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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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The unbeliever is not sick; he is dead! He does not need resuscitation; he needs resurrection. All lost sinners are dead, and the only difference between one sinner and another is the state of decay.

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We must take seriously the idea that the children of wrath rightly deserve God's wrath. They are not "victims" at all. Instead, they are just targets of God's justice.

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Romans 5

- 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ
- died for the ungodly.

 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.
 - 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Every reason for God's mercy and love is found in Him. We give Him no reason to love us, yet in the greatness of His love, He loves us with that great love anyway.

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However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

I Timothy 1:16

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You have been raised and seated on the throne. Practice your position in Christ! He has worked for you; now let Him work in you and through you, that He might give you an exciting, creative life to the glory of God.

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