by the Spirit

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For Irenaeus, being spiritual is shown by how one lives: not ruled by fleshly desires, but guided by the Spirit and walking according to reason. Being spiritual is measured by a changed life, not by feelings alone.

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8 “Those people, then, who have the earnest of the Spirit and are not enslaved by the lusts of the flesh, but are guided by the Spirit and walk in all things according to reason, the apostle rightfully calls "spiritual," because the Spirit of God dwells in them.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 9, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not discuss feelings such as tears or joy in worship in any detail.
- They do not set rules for how much emotion should show in worship or prayer.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 22 early Christian passages and 211 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–22, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 23–101, in Bible order), then 132 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *22 passages from 11 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 4) “shalt love Him that created thee: thou shalt glorify Him that redeemed thee from death… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 7) “flesh, accordingly, in which the Holy Spirit dwelt, was nobly subject to that Spirit, walking religiously and chastely, in no respect defiling the Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 4) “those who are weak and slothful in prayer, hesitate to ask anything from the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

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Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 4*

4 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 4) “such an extent did he display zeal in the cause of godliness, and prove himself a punisher of the ungodly, while he as yet faltered in speech like a child… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 5*

5 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “us be zealous in the pursuit of that which is good, keeping ourselves from causes of offence, from false brethren, and from those who in hypocrisy bear the name of… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 6–10*

6 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 7) “it to be like His own Son. Through the Father's hands, meaning through the Son and the Holy Spirit, humans, not just a part of humans, were made in… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “On the other hand, as many as fear God and trust in His Son’s advent, and who through faith do establish the Spirit of God in their hearts,—such… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 7) “the Spirit is life because of righteousness… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 5** “Those persons, then, who possess the earnest of the Spirit, and who are not enslaved by the lusts of the flesh, but are subject to the Spirit, and who in… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English; on point 6) “if we who live are delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, it is that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh.” And that the Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Instructor* 3.12 **Quote 1, page 2** “one another with brotherly love. In honor, put one another first. Do not be lazy in your work. Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoice in hope. Be patient… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “is, the spirit which is by faith, which supervenes through the practice of righteousness… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 13*

13 *Commentary on John* 6 (1885 English) “this they are rebuked by John, who has the zeal of Elijah according to the communication of the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 14*

14 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) “earnest in righteous works, whereby sins may be purged… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 15*

15 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) “the Lord our God hates the slothful… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 16–19*

16 *Homilies on Ephesians* 11 (1885 English; on point 2) “else by spirit here he means their zeal… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Homilies on Romans* (1885 English) **Quotes 2, 3, pages 2, 3** “in spirit. See how in every instance he aims after higher degrees… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Homilies on First Timothy* (1885 English; on point 2) “must be well awake, he must be fervent in spirit, and, as it were, breathe fire… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Homilies on Philippians* (1885 English) “of concord, and zeal; for the Spirit is one, and he shows it… [continues online] **read ›**

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Clement of Rome · *sources 20–22*

20 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) “them learn of how great avail humility is with God—how much the spirit of pure affection can prevail with Him—how excellent and great His fear is, and how… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 6, page 4** “carefully into the Scriptures, which are the true utterances of the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 4, page 3** “lazy and slothful cannot look his employer in the face… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *79 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

23 **1 Samuel 12:24** Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth and with all your heart; for you see what great things he has done with you. **read ›**

24 **2 Chronicles 31:21** And in every work that he began in the service of the house of the Lord, and in the law and in the statutes, he sought his God with all his soul, and did it, and prospered. **read ›**

25 **Ezra 6:10** so that they may offer pleasing aromas to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons. **read ›**

26 **Job 4:9** By the command of the Lord they shall perish, and by the breath of his wrath they shall vanish. **read ›**

27 **Proverbs 12:24** The hand of the chosen will easily rule, but the deceitful will become plunder. **read ›**

28 **Proverbs 12:27** A deceitful man will not catch game, but a pure man is a precious possession. **read ›**

29 **Proverbs 21:21** The way of righteousness and acts of mercy will find life and glory. **read ›**

30 **Ecclesiastes 1:3** What advantage does a man have in all his labor at which he labors under the sun? **read ›**

31 **Song of Solomon 5:9** What is your kinsman more than another kinsman, O beautiful one among women? What is your kinsman more than another kinsman, that you have so charged us? **read ›**

32 **Isaiah 7:7** thus says the Lord of hosts: This counsel shall by no means stand, nor shall it come to pass; **read ›**

33 **Isaiah 7:22** and it shall be that, from drinking a great deal of milk, everyone who is left upon the land shall eat butter and honey. **read ›**

34 **Isaiah 8:13** Sanctify the Lord himself, and he shall be your fear. **read ›**

35 **Isaiah 13:7** Therefore every hand will grow slack, and every soul of man will lose heart. **read ›**

36 **Isaiah 18:2** which sends hostages by sea, and paper letters on the water; for swift messengers will go to a nation high in the air, and to a foreign and harsh people. Who is beyond it? A nation without hope and trodden down. Now the rivers of the land, **read ›**

37 **Daniel 11:25** And his strength and his heart shall be stirred up against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall join battle with a great and very strong army; and they shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him, **read ›**

38 **Amos 1:5** And I will break the bars of Damascus, and utterly destroy the inhabitants from the plain of On, and cut off a tribe from the men of Haran; and the select people of Syria shall be taken captive, says the Lord. **read ›**

39 **Zechariah 8:2** Thus says the Lord Almighty: I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy, and with great wrath I have been jealous for her. **read ›**

40 **1 Esdras 6:10** and those works are being done with diligence, and the work is prospering in their hands, and it is being completed with all glory and care. **read ›**

41 **Judith 4:9** And every man of Israel cried out to God with great earnestness, and they humbled their souls with great earnestness, **read ›**

42 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:5** For the holy Spirit of discipline will flee from deceit, and will withdraw from foolish thoughts, and will be rebuked when unrighteousness comes in. **read ›**

43 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:23** loving mankind, steadfast, sure, free from care, all-powerful, overseeing all, and passing through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and most subtle. **read ›**

44 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:14** Those who serve her will minister to the Holy One, and the Lord loves those who love her. **read ›**

45 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:29** Do not be harsh with your tongue, or sluggish and slack in your works. **read ›**

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46 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:11** There is one who toils and labors and hurries, and is so much the more behind. **read ›**

47 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:2** A lazy man is compared to a lump of dung; everyone who picks him up will shake out his hand. **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:4** Whether rich or poor, his heart is good, and at every time his face is cheerful. **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Sirach 45:23** And Phinehas the son of Eleazar is third in glory, in that he was zealous in the fear of the Lord and stood firm when the people turned away, in the goodness of his soul's readiness, and he made atonement for Israel. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Sirach 51:24** Why are you lacking in these things, while your souls are very thirsty? **read ›**

52 **1 Maccabees 2:24** And Mattathias saw it and was filled with zeal, and his inward parts trembled; and he let his anger rise up in accordance with the judgment, and ran and slaughtered him on the pagan altar. **read ›**

53 **1 Maccabees 2:26** Thus he acted zealously for the law, as Phinehas did against Zimri the son of Salom. **read ›**

54 **1 Maccabees 2:50** And now, my children, be zealous for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our fathers. **read ›**

55 **2 Maccabees 1:3** May he give you all a heart to worship him and to do his will with a great heart and a willing soul. **read ›**

56 **3 Maccabees 5:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

57 **4 Maccabees 7:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

58 **4 Maccabees 7:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **4 Maccabees 8:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

60 **4 Maccabees 13:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

61 **4 Maccabees 16:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

62 **4 Maccabees 18:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

63 **Mark 1:14** Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, **read ›**

64 **Mark 2:5** Jesus, seeing their faithfulness, said to the paralyzed man, "Child, your sins are forgiven you." **read ›**

65 **Luke 1:75** in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. **read ›**

66 **John 2:17** His disciples remembered that it was written: The zeal for your house shall eat me up. **read ›**

67 **John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." **read ›**

68 **Acts 18:25** He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. **read ›**

69 **Romans 8:4** so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **read ›**

70 **Romans 8:5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **read ›**

71 **Romans 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **read ›**

72 **Romans 10:2** For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **read ›**

73 **Romans 12:11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, **read ›**

74 **Romans 12:12** rejoicing in hope, enduring in troubles, continuing steadfastly in prayer, **read ›**

75 **1 Corinthians 12:9** to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **read ›**

76 **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. **read ›**

77 **1 Corinthians 14:12** So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to abound in building up the church. **read ›**

78 **1 Corinthians 14:15** What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. **read ›**

79 **2 Corinthians 3:8** will not the ministry of the Spirit be with much more glory? **read ›**

80 **2 Corinthians 7:1** Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **read ›**

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81 **2 Corinthians 7:11** For behold, this very sorrow in a godly way—what earnestness it produced in you, what defense, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what vindication! In everything you showed yourselves pure in the matter. **read ›**

82 **Galatians 4:18** But it is good to be eagerly sought in a good cause at all times, and not only when I am present with you. **read ›**

83 **Galatians 5:25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. **read ›**

84 **Galatians 6:8** For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. **read ›**

85 **Ephesians 3:14** For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **read ›**

86 **Ephesians 4:3** being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **read ›**

87 **Ephesians 5:18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is reckless excess, but be filled with the Spirit, **read ›**

88 **Ephesians 6:6** not serving only when watched, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul, **read ›**

89 **Ephesians 6:7** with good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men, **read ›**

90 **Philippians 3:6** as to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness that is in the law, found blameless. **read ›**

91 **Colossians 1:8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. **read ›**

92 **Colossians 3:22** Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh in all things, not only when they are watching, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing God. **read ›**

93 **1 Thessalonians 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit. **read ›**

94 **2 Timothy 2:22** Flee youthful desires, but pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **read ›**

95 **Titus 2:10** not stealing, but showing good faithfulness in every way, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. **read ›**

96 **Hebrews 6:10** For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the labor of love which you showed toward his name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve them. **read ›**

97 **Hebrews 6:12** so that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faithfulness and patience inherit the promises. **read ›**

98 **James 4:5** Or do you think that the Scripture speaks in vain? The spirit which dwelt in us yearns enviously. **read ›**

99 **1 Peter 1:22** Having purified your souls in obedience to the truth through the Spirit for sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart, **read ›**

100 **1 Peter 2:16** Live as free people, yet not using your freedom as a cloak for wickedness, but as slaves of God. **read ›**

101 **1 Peter 4:8** And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love will cover a multitude of sins. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *132 verses, by reference*

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Exodus 20:7 · 25:11

1 Kings 18:33

Isaiah 40:10 · 53:11 · 66:2

Malachi 1:11 · 4:5

Matthew 1:20 · 3:7 · 4:10 · 5:21 · 5:22 · 5:42 · 6:12 · 6:24 · 9:29 · 10:19 · 10:20 · 10:21 · 13:11 · 13:27 · 16:6 · 16:24 · 18:10 · 19:30 · 20:16 · 22:13 · 22:21 · 22:39 · 24:5 · 24:11 · 25:36 · 25:41 · 26:41 · 27:46 · 28:18

Mark 1:8 · 8:38 · 9:44 · 13:32

Luke 1:17 · 1:46 · 3:11 · 6:30 · 6:46 · 15:4 · 15:22 · 16:15 · 18:10 · 21:14 · 22:43

John 1:6 · 1:14 · 1:47 · 2:13 · 3:5 · 5:14 · 5:30 · 7:37 · 8:39 · 15:1 · 15:12 · 15:15 · 15:26 · 21:17

Acts 2:37 · 8:9 · 20:29

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Romans 4:3 · 5:12 · 5:17 · 6:3 · 8:6 · 8:10 · 8:18 · 8:29 · 9:5 · 12:8 · 12:17 · 13:8 · 14:10 · 14:12

1 Corinthians 2:6 · 2:9 · 3:2 · 3:3 · 11:10 · 12:3 · 15:13 · 15:22 · 15:50 · 15:53 · 15:58

2 Corinthians 3:3 · 4:10 · 4:11 · 5:10 · 8:21

Galatians 1:10 · 2:8

Ephesians 4:5 · 4:6 · 4:27 · 6:9

Philippians 2:6 · 2:7 · 3:11

Colossians 1:15 · 2:9

1 Thessalonians 5:12 · 5:23

2 Thessalonians 1:9 · 3:6 · 3:10

1 Timothy 2:4 · 5:21

2 Timothy 2:17 · 3:2

Titus 1:15

Hebrews 1:3 · 13:17

James 1:8 · 2:13 · 5:14

1 Peter 1:19 · 2:23 · 3:20

Revelation 2:5 · 2:17 · 5:8 · 22:12

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

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