THE QUESTION

What happens to Christians who are unmerciful (Matthew 5:7)?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers warn that an unmerciful Christian should not expect mercy from God. Following Jesus, they teach that the measure we use with others is the measure used with us. The parable of the unforgiving servant shows that a person who refuses mercy loses the mercy he was given. Mercy copies God's own kindness.

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Jesus promised mercy to the merciful

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

Tatian's Gospel harmony keeps the beatitude plainly, and Clement of Alexandria repeats it in his own words. The promise runs one way: those who show mercy will receive mercy. The early writers read the warning against being unmerciful out of this same promise.

1 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 8 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “And he blesses the merciful, because they will receive mercy.”

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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The measure we give comes back

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Clement of Rome and Polycarp both quote the Lord's sayings side by side. Being merciful, forgiving and not judging are tied to how God will treat us. Clement calls these sayings rules to build our lives on, so that we walk humbly in obedience.

3 “Be merciful, so you may receive mercy; forgive, so it may be forgiven to you; as you do, so it will be done to you; as you judge, so you will be judged; as you are kind, so kindness will be shown to you; with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 26, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 “be merciful, that you may obtain mercy; with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you again;"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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The unforgiving servant lost the mercy given

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In Tatian's harmony, the king forgives a huge debt, but the servant then chokes a fellow servant over a small one. The king calls him wicked and hands him over until he pays everything. Jesus ends by saying the Father will do the same to anyone who will not forgive from the heart.

5 “Then his lord called him and said to him, “You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?””

later in the same passage

“So my Father who is in heaven will do to you, if each one of you does not forgive his brother's wrong conduct from his heart.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 27 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Origen stresses how great the forgiveness was

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Origen points out that the king did more than the servant asked. He did not just wait for payment; he wiped out the whole debt. That is what makes the servant's harshness so wicked. He had been shown huge mercy and then showed none.

6 “Instead, he completely released him and forgave the whole debt. But this wicked servant, who had begged his master to have patience regarding his many talents, acted without mercy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 15, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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Cyprian warns the unmerciful about their prayers

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Cyprian draws on Proverbs: the one who shuts his ears to the weak will call on God and not be heard. He says a person who has not been merciful cannot expect the Lord's mercy, and that prayers bring nothing from God if we ignore the poor who ask us for help.

7 “For he will not be able to deserve the mercy of the Lord if he himself has not been merciful. Nor will he obtain anything from the divine pity in his prayers if he has not been humane toward the prayer of the poor man.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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We all owe God a debt

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

Polycarp tells church leaders to be merciful and not harsh in judgment. His reason is simple: everyone is in debt to God because of sin. Since we ask God to forgive us, we must also forgive others. Being unmerciful forgets our own need.

8 “not quickly believing an evil report against anyone, not severe in judgment, as knowing that we are all under a debt of sin. If then we ask the Lord to forgive us, we ought also to forgive;”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Mercy copies God's kindness to all

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

Justin and Clement of Alexandria both point to God as the pattern. God is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked, sending sun and rain on all. Christians are told to be merciful as their Father is, even toward enemies who curse them.

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9 “For He taught us to pray for our enemies also, saying, "Love your enemies; be kind and merciful, as your heavenly Father is."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 3, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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10 “And further, when He says, "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful," in”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 1.8 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 10, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Mercy shows itself in practical help

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

Lactantius says mercy, or pity, finishes what harmlessness begins. It is not only avoiding harm but doing good. He lists plain acts: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and rescuing people from those who abuse their power. Being unmerciful means refusing this help.

11 “If anyone needs food, let us give it. If we meet anyone who is naked, let us clothe him. If anyone suffers harm from someone more powerful than himself, let us rescue him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 65 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 24, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not list exactly which unmerciful acts shut a person out from God's mercy.
- They do not say whether someone who has been unmerciful and then repents can still be forgiven.
- They do not explain how mercy fits with fair judgment or church discipline.
- 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.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 26 early Christian passages and 190 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–26, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 27–98, in Bible order), then 118 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 *26 passages from 11 writers*

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Epistle to the Philippians* **Quote 4, page 2** "in His teaching: "Judge not, that you be not judged; forgive, and it shall be forgiven to you; be merciful, that you may obtain mercy; with the same measure you… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle to the Philippians* **Quote 8, page 4** severe in judgment, as knowing that we are all under a debt of sin… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 3*

3 *Dialogue with Trypho* **Quote 9, page 5** "He has promised through Christ. In addition to all this, we pray for you, that Christ may have mercy upon you. For He taught us to pray for our enemies… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 4–6*

4 *Diatessaron* 27 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "18:35 So shall my Father which is in heaven do unto you, if one forgive not his brother his wrong conduct from 14 his heart… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Diatessaron* 9 (on point 7) "the children of the Highest. For he is lenient toward the wicked and the ungrateful. Luke 6:36 Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful. Matthew 5:47… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Diatessaron* 8 **Quote 1, page 2** "Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 7*

7 *To Autolycus* 12 (on point 8) 16 In the same way, another prophet, Zachariah, says, "Thus says the Lord Almighty: Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion, each man to his brother; and do not… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–11*

8 *Stromata* 2.18 (on point 2) "merciful," says the Lord, "that you may receive mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Stromata* 4.6 (on point 1) "then here or elsewhere, for no place is devoid of the beneficence of God, He again says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Instructor* 1.8 **Quote 10, page 5** "further, when He says, "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Instructor* 3.12 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "the merciful He blesses, for they shall obtain mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 12–13*

12 *Against Marcion* 17 (1885 English; on point 7) “also does He teach: Be merciful, says He, as your Father also that had mercy upon you… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *On Patience* 12 settle the matter by agreement, Matthew 5:25, unless he first begins by cutting off chagrin, hardheartedness, and bitterness, which are in fact the poisonous outgrowths of impatience? How will… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 4) “The king, being moved with compassion, released him and forgave him all the debt. But the… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “this wicked servant, who had besought his master to have patience for his many talents, acted without mercy, for, having found one of his fellow-servants which owed him a… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Commentary on Matthew* 14 (on point 3) He added the seventy to the number seven also, Matthew 18:22, and said that there should be forgiveness for brothers here, and for those who have sinned in matters… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Treatises* **Quote 7, page 4** “21:13 For he will not be able to deserve the mercy of the Lord if he himself has not been merciful. Nor will he obtain anything from the divine… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 8) “in deeds; mercifulness in works; discipline in morals… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 19–23*

19 *Apostolic Constitutions* you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.” Jeremiah 3:22. Therefore receive, without any doubting, him who repents. Do not be hindered by such unmerciful men, who say… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) “merciful, for blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) “5:5. Let him also be merciful, for again it is said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 2) “with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. Matthew 7:2… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 7) that forbade hatred, now pronounces him blessed that loves his enemies… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 24–25*

24 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 65 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “shows mercy to him whom He sees to be merciful… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Divine Institutes* 12 (1885 English; on point 5) “you shall hear, He says, the prayers of your suppliant, I also will hear yours… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 26*

26 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 3, page 2** “the words of the Lord Jesus which He spoke, teaching us meekness and patience. For He said: “Be merciful, so you may receive mercy; forgive, so it may be forgiven… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *72 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

27 **Exodus 20:6** and showing mercy to thousands, to those who love me and to those who keep my statutes. **read ›**

28 **Exodus 23:3** And you shall not show mercy to a poor man in judgment. **read ›**

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29 **Numbers 14:19** Forgive the sin of this people according to your great mercy, just as you have been gracious to them from Egypt until now." **read ›**

30 **Deuteronomy 25:2** then if the ungodly man deserves lashes, you shall lay him down before the judges, and they shall whip him before them according to his ungodliness. **read ›**

31 **1 Kings 8:50** and be gracious to their unrighteousness in which they sinned against you, and with regard to all their transgressions by which they transgressed against you; and you shall give them compassion before those who carry them captive, and they shall have compassion on them; **read ›**

32 **2 Chronicles 30:19** "May the good Lord be merciful toward every heart that is directed to seek the Lord God of their fathers, though not according to the purity of the sanctuary." **read ›**

33 **Psalms 18:25** With the holy you will be holy, and with the innocent man you will be innocent; (Septuagint Psalm 17:26 (Psalm 18:25 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

34 **Psalms 78:38** But he is compassionate, and he will be merciful toward their sins, and will not destroy; and many times he will turn away his wrath, and will not kindle all his anger. (Septuagint Psalm 77:38 (Psalm 78:38 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

35 **Psalms 103:8** The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and great in mercy. (Septuagint Psalm 102:8 (Psalm 103:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

36 **Proverbs 11:17** A merciful man does good to his own soul, but the unmerciful destroys his own body. **read ›**

37 **Isaiah 8:9** Know, O Gentiles, and be defeated; listen, to the end of the earth; you who have grown strong, be defeated; for if you grow strong again, again you shall be defeated. **read ›**

38 **Jeremiah 23:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

39 **Jeremiah 30:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

40 **Jeremiah 31:10** Hear the words of the Lord, O nations, and declare them to the islands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will also gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd feeds his flock." (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:10 (Jeremiah 31:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

41 **Jeremiah 35:11** When Nebuchadnezzar came up against the land, we said we would come in, and we came into Jerusalem from before the army of the Chaldeans and from before the army of the Assyrians; and we have been living there." (Septuagint Jeremiah 42:11 (Jeremiah 35:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

42 **Jeremiah 36:21** The king sent Jehudi to take the scroll; and he took it from the house of Elishama, and Jehudi read it in the ears of the king and in the ears of all the rulers who stood around the king. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:21 (Jeremiah 36:21 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Jeremiah 36:22** The king was sitting in the winter house, and a brazier of fire was before him. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:22 (Jeremiah 36:22 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Jeremiah 36:26** The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah the son of Azriel to seize Baruch and Jeremiah; but they were hidden. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:26 (Jeremiah 36:26 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Lamentations 1:7** Zain. Jerusalem remembered the days of her humiliation and of her rejection, all her desirable things that were from days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the oppressor, and there was none to help her; her enemies saw it and laughed at her dwelling. **read ›**

46 **Lamentations 1:14** Nun. Watch has been kept over my ungodly deeds; they are twined together in my hands; they have come up upon my neck; my strength has failed; for the Lord has put pains in my hands; I shall not be able to stand. **read ›**

47 **Daniel 11:17** And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall make all things straight with him; and he shall give him a daughter of women to ruin her; but she shall by no means remain, and she shall not be his. **read ›**

48 **Daniel 12:10** Let many be chosen out and made white and refined by fire and sanctified; and let the lawless act lawlessly; and none of the lawless shall understand, but those of understanding shall understand. **read ›**

49 **Amos 6:6** who drink strained wine and anoint themselves with the finest ointments, and have suffered nothing over the ruin of Joseph. **read ›**

50 **Tobit 14:9** But you, keep the law and the statutes, and be merciful and just, that it may go well with you. **read ›**

51 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:6** For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily examined. **read ›**

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52 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:22** So while disciplining us, you whip our enemies ten thousand times more, so that when we judge, we may ponder your goodness, and when we are judged, we may expect mercy. **read ›**

53 **Wisdom of Solomon 19:1** But merciless wrath pressed upon the ungodly to the end; for he knew beforehand even what they would do: **read ›**

54 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:11** For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; he forgives sins and saves in the time of trouble. **read ›**

55 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:6** And do not say, “His compassion is great; he will make atonement for the multitude of my sins”; for mercy and anger come from him, and his wrath will rest upon sinners. **read ›**

56 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:11** Even if there is one stiff-necked man, it will be a marvel if he goes unpunished; for mercy and anger come from him; he is mighty in atonements, and pours out anger. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:12** As great as his mercy, so great also is his rebuke; he judges a man according to his works. **read ›**

58 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:14** He will make room for every act of mercy; each one will find according to his works. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:13** The mercy of man is toward his neighbor, but the mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh, rebuking and disciplining and teaching, and turning them back, as a shepherd his flock. **read ›**

60 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:14** He has mercy on those who accept discipline, and on those who are eager for his judgments. **read ›**

61 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:20** Before judgment, examine yourself, and in the hour of visitation you will find atonement. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:3** A man holds on to anger against a man, and seeks healing from the Lord! **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:4** On a man like himself he has no mercy, and he prays about his own sins! **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:5** He, being flesh, keeps up wrath; who will make atonement for his sins? **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:1** He who shows mercy will lend to his neighbor, and he who gives strength with his hand keeps the commandments. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:8** Yet be patient with a man in humble circumstances, and do not keep him waiting for an act of mercy. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Sirach 40:17** Grace is like a garden in blessings, and an act of mercy endures forever. **read ›**

69 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:38** They will certainly not show mercy to a widow, nor do good to an orphan. **read ›**

70 **3 Maccabees 2:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

71 **4 Maccabees 8:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **1 Enoch 1:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **1 Enoch 1:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 27:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 38:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 50:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 58:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 60:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 94:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 95:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 95:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 98:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **Matthew 5:4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **read ›**

84 **Matthew 5:5** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **read ›**

85 **Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. **read ›**

86 **Matthew 5:10** Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **read ›**

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87 **Matthew 6:2** Therefore, when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may get glory from men. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. **read ›**

88 **Matthew 7:2** For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you. **read ›**

89 **Matthew 18:27** The lord of that slave, being moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. **read ›**

90 **Matthew 18:33** Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I had mercy on you?' **read ›**

91 **Matthew 18:35** So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you do not each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds." **read ›**

92 **Luke 6:36** Therefore be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate. **read ›**

93 **Luke 7:9** When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude who followed him, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in Israel." **read ›**

94 **Romans 1:31** without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, irreconcilable, unmerciful; **read ›**

95 **Romans 2:5** But because of your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation and righteous judgment of God, **read ›**

96 **Romans 11:31** even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may also obtain mercy. **read ›**

97 **James 2:13** For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **read ›**

98 **Jude 1:15** to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly among them concerning all the works of their ungodliness in which they have acted ungodly, and concerning all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *118 verses, by reference*

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Genesis 9:5

Exodus 22:30 · 23:4 · 23:5

Leviticus 22:27

Deuteronomy 22:10 · 26:18

Proverbs 14:8

Isaiah 66:2

Jeremiah 9:23

Matthew 4:10 · 5:3 · 5:8 · 5:22 · 5:23 · 5:25 · 5:33 · 5:38 · 5:43 · 5:45 · 6:12 · 6:19 · 6:31 · 6:32 · 7:1 · 7:13 · 7:21 · 9:12 · 9:13 · 10:39 · 10:41 · 12:7 · 12:36 · 12:37 · 16:26 · 17:26 · 18:14 · 18:21 · 18:22 · 18:23 · 18:26 · 18:31 · 19:9 · 19:17 · 24:11 · 25:44

Mark 8:36 · 14:8

Luke 2:51 · 6:20 · 6:34 · 6:35 · 6:37 · 6:38 · 6:39 · 6:40 · 6:41 · 6:46 · 12:20 · 12:22 · 12:30 · 12:33 · 13:32 · 15:3 · 15:11 · 16:15 · 18:14 · 19:8 · 19:12 · 19:27

John 11:25 · 12:25 · 13:34 · 17:3

Acts 17:31 · 20:35

Romans 7:14 · 8:11 · 9:15 · 12:17 · 12:19 · 14:10 · 14:12

1 Corinthians 1:10 · 1:31 · 2:8 · 2:10 · 2:15 · 6:14 · 8:6 · 10:24 · 11:16

2 Corinthians 4:14 · 5:10 · 8:12 · 8:21 · 10:17

Ephesians 4:26 · 6:14

Philippians 2:2 · 2:10 · 3:16

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Colossians 3:5
1 Timothy 5:18 · 6:3 · 6:8 · 6:10 · 6:20
2 Timothy 2:5
Hebrews 9:14 · 10:30
James 5:14
1 Peter 1:13 · 1:21 · 3:9 · 3:22
Revelation 2:5 · 21:2

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

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