



Alexander
Christian Academy

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Family Handbook

Acceptance into Alexander Christian Academy

AVAILABILITY - Students are accepted into Alexander Christian Academy based upon availability of slots and only during open enrollment periods. Enrollment is open prior to the beginning of a new school year and prior to the beginning of a new semester.

AGE REQUIREMENT - Students seeking admission into the pre-K program must be three or four years prior to the first day of school year to begin in the appropriate pre-K class. All students must be completely potty trained prior to beginning preschool. Pre-K curriculum fee is \$50 per quarter.

Kindergarten students must be five years old prior to the first day of the school year. Special provisions may be made if a child is Reading Ready based on assessments.

Parent Responsibilities

We are so glad you decided to partner with us at Alexander Christian Academy. As the school year progresses, remember to honor the commitments you have made to God's School. Our school cannot operate effectively without the resources you have promised to provide.

These are your responsibilities for your child's tuition:

- Your monthly financial commitment.
- Your non-refundable curriculum fee (\$100 per quarter per child K-8th and \$125 per quarter for all high school students)
- Attendance at monthly parent meetings. Parenting sessions are REQUIRED. If no parent attends the monthly meeting, there is a missed session fee of \$100 per missed meeting. Parents are required to attend the full parent meeting or it will result in a partial missed session fee of \$50. **Missing 2 or more meetings could result in immediate removal of your child from the school.**
- 10 hours of volunteer time per semester. Parents may donate items to the school (\$25 of items equals 1 hour of volunteer time) and/or complete volunteer tasks at home. We also need help every Wednesday and Friday afternoons cleaning our buildings. You must have a current and completed background check on file with ACA in order to volunteer during school hours. DRIVE time for field trips also counts towards volunteer time. Email or send in a written record of your DRIVE time to be counted towards your time.

Late charges will be added to curriculum fees as follows: \$25.00 for fees received 1-7 days past due date, \$50.00 for 8-14 days late. Curriculum will NOT be ordered for students until their fee is paid for the quarter.

***Failure to keep your financial commitment, time commitment, and/or pay your child's curriculum fee may result in your child being dismissed from God's School. Please do not reenroll for the next school year without being current on all of your commitments.*

If circumstances arise that prevent you from keeping the commitment you have made or from being able to pay your curriculum fee on time, it is your responsibility to contact the director and discuss your situation as soon as possible.

*There is a returned check fee of \$25.00 for all returned checks.

Hours of Operation

Kindergarten-8th grade student attendance hours are 8:45 am until 2:00 pm and 8:45 am until 12:00 pm (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) for preschool. Drop off begins promptly at 8:30 am and students are considered tardy after 8:45. High School hours at Calvary Chapel hours are 8:15am-2:30pm, and drop off begins at 8am. Students are tardy after 8:15.

Staff hours are 8:15-2:15 pm for Bethlehem and Hiddenite and 7:45am-2:45pm for Calvary Chapel staff. While staff may be at school before and/or after these hours, we ask that you be considerate of their planning time. If you need to speak with your child's teacher or another staff person, please call the school at 828.471.7826 to set up an appointment or to leave a message. Staff are unable to take calls during instructional time.

What to Bring to School

There are few things that we ask that you provide for your child's school experience. Listed below are supplies your student needs to bring to school:

- Bible - Translation and version are left up to the family.
- Notebook to use for a journal
- Pencils
- Snack/drink – bring a filled and non-spillable water bottle daily
- Lunch/drink – we cannot provide space to keep lunches cool or heat up lunches
- Additional materials as requested by teachers – crayons, markers, colored pencils, pencil box, kid friendly scissors, pocket folder to use for homework, composition notebooks, primary composition notebooks for K-2, etc.

Additional items needed (paper towels, toilet paper, dry erase markers, etc.) will be listed in our monthly school or class newsletters. ***You must include a receipt with any items that are donated so that we can count the donations towards your volunteer hours for the year.***

Communication Between School and Families

Communication is very important to a successful relationship. While some information will be communicated in writing, by phone calls and/or email, most communication from ACA to you as a family will be sent via the ACA Text Message system. If you have not yet signed up for this important feature, please do so right away. If you are not able to receive text messages, it is your responsibility to contact our office at 828.471.7826 so that we can establish another means of primary communication with your family.

It is the parents' responsibility that all contact information is kept current. We cannot be held responsible for families who do not receive information because their contact information is out of date.

Staff may be contacted in the following ways:

- During school hours using the school phone number 828-471-7826. Please leave a message for them to contact you during non-instructional time.
- Via staff email.
- In writing.
- By the staff members designated form of communication with families
- Text message through the Remind app

Please refrain from contacting your child’s teacher during his or her personal time, and from contacting them through social media or their personal phone numbers.

Bad Weather Procedures

In the event that unsafe driving conditions should occur due to weather, decisions will be made as soon as possible and the information will be relayed to families in as timely a manner as possible. If school is on a delay or closed for bad weather, families will be notified via text message using the ACA message system. If you have not signed up to receive text messages, please do so right away. In the event that school is dismissed because of deteriorating weather conditions during the day, families will be notified in the same manner. Closing information will also sent through email.

ACA will notify parents of our decision to close or delay as soon as possible. We serve families from 5 counties in our area (Alexander, Wilkes, Iredell, Catawba, and Caldwell) and will take the weather in each of these counties into consideration when deciding to close or delay. Students will be responsible to complete their work for the day at home as ACA does not make up days missed due to weather. Teachers will communicate what the students are expected to complete.

Attendance

Being on time and present at school daily are important for students to maintain academic progress.

Tardiness: Doors are open for student drop off beginning at 8:30 am. Students may NOT be dropped off before this time. Students who arrive after 8:45 am are counted tardy. Five tardies within a quarter will be counted as an unexcused absence.

Calvary Chapel students should begin arriving at 8am and are considered tardy at 8:15am.

High School tardiness: 10 tardies in a single semester will result in the loss of a course credit due to missed instruction.

Absences: Absences due to illness are counted as excused provided the parent notifies the school in writing of the child's illness. Absences for medical appointments will be counted as excused with a note from the physician's office. Other absences will be considered on a case by case basis. If a student has missed 10 days, the parent will be contacted. Fifteen absences within the school year is considered excessive and may be grounds for retention or dismissal from school. Any student that accumulates more than 20 unexcused absences will be removed from our enrollment. Please be aware that we are required to report our attendance to the state of NC, and local authorities must be notified of attendance concerns.

High School Absences: Students with 10 unexcused absences in a semester will not receive credit for the current courses that they are taking.

Leaving school early: Dismissal time is 2:00 pm for K-8th grade and 2:30pm for High School. Students who develop a habit of leaving school early miss valuable instructional time. Five leave earlys in a quarter will be counted as an absence.

Planned/extended absences: Families who know a child will be absent ahead of time must notify the child's teacher in advance. Any schoolwork missed must be made up within a week of the child's return.

Appropriate Dress

At Alexander Christian Academy we ask that a certain standard be maintained in choosing attire for school and for any school function or field trip. Students and staff should dress modestly and in a way that represents God's School in a positive light. Any writing and/or pictures on clothing should not be obscene, degrading, violent, offensive, have references to tobacco/alcohol/drugs, promote unbiblical practices, or contain anything vulgar. Students should not wear clothing with pictures or words that do not reflect love and life (skulls, skeletons, violent video game graphics ie: Fortnite, Call of Duty, etc., graphics from movies or books that promote the opposite of honoring the Lord ie: Harry Potter, anything dealing with Zombies or death, etc.)

Girls are expected to wear tops with a modest neckline not revealing cleavage and not showing their midriff. Shirts must be long, short, or cap sleeved. All shirts must have covering across the shoulders. **Tank tops must be 3 finger widths wide. No tank tops with thin straps or dresses with spaghetti straps are allowed. No razor back tops.** **Shorts/skirts/dresses cannot be shorter than fingertip length.** No undergarments may be visible at any time. No fishnet type leggings or tights. Boys are expected to wear their pants at the waist and not sagging. Pants/shorts/clothing containing holes may not expose skin inappropriately at any point, and **any clothing having holes shorter than fingertip length are not allowed.**

Should a student come to school in attire that is considered inappropriate, parents may be contacted and asked to bring a more suitable change of clothes to school for the child to wear. **High school and Middle school students in inappropriate clothing will be given a set of scrubs or set of clothing to cover up with if they do not have a change of clothes.** Repeated dress code violations will result in a mandatory uniform policy for the student, suspension, and/or removal from the school.

Visitors and Volunteers

Any visitors and volunteers to Alexander Christian Academy must sign in through the office. When doing so they will be asked to give a purpose for their visit. All volunteers on school grounds during school hours must have a current background check on file with ACA.

Any volunteer serving as a substitute must complete training and have volunteered at the school prior to subbing in a classroom. All substitutes must be approved by our administration.

Volunteering is encouraged at Alexander Christian Academy and there are many ways you can help out! Each campus has a list of things that volunteers can do to help. We ask that Volunteers comply with following guidelines:

- All volunteers must have a criminal background check on file with the school. Background checks must be updated annually. Please see our handout about how to complete our online background check.
- Volunteers helping students with reading and/or coursework must have a copy of their GED or high school diploma on file with the school and be trained as a reader by ACA staff.
- Volunteers should NEVER be alone with a student or students. This is for the protection of the volunteer as well as the students. Volunteers working one on one with students must do so in public areas and be visible at all times. Volunteers should do only what is asked of them by an ACA staff member, and are not to address whole class concerns or handle discipline issues. All discipline concerns must be addressed with the teacher or ACA staff member.
- Parents/family members can only volunteer in their own child's classroom when asked by administration.

Our campuses are Tobacco-Free. We ask that adults refrain from the use of any tobacco products in our parking lots, on school grounds, and on field trips at all times.

Medication Administration

No medication may be administered to students without proper documentation. This includes but is not limited to prescription medications, over the counter medications, sunscreen, and antibiotic ointment:

- All medications, whether prescription or over the counter, must be accompanied by a Medication Administration Form signed by the student's physician and the student's parent or guardian and containing the following information: name of the student, date(s) to be given, name of the medication and the dosage instructions.
- All prescription medication must be in the original container with the student's name, current date and dosage instructions.

- Unless the medication is an emergency medication (such as a rescue inhaler or Epi pen) are to be kept in a locked location with staff or office administration. Medications must be administered by a trained staff person unless the student has been able to demonstrate proper administration.
- Emergency medications (rescue inhalers, Epi pens, etc.) will be kept accessible at all times.

Illness Policy

For the well-being of those in the classroom, please keep students at home for the following reasons:

- Fever of 99F or higher. (Must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.)
- Vomiting – symptom-free for 24 hours
- Diarrhea – symptom-free for 8 hours
- Strep throat – may return 24 hours after beginning prescription antibiotic AND fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine
- Pink Eye – generally may return 24 hours after beginning prescription eye drops.
- Undiagnosed rash – especially if accompanied by fever, discomfort or behavior change
- Head Lice – may return after being treated provided they are lice and nit free. Must provide proof of treatment upon return to school.

Parents will be called if a health concern develops and asked to pick up the student from school.

Violation of sick policy could result in immediate removal from the school. Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, anyone who knowingly sends their child to school with symptoms or after exposure to COVID-19 would be removed from enrollment

Immunizations

A copy of each student’s immunization record must be kept on file. If a student who does not receive immunizations due to religious beliefs, we must have a statement for our files.

Allergies and Special Dietary Needs

If a child has allergies or special dietary needs, it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that documentation of this is on file with the school. Staff will not be held responsible for needs for which they have not been made aware.

Students are to bring their own lunches and snacks daily. Because there may be students with food allergies and/or special dietary needs, students are NOT permitted to share food with others.

On the occasion that outside food is brought in (such as for a birthday or special event), all foods must be commercial prepared and packaged with a list of ingredients available. If an event is planned in

advance, parents of students having special dietary needs will be contacted in order to have the option of providing a similar food item for their child.

Curriculum

In an effort to best meet the needs of our students, Alexander Christian Academy uses a blending of curriculum from the following resources: the Holy Bible, Abeka, Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), Answers in Genesis, Apologia, Monarch, and other Christian curriculum resources.

Grading and Testing

Our expectations for our students is that they always work in a way that honors God. We ask that they do their very best each day to honor Him in how they complete their work in class and at home. We do not expect our students to be perfect, but we do expect them to give a perfect effort.

Our K-2nd students will receive letter grades based on their effort and their performance of skills that have been taught. They will receive grades according to the following: S- Satisfactory, I- Improving, N- Needs Improvement, U- Unsatisfactory. Our 3rd-8th grade students will receive letter grades based on the following scale: 100-93=A, 92-85=B, 84-77=C, 76-70=D, 70-below=F. The high school grades are based on a 10 point scale as follows: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 60 and below=F.

Our students are tested with a nationally standardized test at the end of 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 11th grades to fulfil our requirements with the NC division of non-public instruction. Our 11th graders must have a minimum score of 25% on their nationally standardized test to qualify for graduation. Any students with documented special needs would have accommodations and would be considered for graduation on a case by case basis.

Graduation Requirements

Students that graduate with a diploma from Alexander Christian Academy must meet the following requirements for a total of at least 22 credit hours:

English -- 4 Credits
English I, II, III & IV

Foreign Language -- Not required for high school graduation
A two-credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.

Mathematics -- 4 Credits
University Ready: Algebra I, II, Geometry & PreCalculus at minimum
2 year college ready: Algebra I, II, Geometry, and one other Math

Future Ready: Must pass Algebra I to graduate with a diploma

Science -- 3 Credits

A physical science, Biology & Earth/Environmental Science

Social Studies -- 4 Credits* beginning with students graduating in 2020

Civics & Economics, World History, US History, plus additional social studies course

Health & Physical Education -- 1 Credit

Electives -- 6 Credits with at least 1 credit of Apologetics

ACA Early College Program

ACA students can graduate from our high school with an Associate Degree from College. Students can earn college credit beginning in their Junior year of High School. ACA students wishing to graduate with an Associate Degree from a local community college should be prepared for a rigorous academic program through classes taught at ACA as well as the college courses that they will take. Early College students should take Algebra 1 or Algebra 2 Math by their Freshman year and will be required to earn 2 credits in a foreign language. Students will enroll in online classes that are taught at the community college according to the county they live in. They will also continue to take classes from ACA and will earn credit for both college and high school through dual enrollment.

Students in our Early College program will also take college entrance tests (CLT, SAT, and ACT) as many times as possible to qualify for academic scholarships and for admission to colleges and universities.

High School Academic Probation

If a student is failing 2 or more classes at the end of a quarter, they will receive an academic warning. If they are still failing 2 classes by the end of the next quarter, they will be placed on academic probation. At that time, we would report their academic status to the state to revoke their driving privileges or drivers eligibility. If the state takes their permit, license, or eligibility, the student would lose all driving ability for an entire year. The same applies for poor attendance for excessive absences or tardies.

Failing 2 or more classes at the end of a quarter	Academic Warning	Loss of driving privileges during school hours (ie: may not leave for lunch, school activities)
Failing 2 or more classes at the end of the following quarter	Placed on Academic Probation	Driving privileges revoked for one full year
Failing 4 more classes at any point.	Placed on Academic Probation	Driving privileges revoked for one full year
15 Unexcused Absences/15 unexcused tardies	Academic Warning	Loss of driving privileges during school hours
20 Unexcused Absences/20 unexcused tardies	Placed on Academic Probation	Driving privileges revoked for one full year

Student Conduct

Attendance at God’s School is a privilege. Students are expected to behave in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. Each classroom will develop its own system for effective behavior management based upon the following principles:

- Respect God, self, others, and property
- Do what is right
- Do your best
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you
- Always work and act in a way that honors God

Staff will treat all students with love, respect and genuine concern. Should a concern arise, parents will be contacted so that they may work together with the teacher to establish positive behavior. Handling of misconduct may include making restitution, apologizing, restoring relationships, and other consequences as the administration and parents deem necessary. The majority of behavior concerns will be handled on the classroom level. However, the following behaviors are not tolerated and will be handled directly by the director and may result in **suspension or expulsion** from the school:

- Disrespect of any staff member
- Bullying or teasing of others
- Dishonesty (lying, cheating, stealing)
- Rebellion/defiance (refusal to do what is being told)
- Physical violence (striking in anger with the intent to harm)
- Profane or obscene language (including taking the Lord's name in vain)
- Inappropriate use of the internet/viewing unapproved websites
- Possession of a weapon on school property
- Possession of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol on school property at any time

High School Disciplinary Actions

Infraction	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
Excessive Unexcused absences	10 unexcused absences will be reported to local authorities	15 absences results in loss of driving privileges during school hours and will be reported to local authorities.	20 or more unexcused absences results in immediate removal from enrollment and driving privileges revoked for one full year.
Cheating	1 day suspension and loss of privileges for the week. Grade will result in 0.	3 day suspension. Placed on Academic warning. Grade will result in 0.	5 day suspension. Driving privileges revoked for one full year. Will be expelled from school for any future infraction.
Dress Code Violation	Warning and must change immediately or wear a set of scrubs.	Change immediately or wear scrubs. Mandatory uniform for one month. Loss of driving privileges during school hours	Mandatory Uniform every day for the rest of the year.
Physical violence (striking in anger with the intent to harm)	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	Immediate Expulsion from school and

			reported to local authorities
Disrespect/Rebellion/defiance (refusal to do what is being told)	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	10 day suspension will be expelled from school for any future infraction.
Profane or obscene language (including taking the Lord's name in vain)	Warning and loss of privileges for one week	3 day suspension	5 day suspension will be expelled from school for any future infraction.
Possession of a cell phone on school property during school hours without permission	Phone or electronic device is taken for the day and returned at dismissal. Academic Warning and loss of driving privileges during the school day.	Phone or electronic device is taken for a full week and returned at the end of the week. Placed on Academic Warning.	Placed on academic probation. Phone or electronic device is taken for the remainder of the school year and returned the last day of school.
Leaving School without permission	Loss of driving privileges for one month.	Loss of driving privileges for three months.	Placed on academic probation.
Possession of any illegal substances on school property or school function ie: alcohol/tobacco/vaping items	5 day suspension and reported to parents and local authorities. Academic Warning.	10 day suspension and reported to local authorities. Placed on Academic Probation.	Immediate Expulsion from school and reported to local authorities

Kindergarten-8th grade Disciplinary Actions

Infraction	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
Excessive Unexcused absences	10 unexcused absences will be reported to local authorities	15 unexcused absences will be reported to local authorities.	20 or more unexcused absences results in immediate removal from enrollment.
Cheating	Warning and loss of privileges for the day. Must write an essay on honesty and integrity. Grade will result in 0.	3 day suspension Grade will result in 0. Must complete an assignment on honesty and integrity.	5 day suspension Grade will result in 0. Must do an oral report about honesty and integrity. Will be expelled from school for any future infraction.
Dress Code Violation	Warning and must change immediately or wear a set of scrubs.	Change immediately or wear scrubs. Mandatory uniform for one month.	Mandatory Uniform every day for the rest of the year.
Physical violence (striking in anger with the intent to harm)	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	Immediate Expulsion from school and reported to local authorities
Disrespect/Rebellion/defiance (refusal to do what is being told)	3 day suspension	5 day suspension	10 day suspension will be expelled from school for any future infraction.
Profane or obscene language (including taking the Lord's name in vain)	Warning and loss of privileges for one week	3 day suspension	5 day suspension will be expelled from school for any future infraction.

Possession of a cell phone on school property during school hours without permission	Phone or electronic device is taken for the day and returned at dismissal. Academic Warning and loss of driving privileges during the school day.	Phone or electronic device is taken for a full week and returned at the end of the week. Loss of privileges for the week.	Phone or electronic device is taken for the remainder of the school year and returned the last day of school. Loss of privileges for one month.
Possession of any illegal items or substances on school property or school function	5 day suspension and reported to parents and local authorities.	10 day suspension and reported to local authorities.	Immediate Expulsion from school and reported to local authorities

Electronics and the Internet

Students **MUST** leave all electronics at home. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, Ipods, Hand held video games, etc. Use of any of these items during school hours (including during break and lunch) is prohibited. If a student is found using one of these items during school hours, it will be confiscated and returned at the discretion of the administrators.

If a student is caught with a cell phone or electronic device during school hours the following actions will take place:

- 1st offense- phone or electronic device is taken for the day and returned to parents at dismissal
- 2nd offense- phone or electronic device is taken for a full week and returned to parents at the end of the week
- 3rd offense- phone or electronic device is taken for the remainder of the school year and returned the last day

Use of the internet on the school campus by students, staff and/or visitors is subject to the following guidelines:

- Students may only visit approved websites.
- Student conduct while using the internet is expected to follow appropriate conduct policy found under our Student Conduct expectations.
- Internet use is for educational purposes only.
- Parents/Visitors/Volunteers are asked not to connect to our WiFi as it can interrupt internet service and important instructional time.

Field Trips

Field trips are planned throughout the year as staff becomes aware of opportunities that will enhance the educational experience. Participation in field trips is a privilege. Students who are not able to follow safety guidelines, and are not able to maintain appropriate conduct, may not be allowed to participate.

When a field trip is planned, parents will be notified in advance. Students must have a signed permission slip in order to take part in a field trip. We will use our 15 passenger van as possible for class field trips. Students attending field trips that require transportation must be transported by a parent or another responsible adult designated by the parent. The parent is responsible for their child during the entire trip. Students and chaperones are expected to follow ACA appropriate conduct guidelines at all times as well as any safety or instructional guidelines given specific to the field trip. Any cost for a field trip will be assumed by the student's family unless other arrangements have been made. Parents, guardians, and other adults attending field trips with students must display Christ-like character and set a Biblical example to our students at all times during trips.

Withdrawal Policy

The curriculum we use in every grade must be paid for in full by the school at the beginning of each school year. If your family should need to leave ACA for any reason, your curriculum payments must be paid in full before withdrawal.

Matthew 18 Policy

It is a possibility that at some point you will be disappointed or have a complaint about God's school, His staff, or how we operate. Our main purpose is to please God and to follow Him as we serve Him at His school. We will not always meet your expectations, but we hope to meet the Lords. We are not and will not be like any other schools. We know that God has asked us to "not be conformed to the ways of the world... see Romans 12:2" and that we do not intend to copy how other schools operate.

As we proceed throughout the school year, please prayerfully ask the Lord to help you address concerns that arise with your child's teacher or with ACA. The Bible says that if you have an offense with someone to go to that person privately and talk out your concerns. We ask that you do the same at God's school this year.

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again^[a] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:15-20

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you, Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:8-9

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees. But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things. If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us. He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.

Romans 8:24-32

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2