

New Testament Readings

New Testament #1

Acts 10: 34 43

#1b – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said,
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the Israelites
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all,
[what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good and healing all those
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted
that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.]
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one
appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone
who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name."

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #2

Romans 5: 5 11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our
hearts
through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God
through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life?
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #3

Romans 5: 17-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

For if, by the transgression of one person,
 death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive the abundance of
grace
and of the gift of justification come to reign in life
 through the one person Jesus Christ.
In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
 so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to
all.
For just as through the disobedience of one person
 the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of
one
 the many will be made righteous.
The law entered in so that transgression might increase
 but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,
So that, as sin reigned in death,
 grace also might reign through justification for eternal life
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #4

Romans 6:3-9

#4b – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,
 so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
 by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness
of life.
[For if we have grown into union with him through a death like
his,
 we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified with him,
 so that our sinful body might be done away with,
 that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.]
If, then, we have died with Christ,
 we believe that we shall also live with him.
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.
The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #5

Romans 8: 14-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for
us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord
but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself
would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.
We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains
even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #6

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us
all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.
Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died,
rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #7

Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.
So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #8

1 Corinthians 15: 20-24a, 25-28

#8b – [For short form, omit bracketed text.]

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human
being.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
[then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom
to his God and Father.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his
feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything under his feet."
But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear
that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.
When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will
also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.]
The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #9

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep,
but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised
incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with
incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with
incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #10

2 Corinthians 4: 14-18, 5:1

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us
also

with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace

bestowed in abundance on more and more people

may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of
God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;

rather, although our outer self is wasting away,

our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction is producing for us

an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;

for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,

should be destroyed, we have a building from God,

a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #11

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6 10

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed, we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.
So we are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.
Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the
Lord.
Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or
evil.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #12

Philippians 3: 20 21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will change our lowly body
to conform with his glorified body
by the power that enables him also to bring all things
into subjection to himself.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #13

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 18

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no
hope.
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore, console one another with these words.
The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #14

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
a descendant of David: such is my gospel,
for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains,
like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.
Therefore, I bear with everything
for the sake of those who are chosen,
so that they too may obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #15

1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed
we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #16

1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of St. John

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know
that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love

was that he laid down his life for us;

so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament Readings

New Testament #17

Revelation 14: 13

A reading from the book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #18

Revelation 20: 11 15

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.

The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.

I saw the dead, the great and the lowly,
standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened.

Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.
The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.

The sea gave up its dead;
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.

All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.
(This pool of fire is the second death.)

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #19

Revelation 21: 1 7

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their

God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The one who sat on the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new."
Then he said, "Write these words down,
for they are trustworthy and true."

He said to me, "They are accomplished.
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son."

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #20

Romans 8: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.
I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for
us.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #21

1 Corinthians 2: 1-6, 9-10

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,
And my message and my proclamation
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,
So that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.
Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
but not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.
But as it is written:
"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,"
this, God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #22

2 Corinthians 4: 7-12

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We hold this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.
We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained,
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not abandoned;
struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.
For we who live
are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus
may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
So, death is at work in us, but life is you.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #23

Galatians 6: 7-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

Make no mistake: God is not mocked,
for a person will reap only what he sows,
because the one who sows for his flesh
will reap corruption from the flesh,
but the one who sows for the spirit
will reap eternal life from the spirit.
Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our harvest,
if we do not give up.
So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all,
but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #24

Philippians 2: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; and found human in
appearance,
he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament #25

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,
and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

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New Testament #26

1 Peter 1: 3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you
Who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.
In this, you rejoice, although now for a little while
you may have to suffer through various trials,
So that the genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold
that is perishable even though tested by fire,
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,
You rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #27

1 John 4: 7-12, 17

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.
In this way, the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.
In this is love: not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our
sins.
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another,
God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in
us.
In this is love brought to perfection among us:
that we have confidence for the Day of Judgment
because as he is, so are we in this world.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament Readings

New Testament #28

Colossians 3: 12, 14, 16-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters, put on then as God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
Over all these, put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom,
you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
The word of the Lord.

New Testament #29

Philippians 4: 4-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.
The word of the Lord.