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Matt. 14:28-31-Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and \*said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

MacArthur writes, "Because we were dead to God, we were dead to truth, righteousness, peace, happiness, and every other good thing, no more capable to respond to God than a **cadaver**." He further intensifies the severity of humankind's condition by stating that unregenerate sinners are, "spiritual zombies, death-walkers, unable even to understand the gravity of their situation.

They are life-less." Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles pps. 64-65.

Wilkin-"During the first message presented at Ligonier's Conference in Orlando last June, Dr. R. C. Sproul indicated that Dr. James Boice, a scheduled speaker at the conference, was dying in faith that very night. Then at the end of the message he asked all 5,000 of us present to pray that Jim dies in faith. This struck me as sad. Here was a great pastor, theologian, teacher, and author. Yet Sproul was not sure that he was regenerate. (In Reformed thought, if a person fails to die in faith, he proved he was never saved in the first place.) I was reminded of R.T. Kendall's remark that nearly to a man the Puritan divines died doubting whether they were saved and fearing they were going to hell. Dr. Boice died that very night, June 15th."

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John 16:7-9- But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.

John 3:16- For God so loved the world, that He gave His <sup>[a]</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 4:13-14-Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who **drinks** of this water will thirst again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.

John 6:35-Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who **believes** in Me will never thirst.

John 4:26-Jesus \*said to her, “I who **speak** to you am *He*.”

John 4:36-Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who **sows** and he who reaps may rejoice together.

John 5:3-In these lay a multitude of those who **were sick**, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters

John 5:24-Truly, truly, I say to you, he who **hears** My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 6:14-Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet **who is to come** into the world.”

John 11:26-and everyone who **lives** and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?

Mark 6:14-And King Herod heard *of it*, for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, “John **the Baptist** has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.”

Luke 8:6-Other *seed* fell on rocky *soil*, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

Luke 8:13-Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

Jas. 1:2-8-Consider it all joy, **my brethren**, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that **the testing of your faith** produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 **But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.**7 For that man **ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,** 8 *being* a double-minded man, **unstable in all his ways.**

Rev. 19:10-Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he \*said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Rev. 22:8-9-I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of

the angel who showed me these things. 9 But he \*said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.”

Wilkin-"We are not born again because our faith is eternal. Our faith may falter and even fail. However, Jesus remains faithful to His promise. We are born again because we at one time put our faith in the eternally faithful Savior. Once we believe in Him, He is obligated by His promise to keep us secure (John 4:14; 6:35). That is the will of the Father for Him (John 6:39-40). If anyone who believed in Jesus and later fell away failed to make it into the kingdom, then Jesus would have failed to do the will of the Father! If you are a believer, rejoice that you are eternally secure no matter what might happen in the future. Even apostasy cannot undo the work of regeneration."

John 17:3-This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Gen. 2:17-but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

Ephes. 2:1-And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

John 3:3-6-Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”4 Nicodemus \*said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I

say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Constable-John's purpose was clearly evangelistic. His Gospel is an excellent portion of Scripture to give to an unbeliever. It is probably the most effective evangelistic tool available. Its impact on the reader is strongest when one reads it through at one sitting, which takes most people less than two hours. This document can also deepen and establish the faith of any believer, and John undoubtedly wrote what he did to accomplish that end as well.

John 10:10-The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

Gal. 6:6-8-The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Acts 4:12-And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

Heb. 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every

good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.