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➤ Proverbs 19:2–3 **Desire without knowledge is not good**, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.

³ When **a man's folly brings his way to ruin**, his heart rages against the LORD?

- Galatians 1:6–7 I marvel that you are **turning away** so soon **from Him who called you in the grace** of Christ, to a different gospel,⁷ which is not another; but there are **some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.**
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- Romans 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- John 3:18–19 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is **condemned already**, because he has **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

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- Colossians 2:13–14 And you, **being dead in your trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made alive together with Him**, having **forgiven you all trespasses**, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross**.

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- Romans 3:23–26 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being **justified freely (as a gift) by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, **through faith**, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just **and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

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- Matthew 1:18–20 Now **the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows**: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared to him** in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid** to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is **conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit**.”

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- Matthew 1:21-23 And she will bring forth a Son, and **you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.**”²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
 - ²³ *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”* which is translated, **“God with us.”**

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- Matthew 1:24-25 ²⁴ Then **Joseph**, being aroused from sleep, **did** as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,
²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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- Luke 19:9–10 ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the **Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

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- Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say to you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.**”
- Luke 15:32 It was right that **we should make merry and be glad**, for your **brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.**