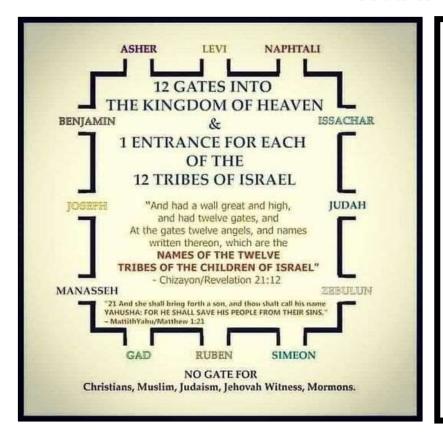




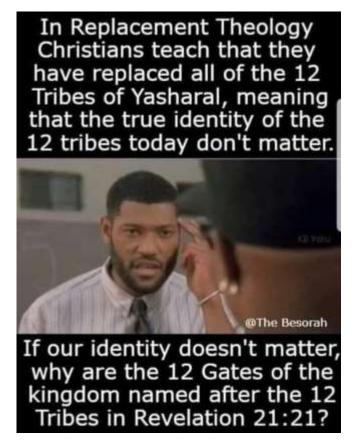
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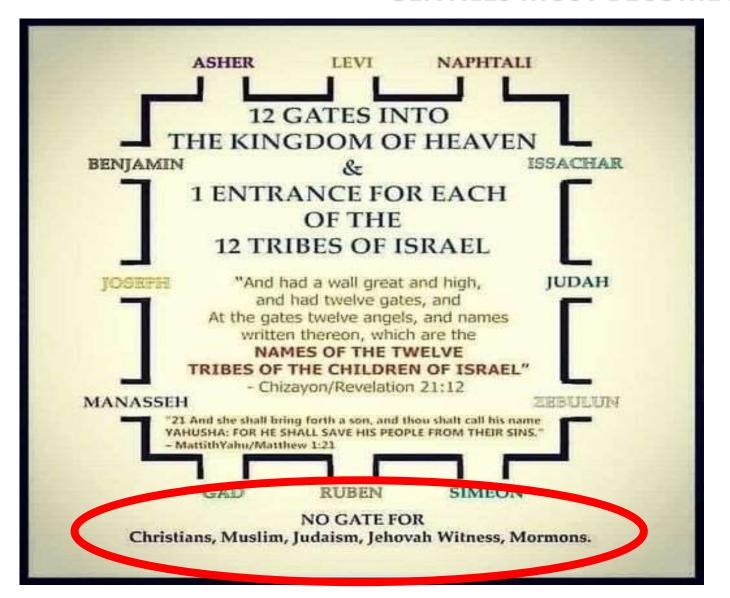
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Gates, Foundations and Olive Branches DEFINING THIS TERM FOR TODAY: JEW

- According to the Book of Genesis, **Judah** (יְהוּדָה, Yehudah) was the name of the fourth son of the patriarch Jacob. During the Exodus, the name was given to the Tribe of Judah, descended from the patriarch Judah. ["Judah"(KJV)= Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 3063. יְהוּדָה Y@huwdah yeh-hoo-daw']
- After the conquest and settlement of the land of Canaan, **Judah** also referred to the territory allocated to the tribe. [Joshua 15]
- After the splitting of the united Kingdom of Israel, the name was used for **the southern kingdom of Judah**. The kingdom now encompassed the tribes of **Judah**, **Benjamin and Simeon**, along with some of the cities of the **Levites**. [ref 2 Kings 12:16]
- With the destruction of the northern ten-tribe kingdom of Israel (2Kings 16:6 aka Samaria), the kingdom of Judah became the sole Jewish state and the term **y'hudi** (סיהודי or **JEW** was applied to all Israelites. ["**Jews**"(KJV)=Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 3064. יַהוּדִי ?@huwdiy yeh-hoo-dee']
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- Later, the term "Jews" was used throughout the world to distinguish Israelites from those of the Gentile nations. (Esther 3:6)
- The term Jew/Jews is also used figuratively/spiritually by the apostle Paul when reasoning that nationality is of no consequence in the Christian congregation. (Romans 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:28.)

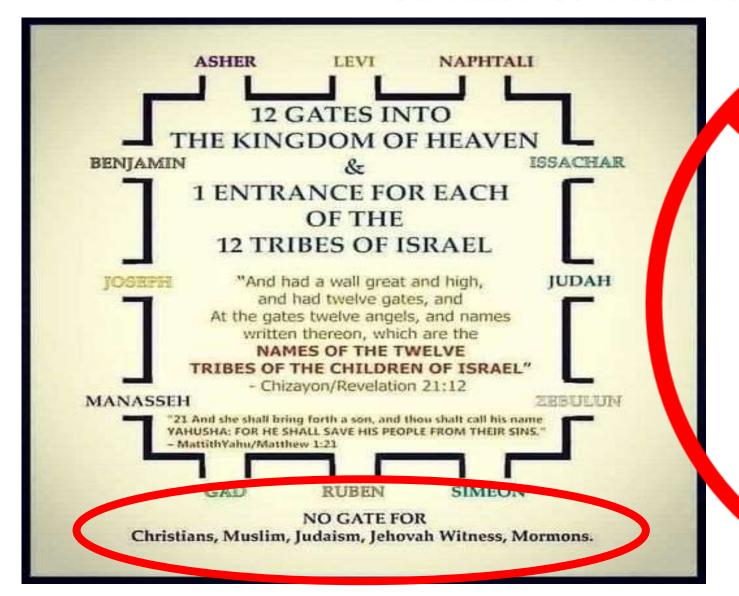
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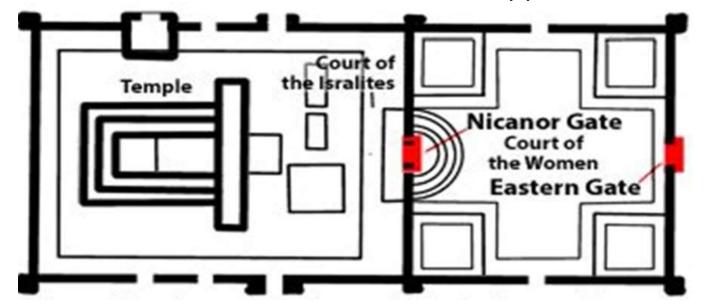


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Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at **the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful**, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Acts 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at **the Beautiful gate of the temple**: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.





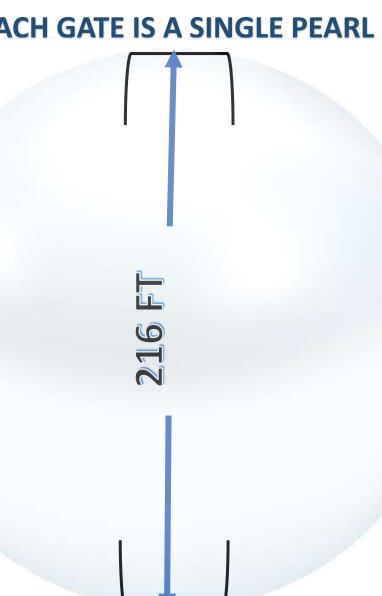
John 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

GATES SECURE

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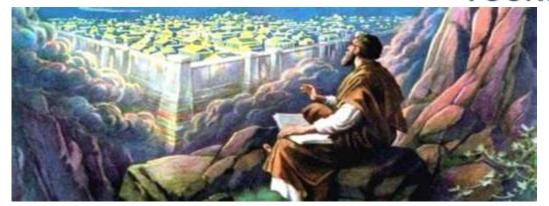
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Revelation 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

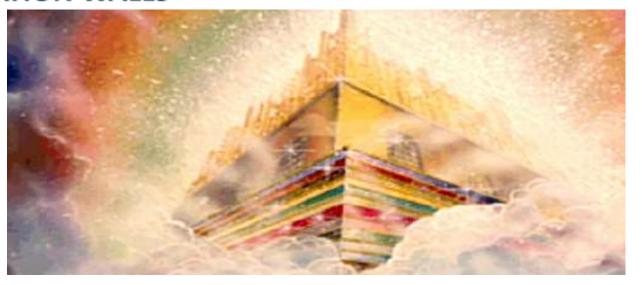


Revelation 21:15-17 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

FOUNDATION WALLS













OPEN BORDERS

Revelation 21:24-27 And the nations of them which are **saved** shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it SHALL **NOT BE SHUT AT ALL** by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Isaiah 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

Isaiah 49:6b ... to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Isaiah 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Luke 2:29-32 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Acts 13:47-48 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Acts 26:23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Romans 9:24-25 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES / A ROOT

Acts 15:16-17 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

OTHER HUSBANDMEN BRINGING FORTH FRUIT

Matthew 21:33-41 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to **husbandmen**, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the **husbandmen** took his **servants**, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other **servants** more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them **his son**, saying, They will reverence my **son**. But when the **husbandmen** saw the **son**, they said among themselves, This is the **heir**; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When **the lord** therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

Matthew 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

DID GOD CAST AWAY ISRAEL?

Romans 11:1-3 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

A REMNANT SAVED

Romans 11:4-6 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

THE ELECT OF GOD

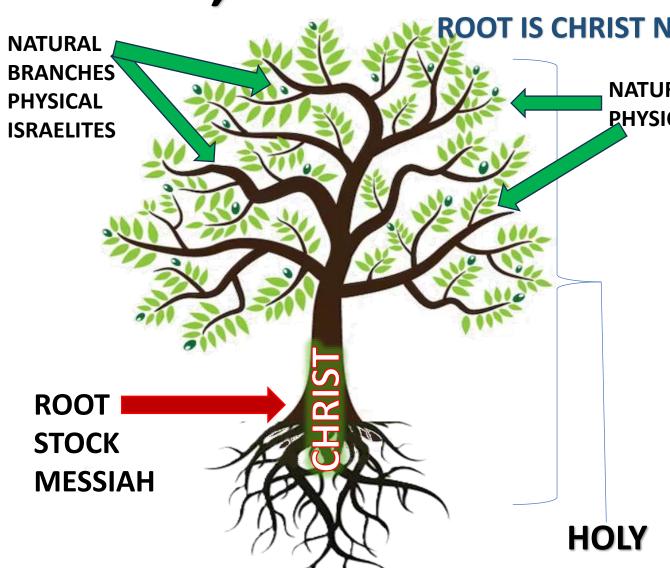
Romans 11:7-10 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

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Romans 11:11-15 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

ROOT FOR THE ROOT!

- Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.
- Romans 15:12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.
- Isaiah 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- **Revelation 5:5** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, **the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- Revelation 22:16 | Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.
 I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.



NATURAL BRANCHES
PHYSICAL ISRAELITES

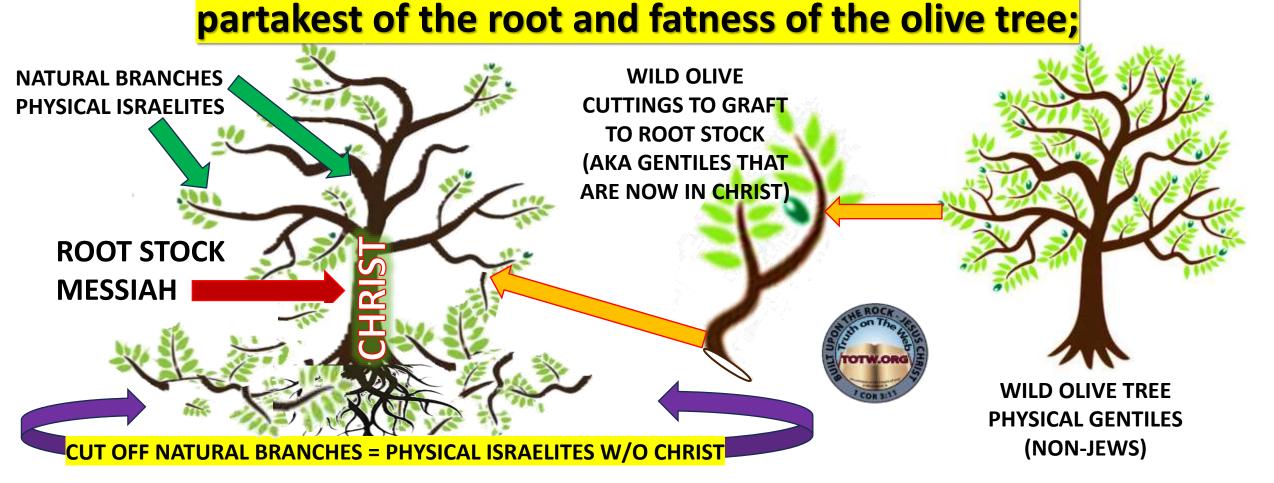
Romans 11:16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

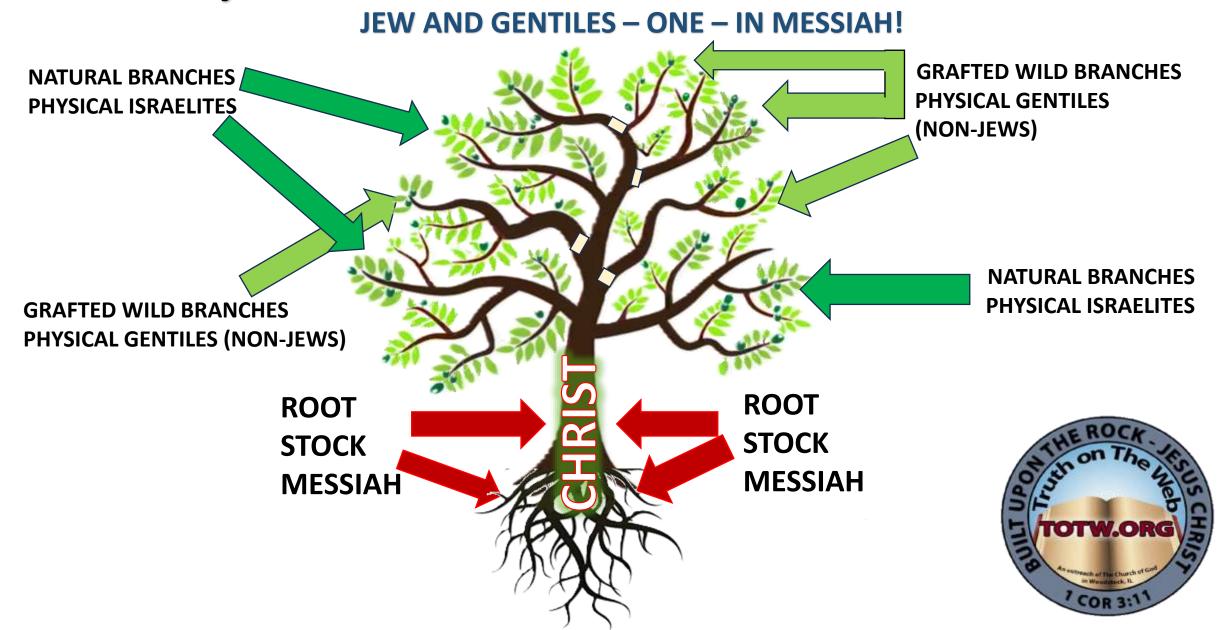
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GRAFTING BRANCHES TO THE ROOT STOCK

Romans 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them





TWO JEWS? TWO ISRAELS? FLESH VS SPIRIT

Romans 2:28-29 For he is <u>not</u> a Jew, which is one <u>outwardly</u>; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Romans 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

NEW CREATION - TWO BECOME ONE

Romans 9:24-26 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

Colossians 3:10-11 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

NEW CREATION - TRUE ISRAEL

Romans 10:12-13 For there is <u>no</u> difference between the Jew and the Greek: for <u>the same Lord</u> over all is rich <u>unto all that call upon him</u>. For <u>whosoever</u> shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Galatians 6:15-16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a <u>new</u> creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

GENTILES JUST AS SAVED AS JEWS!

Ephesians 2:11-13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

GENTILES & JEWS IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:14-16 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile **both unto God in one body** by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

NO JEW OR GENTILE BUT ALL ONE IN MESSIAH

Ephesians 2:17-19 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

JEWS & GENTILES TOGETHER AS ONE

Ephesians 2:20-22 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Luke 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

