

# Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for

July 13, 2025

*"Set your mind on the things above, not on the  
things that are on earth." – Colossians 3:2*



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“\*” = Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

### Call to Worship – Matthew 22:35-40

**Leader:** *One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, Teacher,*

**People:** **Which is the great commandment in the Law?**

**Leader:** *And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God*

**People:** **With all your heart,**

**Leader:** *And with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

**People:** **This is the great and foremost commandment.**

**Leader:** *The second is like it,*

**People:** **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Leader:** *On these two commandments*

**People:** **Depend the whole Law and the Prophets.**

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession

### Gospel Absolution Text – Jeremiah 31:1-4

**\*Hymn #529** – *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

### Scripture Reading – Matthew 10:24-39; 1Corinthians 12:31-14:1

### Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

### Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

**\*Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Sung Psalm #31A** – *“In You, O LORD, I Put My Trust”*

## Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q#105.

- Leader:** *What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment*  
(which is “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”)? Ex 20:3
- People:** **Atheism, in denying or not having a God;** Ps 14:1; Eph 2:12
- Leader:** *Idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one,*
- People:** **Or any with or instead of the true God;** Jer 2:27-28; 1Thes 1:9
- Leader:** *The not having and avouching him for God, and our God;*  
*the omission or neglect of any thing due to him,* Ps 81:11
- People:** **Required in this commandment;** Is 43:22-24
- Leader:** *Ignorance, forgetfulness, misapprehensions,*  
*false opinions, unworthy and wicked*  
*thoughts of him; bold and curious searching*  
*into his secrets; all profaneness, hatred of God;*  
*self-love, self-seeking,* Jer 4:22; Hos 4:1,6; Jer 2:32  
Acts 17:23,29; Is 40:18  
Ps 50:21; Deut 29:29  
Titus 1:16; Heb 12:16  
Rom 1:30; 2Tim 3:2; Phil 2:21
- People:** **And all other inordinate and immoderate setting** 1John 2:15-16
- Leader:** *Of our mind, will, or affections upon other things,* 1Sam 2:29
- People:** **And taking them off from Him in whole or in part;** Col 3:2,5
- Leader:** *Vain credulity, unbelief, heresy, misbelief, distrust,*  
*despair, incorrigibleness, and insensibleness*  
*under judgments, hardness of heart, pride,*  
*presumption, carnal security, tempting of God;*  
*using unlawful means, and trusting in lawful*  
*means; carnal delights and joys; corrupt, blind,*  
*and indiscreet zeal; lukewarmness, and*  
*deadness in the things of God; estranging*  
*ourselves, and apostatizing from God; praying,*  
*or giving any religious worship, to saints, angels,*  
*or any other creatures; all compacts and consulting*  
*with the devil, and hearkening to his suggestions;* 1John 4:1; Heb 3:12; Gal 5:20  
Titus 3:10; Acts 26:9; Ps 78:22  
Gen 4:13; Jer 5:3; Is 42:25  
Rom 2:5; Jer 13:15; Ps 19:13  
Zeph 1:12; Matt 4:7; Rom 3:8  
Jer 17:5; 2Tim 3:4; Gal 4:17  
John 16:2; Rom 10:2; Luke 9:54-55  
Rev 3:16; Rev 2:1; Ezek 14:5  
Is 1:4-5; Rom 10:13-14; Hos 4:12  
Acts 10:25-26; Rev 19:10; Matt 4:10  
Col. 2:18; Rom 1:25; Lev 20:6  
1Sam 28:7,11; 1Chr 10:13-14; Acts 5:3
- People:** **Making men the lords of our faith and conscience;** 2Cor 1:24; Matt 23:9
- Leader:** *Slighting and despising God*  
*and His commands;* Deut 32:15; 2Sam 12:9  
Prov 13:13
- People:** **Resisting and grieving of His Spirit,** Acts 7:51; Eph 4:30
- Leader:** *Discontent and impatience at His dispensations,*  
*charging Him foolishly for the evils he inflicts on us;*  
*and ascribing the praise of any good we either are,*  
*have or can do, to fortune, idols, ourselves,* Ps 73:2-3,13-15,22  
Job 1:22; 1Sam 6:7-9  
Dan 5:23; Deut 8:17  
Dan 4:30
- People:** **Or any other creature.** Hab 1:16

## Ministry of the Word

### Prayer of Illumination

**\*Sermon Text** – 1Samuel 2:22-29

**\*Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Sermon** – “The Sin of Eli”

(A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8)

**\*Hymn #92** – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**\*Benediction**

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*Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today*

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**Announcements**

- Pastor Doug will be on vacation from July 14 through August 4.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Pool Party/Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Gabelmanns, 101 Wallens St., Winsted, beginning at **noon**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and an ice cream bar will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Bring your swimsuits if you wish to enjoy the pool. This will be held rain or shine as we are not able to plan for a rain date this year. Mark your calendars!

**Regular Weekly Events**

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00—10:00 AM <b>9:30 - c.10:40 AM</b> c.10:40 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> [Returns in September] <b>Worship</b> (Lord's Supper on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) <b>Coffee Hour Fellowship</b>
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM—Noon	<b>Tuesday Study</b> [Returns in September]
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30—8:30 PM	<b>Wednesday Study</b> [Returns in September] <b>Gen Alpha Club</b> [Returns in September]
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	<b>Young Adult Discussion Group</b> at Pastor Doug's house (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	<b>Prayer Group</b> at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

<b>TRC's Webpage:</b>	TrinityReformedCT.org
<b>TRC's Facebook Page:</b>	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
<b>TRC's Youtube Channel:</b>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<b>Pastor Doug's</b>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<b>Youtube Channels:</b>	youtube.com/@PilgrimsOfPlunder

**INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN**

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: [trcnwprayer@gmail.com](mailto:trcnwprayer@gmail.com). (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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## **Sermon Notes**

1Samuel 2:22-29

“The Sin of Eli”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

July 13, 2025

### **Introduction**

- 1) The Lord Jesus declares, “*for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” - Matthew 6:21
- 2) In one sense the meaning of this text is clear and obvious.
  - a) What you really desire shows where your heart is.
  - b) And always remember the “heart” in the Bible is not just emotion, it is the total “inner man” focusing on the mind, will, intellect, soul, spirit, desires, emotions, etc. Though there is a slight more focus on the mind.

Deut 6:5; 10:12; Prov 4:23  
Jer 17:9-10; Matt 22:37  
Rom 10:9-10; Heb 4:12  
1Pet 3:4,15; 1John 3:19-21
  - c) Of course there are some things we should treasure more than others.
- 3) The Lord Jesus clearly taught this in one of the most famous, and important, biblical texts:

Matt 22:35-40  
Mark 12:28-31

  - a) A Jewish “lawyer”, i.e. expert in the Old Testament/Mosaic Law asks the Lord Jesus: “which is the great commandment in the Law?”
  - b) Our Lord’s answer was clear and direct: “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.*” – Matthew 22:37b-40
  - c) This is, of course, a summary of the Ten Commandments.
    - i) Love of God = Commandments 1-4. 

Ex 20:3-11; Deut 5:7-15
    - ii) Love of Neighbor = Commandments 5-10. 

Ex 20:12-17; Deut 5:16-21
- 4) Question & Challenge: Eli, the high priest, in 1Samuel, chapters 1-4, what and where his treasure?
  - a) Easier for other characters!
    - i) Hannah clearly had immense love for the Lord! (See 1Sam 2:1-10!)
    - ii) Eli’s sons, the wicked and cruel Hophni & Phinehas, clearly love themselves and the things of this world.
    - iii) Yes, to love yourself is a sin! 

Ps 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Prov 21:2; Rom 3:10ff; 12:3  
2Tim 3:1-2; James 3:14-16; 4:6; 1John 2:16
  - b) What about Eli?
    - i) Most commentaries I have read call Eli a righteous man.
      - I know of nowhere in the Bible where he is literally called this.
      - Though this is not unexpected, especially with the books that deal with the time of the Judges. Righteous and wicked people are not labeled, letting/testing the reader to see if they will be able to discern this.

- ii) In a simplistic, worldly sort of way, Eli seems like a tragic character.
  - iii) He seems to take his job as High Priest very seriously. 1Sam 1:3,9,13-15,17,25  
1Sam 2:11,20
  - iv) Yet, his evil sons will literally be the death of him. 1Sam 4:1-22
- 5) Remember we are at the very end of the time of the Judges. Judg 2:11-19; 17:6; 21:25  
A dark and immoral period in Israel's history. 1Sam 3:1; 1Sam 8:5
- a) The central focus of the worship of God is at His House, the Tabernacle which is at Shiloh (up north). Josh 18:1; Judg 18:31  
1Sam 1:3,9,24; Ps 78:60
  - b) The key feature of OT worship is the people bringing items (animals, grain, etc.) to the priests to be offered as sacrifice to the Lord and to sustain God's House. Lev 1:1-4; 2:1-3; 6:14-18  
Num 18:8-19; Deut 12:5-6  
Heb 5:1

## **1Samuel 2:22-26**

- 1) We read that Eli, the high priest "*was very old.*" – 1Samuel 2:22
  - a) Probably several years have passed from 1Samuel 2:21, when Samuel was very young.
  - b) According to later Jewish traditions, Eli was 98 years old.  
(As Scripture would later state in 1Samuel 4:15.)
- 2) Eli's sons' wickedness is becoming a broad public scandal.
  - a) As we read their wickedness was towards "to all Israel." – 1Sam 2:22
  - b) Their sins are many:
    - i) They are "worthless men", sons of the devil. 1Sam 2:12; 2Cor 6:15
    - ii) They seize by force God's portion given by His people. 1Sam 2:13-17
      - Thus, violently abusing their priestly authority.
      - Because of their evil actions the people despised the worship of God.
    - iii) They fornicate with the women commanded to attend at the Lord's House. Ex 38:8
    - iv) They refused to obey their father, who is also the high priest. 1Sam 2:25  
Thus, directly violating the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Ex 20:12
    - v) They despise, and have contempt, for the worship of God. 1 Sam 2:29  
A particularly grievous sin for a priest.
      - They are taking the best parts of the offering, reserved only for God. Lev 3:16
      - This is pure rebellion and selfish indulgence. Deut 32:15; Ps 73:7
  - c) These are all capital crimes. Lev 7:25; 22:9
- 3) Eli pleads with his sons, saying to them, "*Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people? No, my sons; for the report is not good which I hear the LORD's people circulating.*" – 1Samuel 2:23-24
  - a) He then gives a stern warning: "*If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?*" – 1Samuel 2:25a
  - b) This is the language of a legal dispute.
  - c) In a normal legal case, between two people, God could mediate the decision.
    - i) Through His priests giving judgment according to God's Law.
    - ii) Or through acts of providence.

- d) However, to be pitted against God in court brings only condemnation. Job 9:2-4; Is 45:9; Jer 2:29; Rom 9:20  
Heb 10:26-31; Rev 19:11-21
- 4) The outcome has been ordained, we read: *“But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the LORD desired to put them to death.”* - 1Samuel 2:25b
- a) The *“for the LORD desired to put them to death”* can also be translated as:  
*“it was the LORD’s will”* or *“the LORD was pleased”*.
- i) God takes no pleasure in death. Ezek 18:32; 33:11
- ii) God does delight in justice, order, and the working out of His sovereign plan. Deut 32:4; Ps 33:5; 89:14  
Is 61:8; Rom 8:20,28; Eph 1:11
- b) So, who is the cause of this? Eli’s sons because they freely chose evil?  
Or, because God has ordained their destruction?
- i) My favorite theological answer: “Yes!”
- Works on many biblical answers. (e.g. Is Jesus fully God or fully man?)
  - Though not all. (e.g. Is the White Horseman in Revelation 6 the Christ or the anti-Christ?)
- ii) Eli’s sons freely chose evil and it was ordained by God for His glory and His people’s good.
- Eli’s line has to be destroyed. 1Sam 2:27-36; 3:11-14; 4:17-18
  - To make way for the godly Samuel and a new godly line of High Priests through the line of Zadok. 1Sam 2:35; 3:19-21  
1Kgs 2:26-27,35; Ezek 44:15
- iii) The supreme reason for all the events in the OT is to get to Christ. Luke 24:25-27,44; John 5:39  
Acts 3:18; Gal 3:24; Heb 1:1-2
- c) This is the doctrine of **predestination**, that God is sovereign and on some level ordains all things. Gen 50:20; Ps 33:11; Prov 16:4  
Is 46:9-10; John 6:37,39,44,6; Acts 2:23  
Rom 8:20,29-30; 9:1ff; Eph 1:4-5,11
- d) Related to this is the doctrine of **compatibilism**, that God’s sovereignty, and human choices & responsibility, are not contrary, but go together. Gen 50:20; Ex 4:21  
Is 10:5-7,12; Acts 2:23  
Acts 4:27-28; Phil 2:12-13
- e) We have seen this in 1Samuel where Hannah, and her husband Elkanah (*el-kay’nuh*), had children by the normal means but Scripture also describes it as God “remembering” Hannah and “visiting” her 1Sam 1:19  
1Sam 2:5,21
- 5) All this leads to: *“Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.”* – 1Sam 2:26
- a) There will always be a remnant of the faithful on earth. 1Kgs 19:18; Is 10:20-22; Jer 23:3  
Zeph 3:12-13; Rom 9:27; 11:5
- b) It is through Samuel that Israel will get a king, including the great king David. 1Sam 8:6-22; 9:15-17; 10:1; 15:1; 16:1-13  
Acts 13:21-22
- c) And it is through the line of David that we get the King of Kings, and all of history is about Him. 2Sam 7:12-16; Ps 2:6-12; Is 9:6-7  
Matt 1:1; Luke 1:32-33; Rev 19:16

## The Sin of Eli

- 1) Back to Eli, what was his main fault?
- 2) Eli clearly understood that his sons were evil and tried to correct them to a point. 1Sam 2:22-25

- 3) A “man of God” comes and explain Eli’s sin. 1Sam 2:27ff
- a) He states in 1Samuel 2:27 – *“Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded in My dwelling, and honor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the choicest of every offering of My people Israel?”*
  - b) To “kick” is to treat with arrogant disrespect, in this case the offering/worship of God. Deut 32:15  
Acts 26:14
  - c) The “making yourselves (plural) fat” is a reference to:
    - i) The sons are stealing the best part of the sacrifice, the fat, which exclusively belongs to the Lord. Lev 3:16  
Ezek 34:2-3
    - ii) Becoming “fat” here is a reference to pride, arrogance, self-indulgence, injustice and/or rebellion. Deut 32:15; Ezek 34:16-20  
Ps 17:10; 73:7  
Is 6:10; 10:16
- 4) Please note, that Eli is included in with his evil sons, Hophni and Phinehas, why?
- a) Though he tries to correct his sons it is only half-hearted.
    - i) He is trying to compromise between his family and God.
    - ii) There is no compromise when it comes to God.
  - b) The sins his sons are doing are not minor, they are grave offenses to God: They deserve death. Lev 10:1-2; Num 25:1-9; Deut 17:12  
1Sam 2:12-17,22-25,29-34; 3:11-14; 4:4,10-11  
Ps 78:60-64; Hos 4:6-9
- 5) You might ask: Are you saying we shouldn’t love our children?!
- a) Of course, we should love our children but according to how God orders us. Deut 6:6-7; Ps 127:3-5; Prov 13:24  
Eph 6:4; Col 3:21; Titus 2:4
  - b) And we have to rightly order our loves.
- 6) There are priorities to our loves, as the Lord Jesus taught.
- a) First God then man. Deut 6:5; Matt 22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31
  - b) And within our love of man, we first love the church, then our family, then our neighbors, and then even our enemies. Matt 22:39; Luke 6:27-28  
John 13:34-35; Rom 12:10  
Gal 6:10; 1Tim 5:8
- 7) But there is the trap.
- a) The greater possibility for good the greater possibility for evil.
  - b) The most deceptive idols are those that are higher up on the “to love list.” Ex 20:3-5; Deut 6:5; 1John 5:21  
Matt 6:24,33; 10:37; Luke 14:26
    - i) We should love helping the poor but not over our family. 1Tim 5:4,8
    - ii) We should love our family but not over God and His ways.
  - c) Eli, by the biblical evidence, seems to be trying to follow God but not at the expense of doing what is fully right with regards to his sons.
    - i) Instead of choosing God over his sons he is trying to have it both ways.
    - ii) Thus, rebelling against God and His laws.
    - iii) Being luke-warm is a sin. Rev 3:15-16; Matt 6:24; 22:37; Rom 12:11; James 1:8
  - d) Love of family is a beautiful thing, it’s number 5 of the Ten Commandments!
    - i) It’s number 1 of the “Second Table of the Law” about loving our neighbor.
    - ii) However, there are # 1-4 that come first, which are about loving God.

e) This idolatry Eli has fallen into is so easy to do.

i) That is why the Lord Jesus warned us about it so starkly.

ii) Matthew 10:37-39 – *“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.”*

iii) Or even more startling: Luke 14:26 – *“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”*

- Is the Lord simply teaching we should hate our family? No!

- The context, and grammar, is clear: You cannot love your family more than God.

- By the way if you do love your family more than God, you end up not only not loving God but also not loving your family. Because you are going to encourage them in evil.

8) To give a modern example: A parent claims Christ but is willing to modify God’s teachings in order to feel like their children are doing okay, they are good parents.

a) They ignore sexual sins approved by the world.

b) Or change beliefs based on their children’s actions. (E.g. My child is at least spiritual so they are still a good person.)

c) Is this not what Eli is doing?

i) The sins of his sons deserve death.

ii) Instead of fully following God, as the Lord’s High priest (there are higher standards for those who lead), he tries to find some compromise position.

iii) As the “man of God” stated in 1Samuel 2:28 – *“Did I not choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I not give to the house of your father all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel?”*

d) Should we love our family members that are not Christians?

i) Of course we should!

ii) But according to God’s standards and not ours, or the world’s.

iii) Always being willing to do what is right and trust in God, even if it might be painful in this world.

iv) Do you go to your son’s blasphemous charade of a “wedding” where he is pretending to marry another guy? No, of course not.

e) Someone like Eli could have thought: “If I fully stood up to my sons . . .”

i) “Have sinned as a parent.”

ii) “My family line will end!”

iii) “I won’t be able to see my grandkids!”

iv) “My grandkids will not have the opportunity to hear the Gospel!”

v) And here is the danger: “And therefore I will compromise God’s Law.”



- f) Who is in charge of the future: God or man? John 3:16; Eph 2:8  
Isn't faith one of the basic requirements of the faith? Heb 11:6
- g) What part of the first four of the Ten Commandments do we not understand? Ex 20
- i) "You shall have no other gods before Me."  
Our family is not God.
  - ii) "You shall not make for yourself an idol"  
Our family should never be an idol.
  - iii) "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain"  
We should not ignore God's Law when it is painful.
  - iv) "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."  
Our true rest is not with family but in Christ.
- 9) How did Martin Luther put it: *"Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever."*

## **Conclusion – Christ**

- 1) I don't mean to pick too much on Eli.
  - a) I doubt any of us would have done better, less by God's grace. Matt 7:1-6
  - b) Even godly Samuel had his children go astray because we all live in this present evil age. 1Sam 8:4-5  
Gal 1:4
  - c) Where do we get the strength to walk by faith and not by sight? 2Cor 5:7
- 2) Our strength is not in the Law, but in the Gospel of Christ, where His righteousness allows us to walk in the Spirit and thus better keep the Law. Rom 3:20-22; 8:1-4  
Gal 2:16-21; 3:10-14  
Eph 2:8-10; Phil 3:8-9
- 3) How many of us would sacrifice our child for righteousness?
  - a) True, Abraham was commanded to sacrifice Isaac, as a test, but God had mercy. Gen 22:1ff
  - b) There was only one Father who sacrificed His perfect Son for us sinners.
  - c) As we read in one of the greatest prophecies in the Old Testament:
    - i) Isaiah 63:4-6 – *"Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him."*
    - ii) Isaiah 63:10 – *"But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand."*
  - d) There, in Him, is the power and the way. John 10:9; 14:4-7; Rom 1:16-17; 5:2; 1Cor 1:18,24; 2Cor 4:3-6  
Eph 1:19-20; 2:18; Col 1:5-6; 2Tim 1:8-10; Heb 10:20