Gen. 50:15-23	Joseph forgave those who tried to kill him, then sold him into slavery by looking to God
Ps. 32:1-2	Blessed is he whose transgression is coveredin whose spirit is no guile (treachery, deceit)
Ps. 86:5	God was ready to forgive ALL that call upon him, even before the LJC!
Ps. 103:1-6	It is the Lord that executes judgement for all that are oppressed.
Ps. 130	There is forgiveness with God (vs. 4), that he may be feared (revered). I wait (<u>with expectation</u>) for the Lord (vs. 5). Watch for the morning - would include guards, keepers
Mat. 6:12-15	Some have taught that if <u>we</u> do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. What about I John 1:9?
Mat. 18:21-35	How often? Until seventy times seven.
Luke 7:36-50	To whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
Luke 23:34	Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.
Acts 5:30-31	God exalted JC to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.
Acts 13:38-39	By JC we are justified from all things which could not be justified under the law (Judeans).
Acts 26:1-23	Forgiveness of sins for gentiles (vs. 17-18)
II Cor. 2:1-11	We must forgive, lest one be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow (overcome with discouragement, excessive grief)
Eph. 1:7	We have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.
Eph. 4:31-32	Let all bitterness be put away. Be tenderhearted, forgiving one another.
Col. 3:12-17	Forbearing and forgiving one another (vs. 13)

Law vs. Grace

Deut. 6:25 - Law

Rom. 3:20-26 - Grace

- Rom. 1:7 grace to you and peace
 - 4:4-5 believing is counted for righteousness
 - 5:1-2 this grace wherein we stand
 - 6:14 we are under grace
 - 11:5-6 if by grace, then no more of works
 - 16:24 the grace of our LJC be with you all
- I Cor. 1:3,4 grace unto you, I thank God for the grace 15:10 - by the grace of God I am what I am
- Gal. 1:3,6 grace to you, called into the grace of Christ 2:21 - I do not frustrate the grace of God
- Eph. 1:2,7 grace to you, the riches of his grace
 - 2:5,7,8 by grace are ye saved
 - 3:2 administration of the grace of God

Righteousness

Deut 6:25	It shall be our righteousness if we observe to do
Acts 13:39	Justified from all things that you could not be justified by the law
Rom 3:20 ff	By the deeds of the law no flesh shall be justified (vs. 20)
Rom 4:1-5	Faith counted for righteousness (vs. 5)
Rom 5:1-8	Justified by faith (vs. 1)
Romans 10:9, 10	Believeth unto righteousness.
I Cor. 1:30	Christ Jesus is made unto us righteousness.
II Cor. 5:21	That we might be made the righteousness of God.
Gal 2:16	A man is not justified by the works of the law
Gal 3:11	The just shall live by faith
Phil. 3:9	Righteousness through the believing of Jesus Christ.
I John 3:20, 21	If our heart condemn us, God is greater.

Righteousness is the God-given justification (freedom from the penalties of sin) whereby a person stands in the presence of God without any consciousness of sin, guilt, or shortcomings.

Because we have been justified, we are righteous.

Romans 8:26-39 - More than conquerors.

The whole world is trying to earn righteousness by their own deeds, which they can <u>never</u> do. We have the joy of walking in the righteousness which he <u>already</u> accomplished for us, by his perfect, accomplished believing as our lord and savior.

Context and To Whom it is Written: Born Again or Not?

I Cor 3:16-17	The temple of God – ye is plural
II Peter 1:13-14	Tabernacle – individual body
I Cor 6:9-12 Gal 5:19-21 Eph 5:5 Eph 1:1-14	The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God, but we are righteous They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God – who? Who is an idolater – no inheritance We have obtained an inheritance (vs. 11), the earnest of our inheritance
I Cor 11:14-16	Long hair: no such custom
I Cor 10:25-30 II Cor 3 Gal 5:1-6	Why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? (vs. 29) Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (vs. 17) Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free
Conclusion	
Luke 18:9-14	He that is forgiven much loveth much
John 8:32-36	If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed
Romans 6	Being made free from sin (vs 18)
Romans 8:1-6	Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death
Gal 5:1-9 (10-18)	Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free (vs. 1) Righteousness - being right with God, so that you can stand before him with no consciousness of shortcoming. Justification - freedom from guilt, "just as if"
Eph. 3:12	In whom we have boldness and access with confidence (confident access) by the faith of him. Or: we may approach God with freedom and confidence.
Heb 2:15	And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage
Acts 12:1-17	Peter was set free from prison
Acts 16:19-34	Paul & Silas were delivered from prison
Heb. 13:5-6	"Be ye free from the love of money" (ASV), for he hath said, I will never never leave thee, and never never never forsake thee. " The lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (ASV, NIV)