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Zane's Trace 1797
Step 1:

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23
Step 2:

“Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned.”

Romans 5:12
Step 3:
“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23
Step 4:
“But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8
Step 5:
“…if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.”

Romans 10:9-10
Step 6:
“For, ‘every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Romans 10:13
The True Roman Road Plus

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Step 6 + 1:

While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

Romans 7:6
Step 6 + 2:

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1
Step 6 + 3:
“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.”

Romans 8:26
Step 6 + 4:
“We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30
Step 6 + 5:
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:35-38
Step 6 + 6:
“For by grace you have been saved through faith;
and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God —
not because of works, lest any man should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9
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“Do you suppose, O man, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgement of God? Or do you presume upon the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? ... For he will render to every man according to his works; to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury.”

Romans 2:6-8
“Then as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men.”

Romans 5:18
“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:3-4 (1-11)
“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

Romans 8:14-17
“I appeal to you, brethren, to take note of those who create dissensions and difficulties, in opposition to the doctrine which you have been taught; avoid them.”

Romans 16:17
“For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they then commit apostasy, since they crucify the Son of God on their own account and hold him up to contempt.”

Hebrews 6:4-6
“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ... So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead ... You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

James 2:14-26
“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel — not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:6-8
“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:1-6
Cataclysmic Upheaval!
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“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:14-15
“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17
Cataclysmic Upheaval!

“So then, brethren,
stand firm and hold to the traditions
which you were taught by us,
either by word of mouth or by letter.”
2 Thessalonians 2:15

“Now we command you, brethren,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that you keep away from any brother
who is living in idleness and not in accord
with the tradition that you received from us.”
2 Thessalonians 3:6
“I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you.”

1 Corinthians 11:2
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And how can men preach unless they are sent?”

Romans 10:14-15
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“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.”

Colossians 1:24
“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ. Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 Corinthians 10:16-17
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“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread ...

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.

Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-29
What must I do to be saved?
Important Axiom

God does NOT change His mind!

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts."

Malachi 3:6-7

"Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

James 1:17
How were people “saved” in the Old Testament?
How about in the Old Testament?

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Psalm 24:3-6
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He will receive blessing from the Lord,
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“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Clean your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.”

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Psalm 24:3-6
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“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth.”

Deuteronomy 7:6
Children of Abraham

Adam & Eve
Noah
Abraham
Israel
Moses
David

(CCCC, 7-8)
“I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.”

Genesis 17:7
“This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.”

Genesis 17:10
“And when a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.”

Exodus 12:48
“And Moses wrote this law, and gave it to the priests the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 31:9
“Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.”

Psalm 119:1
“He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments...”

Psalm 78:5-8
“...and write it down in their sight, so that they may observe and perform all its laws and all its ordinances.

Ezekiel 43:11
“Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people... and they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.”

Exodus 18:25-26
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Deuteronomy 31:9
“Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the sabbath, observing the sabbath throughout their generations, as a perpetual covenant.”

Exodus 31:16
“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
For his steadfast love endures for ever.”

Psalm 136:1-3
"You shall keep... you shall obey... you shall walk... you shall not turn away..."
"If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' ... you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him; but you shall kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the Lord your God...

Deuteronomy 13:6-11
“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, And vindication from the God of his salvation.”

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Conversion of Heart
"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And put a new and right spirit within me."

Psalm 51:10
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Hear

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.”
Deuteronomy 6:4
“Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established...”

2 Chronicles 20:20b
Conversion of Heart
Hear
Believe

Fear of God

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Psalm 111:10
Conversion of Heart

Fear of God

Hear
Believe

“The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and he makes known to them his covenant.”

Psalm 25:14
Conversion of Heart
Hear
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Fear of God
Love of God

“...that you may fear the Lord your God...and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...”

Deuteronomy 6:2a,5a
“Then put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

Joshua 24:23
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Love of Neighbor

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart ... but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19:17-18
"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the people ... Say among the nations, 'The Lord Reigns.'"

Psalm 96:3,10
“And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.’”

*Leviticus 19:1,2*
“He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.”

Psalm 24:3-6
“They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good, no, not one.”

Psalm 14:3
“...the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.”

*Judges 3:12*
“Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Draw near to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people.’”

Leviticus 9:7a
“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.

Psalm 51:3,4
“Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying ‘Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and statutes…”

2 Kings 17:13a
“But you shall seek the place which the Lord your God will chose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there; thither you shall go, and thither you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the offering that you present, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.”

_Deuteronomy 12:5-6_
“...the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven.”

Leviticus 4:20b
“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11
“For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land ... you shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:24, 28

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The Lord will “set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will feed them.”

Ezekiel 34:23
“And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations will know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.”

Ezekiel 36:23
“I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statues and by careful to observe my ordinances.”

Ezekiel 36:25-27
“What man can live and never see death?
Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?”

Psalm 89:48

“What thy dead shall live, their bodies shall rise.
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!”

Isaiah 26:21a
Therefore, is this a valid promise?

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Psalm 24:3-6
Have these expectations been forgotten or set aside?
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; Luke 1: 68-71
“to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, 
and to remember his holy covenant, 
the oath which he swore 
to our father Abraham, 
to grant us that we, 
being delivered from the hand of our enemies, 
might serve him without fear, 
in holiness and righteousness before him 
all the days of our life...

Luke 1: 72-75
“And you, my child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. “

Luke 1: 76-79
What did Jesus preach?
“They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.”

Matthew 23:4
“He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart.”

Mark 3:5
What did Jesus find?

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What did Jesus preach?
“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.... and he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching THE GOSPEL of the kingdom...”

Matthew 4:17,23 (also, Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:43)
“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do for they preach, but do not practice.”

Matthew 23:2,3
What did Jesus preach?

“Blessed are the poor in spirit...
...those who mourn...
...the meek...
...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...”

Matthew 5:1-12
“Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 5:17-18
Whoever then relaxes
one of the least of these commandments
and teaches men so,
shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven;
but he who does them and teaches them
shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
For I tell you, unless your righteousness
exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:19-20
And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15
Salvation in the New Testament
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Matthew 15:24
“...go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 10:6-7
“... for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.”

Luke 2:30-31
“...I will build my Church...”
Matthew 16:18a

“...the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”
Ephesians 1:22-23

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“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah…”

Jeremiah 32:31

“In speaking of a new covenant he treats the first as obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

Hebrews 8:13
“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.”

Hebrews 9:15
"This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Luke 22:20
“The purpose of the New Covenant was not to abolish the earthly manifestation of the Old but to fulfill and expand them to their uttermost. Christ does this by establishing the New Jerusalem—one worldwide family of God, the Catholic Church.”

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Luke 22:20
“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

Colossians 2:11-12
“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them…”

Matthew 28:19

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you…”

Acts 2:38
“...she was baptized, with her household..”

Acts 16:15a

“...he was baptized at once, with all his family.”

Acts 16:33
"Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you..."

1 Peter 3:21

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

Romans 6:3-5
"And we, who have approached God through Him, have received not carnal, but spiritual circumcision, which Enoch and those like him observed. And we have received it through baptism, since we were sinners, by God’s mercy; and all men may equally obtain it."

Justin Martyr, Second Apology, Ch. 43

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"A New Commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

John 13:34
“But this I admit to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the law or written in the prophets…”

Acts 24:14
"As, then, circumcision began with Abraham, and the Sabbath and sacrifices and offerings and feasts with Moses, and it has been proved they were enjoined on account of the hardness of your people’s heart, so it was necessary, in accordance with the Father’s will, that they should have an end in Him who was born of a virgin, of the family of Abraham and tribe of Judah, and of David; in Christ the Son of God, who was proclaimed as about to come to all the world, to be the everlasting law and the everlasting covenant, even as the fore-mentioned prophecies show."

Justin Martyr in his Second apology

Acts 24:14

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"All Scripture is inspired by God"
2 Timothy 3:16

“So then brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.”
2 Thessalonians 2:15
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“He who through faith is righteous shall live.”

Romans 1:17b (RSV)

“the righteous shall live by his faith.”

Habakkuk 2:4b: (RSV)
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"Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. “For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal.” Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own “always, to the close of the age."

Catechism, 80

Habakkuk 2:4b: (RSV)
"The apostles entrusted the 'Sacred deposit' of the faith (the depositum fidei), contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, to the whole of the Church. 'By adhering to [this heritage] the entire holy people, united to its pastors, remains always faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. So, in maintaining, practicing and professing the faith that has been handed on, there should be a remarkable harmony between the bishops and the faithful.'"
"And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons: Simon whom he surnamed Peter ..."

Mark 3:14-19
Paul and Barnabas and some others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the Elders about this question.

Acts 15:2b

“...appoint Elders in every town as I directed you…”

Titus 1:5
“And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”

Ephesians 4:11-12
"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for any honest work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men."

*Titus 3:1-2*
“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

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"The calling of the twelve apostles is an obvious symbolic allusion to the patriarchal structure of Israel and the twelve sons of Jacob. As Benedict says, this calling must be 'understood in the light of [God’s] special relationship with Israel, the community of the Covenant, in continuity with the history of salvation.' The kingdom that Jesus announces is the new family of God, the new Israel."

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"It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

Catechism 95

2 Timothy 2:1-2

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“And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:42

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:24
“...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some...”

*Hebrews 10:24-25*
"The new covenant's worship does not replace or abrogate but rather purifies and perfects Israel's worship. The eucharistic liturgy 'places us in continuity with Israel and the whole of salvation history.'"

Pope Benedict XVI (quoted by Scott Hahn)

Hebrews 10:24-25
"Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at his hands... And this food is called among us Eukaristia, of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins..."

St. Justin Martyr, First Apology, Ch LXV-LXVII

Hebrews 10:24-25
“... if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

Matthew 18:17
If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:15-18
“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:14-15
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16
"Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham."

Matthew 3:8-9

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John 3:16

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“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:8

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“As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it…”

Matthew 13:23a
“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life…”

John 5:24a
“...let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.”

2 Corinthians 7:7
“Jesus answered, ‘...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, ... soul, ... mind, and ... strength.’”

Mark 12:29-30
"He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still."

1 John 2:9
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The Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men...so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness...”
1 Thes 3:12,13

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Every individual baptized member of the Body of Christ:

1) Is called “to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph 4:1-3);

2) Must “appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body” (2 Cor 5:10).

3) Therefore, “Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God” (2 Cor 7:1).
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“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

1 John 1:8
"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me."

Romans 7:15-17
"My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

1 John 2:1,2
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

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Colossians 3:5-10

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"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you... On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away... seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."

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"...he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Hebrews 9:26b

John 3:16
"On the cross, a truly pure and innocent man offers himself—heart and mind, body and blood, soul and strength—for the love of God and obedience to the divine will. In this, Christ’s self-sacrifice corresponds to and brings to fulfillment ‘the inner drama’ of the history of sacrifice found in the Old Testament."

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John 3:16
"The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body ... As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."

Catechism, 1362, 1364

John 3:16
"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 3:16

John 20:21-23

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“On the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect); on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. And it was not without an oath. Those who formerly became priests took their office without an oath, but this one was addressed with an oath, "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘Thou art a priest for ever.’" This makes Jesus the surety of a better covenant.”

Hebrews 7:18-22
"By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God."

_CCC 1263_
"By virtue of our Baptism, the first sacrament of faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the life that originates in the Father and is offered to us in the Son.... Through his grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate to us the new life, which is to 'know the Father and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ.'"

CCC 683-684
"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13
"And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

Romans 8:16-17

What is the difference?
"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, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature."

2 Peter 1:3,4
“So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

John 6:53-56
“Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.”

Romans 5:2-5
"Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life."

CCC 1996

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Therefore, is this a valid promise?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”  

John 3:16
YES, within the context of being a faithful individual within the Church.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16
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All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:12-16
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John 3:16

Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience—those too may achieve eternal salvation.

Catechism 847
What about those who do not know any of this?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

However, one cannot charge with the sin of the separation those who at present are born into these communities [that resulted from such separation] and in them are brought up in the faith of Christ, and the Catholic Church accepts them with respect and affection as brothers . . . . All who have been justified by faith in Baptism are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers in the Lord by the children of the Catholic Church.

Catechism 818
What about those who do not know any of this?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

[T]hey could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it.

Catechism 28
What about those who do not know any of this?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

"Abide in me, and I in you ... for apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:4,5

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"Baptism is only the first sacrament of initiation and demands to be completed by the Eucharist."

Avery Cardinal Dulles
"The Catholic Church—and she alone—is equipped with the fullness of the means of salvation. All the blessings of the New Covenant have been entrusted to her alone, and whatever elements of the true Church survive in other communions derive from the Catholic fullness and belong by right to the Catholic Church. ... Until people have accepted the fullness of Christian revelation as proclaimed by the Catholic Church, their evangelization is not yet complete."

Avery Cardinal Dulles
What about those who do not know any of this?

"A man cannot have salvation, except in the Catholic Church. Outside the Catholic Church he can have everything except salvation. He can have honor, he can have Sacraments, he can sing alleluia, he can answer amen, he can possess the gospel, he can have and preach faith in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; but never except in the Catholic Church will he be able to find salvation."

Saint Augustine, Discourse to the people of the Church at Caesarea, AD 418.
What about those who do not know any of this?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.”

2 Timothy 4:3,4

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“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

John 8:31-32