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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Rom 3:23)

And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world that they that see not may see and that they that see may become blind.”

Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “Are we also blind?”

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see’; your sin remains.” (John 9:39-41)

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat, but I made supplication for you that your faith would not fail... (Lk. 22:31-32)

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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Rom 3:24)

Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you, but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

(1 Cor. 6:9-11)

and when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.

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And Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"... And David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Jehovah."

And Nathan said to David, "Jehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die. (2 Sam 12:7, 13)

PAUL

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. (1 Tim 1:14-15)

PETER

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And Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" And Nathan said to David, "The Lord has said, 'I have chosen David My servant, and I have made him My anointed one.'"

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Cor. 7:10)

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