- # Scripture References from the Sermon
- ## Explicitly Referenced Scriptures:
- 1. **2 Timothy 2:13** "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."
- 2. **Luke 15:3-7** The Parable of the Lost Sheep (read in full)
- 3. **Ephesians 2:8-9** Salvation by grace through faith
- 4. **Romans 3:23-24** All have sinned and fall short of God's glory; justified by grace
- 5. **Titus 2:11** "For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people."
- 6. **Romans 5:8** "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."
- 7. **Romans 3:10** "As the scriptures say, no one is righteous, not even one."
- 8. **1 Peter 1:18-19** Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ
- 9. **Hebrews 9:22** "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."
- 10. **Psalm 107:1** "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His faithful love endures forever."
- 11. **James 4:7-10** Humble yourselves before God; resist the devil
- 12. **2 Corinthians 5:17** "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone and a new life has begun."

Alluded to Scriptures:

- 13. **Matthew 4:1-11** / **Luke 4:1-13** Jesus tempted in the wilderness (referenced through the passion play description: "turn stones into bread," "man shall not live by bread alone")
- 14. **Matthew 3:17** / **Mark 1:11** / **Luke 3:22** "This is my son in whom I am well pleased" (baptism of Jesus)
- 15. **Luke 23:34** "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."
- 16. **Luke 15:11-32** The Parable of the Prodigal Son (referenced multiple times as "prodigal")
- 17. **Exodus 20:8-11** / **Exodus 31:14-15** Keeping the Sabbath holy (referenced regarding Sabbath observance and death penalty)
- 18. **Matthew 18:3** / **Mark 10:15** "Out of the mouth of babies" (alluding to children's faith)
- ## Relevant Verses for Main Themes:

Grace and Mercy:

- **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life"
- **John 1:16** "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace"

Transformation:

- **Romans 12:2** "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind"
- **Philippians 1:6** God will complete the good work he began

God's Pursuing Love:

- **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world..."
- **Romans 8:38-39** Nothing can separate us from God's love