EPHESIANS Chapter 2 Verses 1-11: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is the gift of God. Not by works, nor by any effort of your own, do you receive grace with salvation. For the Lord’s kindness and love will not be kept from the one who has faith in Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and I am the very one of them. Yet for this very reason, Christ Jesus is lenient with me. Therefore, it is not my intention to be condemned. I am the one who has broken the law, but now I have the light of life in me."

Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 7, Verses 37-52, Chapter 8, Verse 20: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.' Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people were astonished because they heard him saying, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets, and yet he says, 'He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people were astonished because they heard him saying, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets, and yet he says, 'He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people were astonished because they heard him saying, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets, and yet he says, 'He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people were astonished because they heard him saying, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets, and yet he says, 'He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people were astonished because they heard him saying, 'Abraham is dead and the prophets, and yet he says, 'He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living water.'"

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