

Scripture: Psalm 23 Common English Bible (CEB)

A psalm of David.

23 The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

² He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

³ he keeps me ^[a] alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

⁵ You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶ Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live ^[b] in the LORD's house

as long as I live.

Romans 5:1-8 Common English Bible (CEB)

Therefore, we have peace with God

5 Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, ^[a] we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him,

and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. ⁷ It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.