# NEW TESTAMENT RIDERS CHAPTER 353





#### **President's Message**

As I sit here thinking. Yeah, I know that's scary. I'm reminded of GOD's gifts. The closer we lean into HIM the closer we get to our rewards. We can't always see it but if we keep our focus on CHRIST then we aren't worried about the reward. Our focus should not be on the reward but instead just following CHRIST's directions.

Instead of focusing on our wants we need to be grateful.

For years past I was focused on the wrong goals. Which none paned out but when I stoped reaching for the wrong thing and asked GOD for what my heart really wanted. It happened. I had to stop and focus on what CHRIST wanted me to continue doing and all the rest fell into place. The SON that stoped talking to me came home for a visit, then the women i truly loved came back into my life. All because I kept JESUS in my cross hairs. Focused on his will not mine.

This is what I want to do this year is focus on JESUS and not Jack. I know the needs will be met and some of the wants too.

Remember to spend time in GODS WORD daily. With HIS guidance great things are possible.

Know you are Loved .

Your Prez , U-TURN Jack.



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# Congratulations Jack & Kathy Smith







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#### VP's Thoughts for the Day

Did you know that Jesus Prayed for You and it is written in the Bible - . This is a prayer of Jesus; John 17: 20 "My prayer is not for them alone (His Disciples). I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message," In verse 20 it says that Jesus is not only praying for the disciples, but for ALL who will ever believe in Him though their message! That is everyone who believes in Jesus Christ Today. You and Me! That is not even the best part. Hebrews 7: 24-25

<sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely<sup>[c]</sup> those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

This tells us that Jesus is able once and for all to save those who come to God through Him and that He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf which means Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father right now praying for you!

Mark White

















#### **Marilyn's Minutes**

Psalms 19:1-4 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard, their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

Psalms 19 is telling us that all of God's creation speaks of His creative powers. There is no excuse for atheism. His very handiwork proclaims His praise.

If all God's creation sings His praise, what should we be doing? Grumbling and complaining? Being negative? No, we should be praising God! Throughout the Psalms we are told to "Praise Him in the congregation," "Praise Him in the assembly," "Praise Him among the nations." How about in 2025 we do what creation does and praise God for being so good to us and praise Him for this beautiful creation of nature He gave to us, praise Him for our salvation and the spiritual blessings He has given us in Jesus Christ. Let's really try to be thankful and worshipful people this year. That starts in the home, If we start praising Him when we get up in the morning before we leave the house, and allow that praise attitude to follow us throughout the day, then others will see the handiwork of God in each of our lives.

We are bikers. We enjoy riding in the open air and enjoying God's creation. May His praise always be on our lips.

Marilyn





**Annual Bike Blessings** 

#### **Chaplain's Message**

Just to let you see what we do as CMA, this is from my cousin. He is a member of one of the other Christian biker organizations and lives in Crosby, TX.

Saved by the CMA last night just outside of Columbus. One of our guys had a flat. We got it plugged, but the sidewalls were ruined. Was riding it at 60 mph when it gave it up with a loud pop. We called a long time friend of our founder at Bateman Baptist Church in Red Rock. He called a church and CMA member who drove an hour to bring us a trailer to bring it home on until we can get the trailer back to them next week.

I told him "That's what we do!"

Marvin Bryant

#### **Highway Disciples - RFS Fund Raiser**



"Your view of you, is the greatest commentary on your view of God" -

The Cure

(J. Lynch, B. McNichol and B. Thrall)2011 p34





#### Vickey's Treasury Notes

Home Team Advantage

*My* flesh and *my* heart may fail, but God is the strength of *my* heart and *my* portion forever. *Psalm* 73:26

God is for you. Turn to the sidelines: that's God cheering you on. Look past the finish line: that's God applauding your steps. Listen for him in the bleachers, shouting your name. Too tired to continue?

He'll carry you. Too discouraged to fight? He's picking you up. God is for you.

Our devotion may falter, but God's never does.

All of us will experience trials and difficulties in this life. And while those storms are inevitable there is hope for followers of Jesus. The meaning of Psalm 73:26 is a powerful reminder of what God does for his people.

Whether you are going through a difficult season or coming out of one, this verse has something for you. Let's take a few minutes to look at this verse and see how God wants to use it to encourage you.

We tend to focus on what's seen, after all its right in front of us. But for followers of Jesus we should look past what's right in front of us toward what is unseen. Though we might be wasting away on the outside, inside we are being renewed by Jesus. Our struggles in this world will be difficult, but they are also temporary. God will lead us through. Therefore we should not lose sight or get distracted; look to what is unseen.

Recognize the real Source behind the words.

# What are four intentional purposes the Bible plays in our lives?

- 1. Transform my identity through teaching.
- 2. Transform my beliefs through reproof.
- 3. Transform my behavior through correction.

4. Transform me through training and equipping.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV



#### Vickey's Treasury Notes continued

Check out these steps that will give you an advantage in life God's way:

**1. Expect God to speak.** Don't get caught snoozing and miss out on what God's saying. Expect to hear from Him.

**2. Get used to God's style.** God likes speaking the end from the beginning, letting us know what's coming down the road (Isaiah 46:10). It's His way of letting us know He's God.

3. Know who's really doing the talking.

**4. Keep it in your face.** We all have those things we highlight, #tag, bookmark, stick on the fridge; those habits that help motivate, prompt and focus us in the right direction. Do what it takes to keep God's fresh word to you in your face—and thereby, you'll be building your faith.

God's all in when it comes to giving you every advantage possible. So, when He gives a word, heads-up or valuable piece of insider information —jump on it, act on it. Practice these 5 Steps to Gaining the Advantage God's Way—and dare to trust Him to bring His Word to pass!

Vickey

## **Taco Soup**

- 2 lbs. ground beef cooked
- 1 package Taco Seasoning
- 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- 1 can petit tomatoes
- 1 can light kidney beans
- 1 can dark kidney beans
- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can white hominy
- 1 can Original RoTel tomatoes

1 can of water or Chicken Broth (depending on the amount of liquid you may need to add more.

Serve with:

- Grated cheddar cheese
- Avocado
- Nacho Style Chips

#### Directions

#### Step 1: Cook the beef

Cook the beef over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles with a wooden spoon or spatula as it cooks. Drain some or all of the excess fat. Move to Dutch oven, Crock Pot or similar cooking vassal.

#### Step 2: Season and cook

Add the taco seasoning to the beef and mix well. Stir in the untrained beans, hominy, Rotel and tomatoes, optional chilies and ranch dressing mix. Bring to a boil, and then reduce the heat. Simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally for 15 minutes or until heated through. Serve with Nacho style chips, shredded cheese and Avocados.

#### **RFS Secretary**

We have our Kroger Rewards set up. We are registered under Christian Motorcyclists Association NTR and our number is NG615.

Here are the steps to enroll and link your card.

#### 1. Go to

#### www.KrogerCommunityReward s.com

If you do not have an electronic account you will choose create account on the right hand side. If you already have an account then you will go to step 2.

2. Under Link your card to an organization you will choose click the link that says Search for your organization here (here is in blue because it is the link)

3. Enter the name Christian Motorcyclists Association NTR or our number which is NG615., select it and click save. (the address will show Mena, Arkansas because that is where our headquarter's is.

If you have any place you would like to go email me at <u>OneFrazzledMom@gmail.com</u>.

#### Deidra Marroquin



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#### 2025 Run For The Son

Run for the Son is the Christian Motorcyclists Association's investment into world-wide evangelism.

Over the past 37 years Run for the Son has played an important role in 39.4 million salvations in 194 countries around the globe, plus has raised over \$105.9 million to fund biker evangelism in the United States and around the world.

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, motorcyclists from all over the United States will participate in Run for the Son.

All are invited to join with CMA members and others across the U.S. to come together and participate in the 37th Run for the Son. You do not have to be a CMA member to participate. Check with your local chapter leaders for specific ride information.



In 2024, CMA invested \$6,004,410.79 into the Kingdom of God, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Jack & Kathy's Wedding

New Day Church Feb 8th 11am 17326 Butera Rd. Magnolia, Tx 77355

#### **RFS Fundraiser**

Feb 10th - 6pm The Boat 925 13th St., Hempstead, Tx.

#### Chapter Meeting

Feb 15th 9am Waller County Line BBQ 20727 Fm 362 Rd. Delivering 2 families meals and gifting Lunch afterwards

SE Texas Seasons of Refreshing Feb 21st & 22nd, 2025 4802 John Stockbauer Dr. Victoria, Tx. 77904

CMA National Day of Prayer March 2nd 2 Chronicles 7:14 Matthew 18:19-20

Chase Industrial & Airport Complex March 20th - 23rd 2745 Byrd Street Beeville TX 78102 US Contact: Meredith Jordan Phone: 361-290-1046

#### MOTOGP

March 28th - March 30th 9201 Circuits of the Americas Blvd Austin, TX 78617

CMA Run for the Son May 3rd

<u>SE Texas State Rally</u> May 15th - 17th, 2025 901 N Park St. Brenham, Tx. 77833

WAR Rally June 6th & 7th 2025 Cold Spring, Tx warrally.com for Details

<u>National East Rally</u> June 18th - 22nd Blair County convention Center Altoona , PA 16602





# Moto









#### February 2025

#### **CMA Monthly Bible Study**

#### WHAT'S WITH ALL THE CHALLENGES IN MY LIFE?

by John Ogden Jr

Here is a fact that is backed by Scripture: in this life, we will have problems. These problems often present themselves as obstacles keeping us from what we want to accomplish. But the Bible encourages us to have hope and to continue pressing into the Word of God so that we may firmly establish His truth in our lives. So, what's with all the challenges in our lives?

Before we answer that question, let's look at Paul and Silas to gain some perspective. They were beaten and imprisoned for doing the will of God (Acts 16:16-34). This imprisonment was an obstacle to getting the message of salvation out. Similarly, in the lives of CMA'ers, we encounter situations that hinder the Gospel's reach to motorcyclists in our area. Whether it's a lack of enthusiasm within the chapter or a division causing discord, these obstacles can obscure Christ's witness and diminish the reach of the Gospel, acting like the prison Paul and Silas found themselves in.

Ezekiel reminds us: "If righteous people turn away from their righteous behavior and ignore the obstacles I put in their way, they will die. And if you do not warn them, they will die in their sins. None of their righteous acts will be remembered, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths" (Ezekiel 3:20, NLT). This scripture serves as a dual warning: God places obstacles to draw us closer to Him and warns us against keeping His grace silent.

Let's break this down:

1. God's Purpose for Obstacles: The verse suggests that God places obstacles in our lives to draw

us closer to Him. These challenges are meant to remind us of our dependence on God and to en- courage us to seek His guidance and strength.

2. Warning Against Turning Away: If righteous people turn away from their righteous behavior and ignore these obstacles, they risk spiritual death. This means that neglecting the lessons and growth opportunities that come with challenges can lead to a separation from God.

3. Responsibility to Warn Others: The verse also emphasizes the responsibility of believers to warn others about the consequences of ignoring God's obstacles. If we fail to share God's truth and warn others, we are held accountable for their spiritual downfall.

4. Keeping God's Grace Active: The scripture warns against keeping God's grace silent. We are encouraged to actively share God's grace and truth with others, helping them navigate their own obstacles and grow closer to God.

In summary, Ezekiel 3:20 serves as a reminder that obstacles are part of God's plan to strengthen our faith and that we have a responsibility to guide others towards His truth. By embracing these challenges and sharing God's grace, we can help ourselves and others stay on the path of righteousness.

Let's revisit Paul and Silas. When faced with adversity, they prayed and sang praises to God. When they were imprisoned, they did not stop seeking the One they proclaimed to serve. Their unwavering trust led them to praise God amidst their suffering. Their praise turned into freedom, and their obstacle into an opportunity that led the jailer and his entire family into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. When the enemy tries to bring us down, he only wins if we gripe and complain, spreading negativity. Instead, when it seems all hope is lost, put on the garment of praise and watch God transform your situation into faith and hope. By doing this, you, too can witness God's miracles unfold before your eyes.

Applying what we've read:

1. What does the Bible say about the presence of problems and obstacles in our lives?

2. How did Paul and Silas respond to their imprisonment, and what was the outcome of their actions? 3. According to Ezekiel 3:20, what are the dual warnings given to believers?

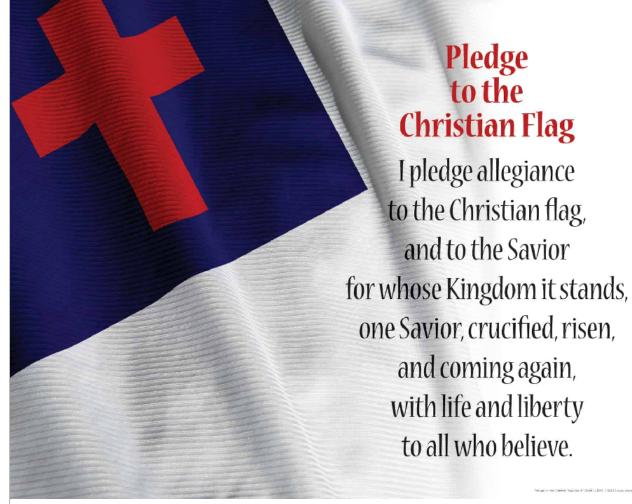
4. How can obstacles in our lives serve a greater purpose?

5. What responsibilities do believers have when it comes to warning others and sharing God's grace?

6. How can adopting an attitude of praise transform our challenges into opportunities for witnessing God's miracles?

John Ogden Jr serves as Senior Vice President.

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CMA vest standards

The CMA standard for vests states that: The front of a CMA member's vest is to include the CMA USA country patch on the upper left side of the vest (which places the stars closest to the heart and identifies the member's nation) and the 3" CMA logo or CMA name tag with logo on the upper right side of the vest. Nothing is to be placed above the country patch or the 3" CMA patch/name tag. Patches or pins that take you out of a neutral ministering position may not be worn on a vest with the CMA back patch or logo. The back of a CMA member's vest is to include the CMA back patch and be easily distinguishable that the person is a CMA member. No other patches or rockers should be placed on the back of a CMA vest (i.e. territorial rockers indicating a city, state, chapter, or other location).





Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (°f)									
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30	-5°	1°	8°	15°	22°	28°	35°	42°	49°	56
35	-7°	0°	7°	14°	21°	28°	35°	41°	48°	<b>55</b> °
40	-8°	-1°	6°	13°	20°	27°	34°	41°	48°	55
45	-9°	-2°	5°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54
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70	-13°	-6°	2°	9°	16°	24°	31°	38°	46°	53
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SETX signup link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AEAA29A1F49-54033457-motogp

# NOTE: You must commit to a Gear Check shift to receive a wristband to enter the race track facility during your free time that day.

CMA Volunteer Help Sheet – MOTOGP March 28th - March 30th Parking Lot H is where most of the Motorcycle Parking will take place. Gear Check 1 is normally located across from Parking Lot H. Gear Check 2 is normally located somewhere in the vicinity of the Main Entrance

RACE DAYS - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:

• All CMA VOLUNTEERS MUST CHECK IN AT GEAR CHECK 1 first thing when they arrive.

• You will receive your arm band, and your assignment for the day.

Sunday is the big race day and is the most attended day. This day has a critical need for help at the Gear Check Stations, especially when the racing is over at the end of the day between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Camping: All CMA Members must be pre-registered to camp in the volunteer camping area

If you plan to camp at COTA, Self-Contained (no electric, septic or water provided) is available located in Parking lot M adjacent to Parking lot L on

the East Side of COTA facilities. Parking lot L and M can be accessed via Elroy Rd. that loops around the NE side of the COTA facilities.

If you are pre-registered to camp, You will need to check-in at the COTA camping office in parking lot M to get your preassigned camping spot.

Lodging:

CMA volunteers are responsible for arranging their own lodging during the event



# MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



### **Reminder Before Riding**

Always check the following

- 1. Tire pressure
- 2. Oil levels when engine is hot
- 3. Lights
- 4. Battery terminals
- 5. Nut & bolts are tight
- 6. Brake pads
- 7. Air filter
- 8. Tire wear
- 9. Inspection sticker
- 10. Any leaks
- 11. Chain or belt tension
- 12. Wheel spokes loose or tight

Remember always check your tire pressure bolts and nuts oil level when engine is hot and

battery terminals

Keep safe love you guys. If you have any questions, please call Craig Comp 443-883-9203

or Roger Gautt 713-206-6266.

We will be more than happy to look at your bike with you.



#### 36 TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR SAFETY AWARENESS AND RIDING PROFICIENCY

#### **Ride Like a Pro**

1. Take a skills refresher course with a professional organization. Off-road courses are ideal for teaching road riders how to deal with the unexpected on the road —like obstacles or loss of traction. Pro-riding courses teach valuable defensive riding skills and increase your proficiency.

2. Ride defensively and confidently, not timidly or fearfully. Anticipate what other road users are going to do and be prepared to react appropriately.

3. Practice. Head to a vacant parking lot and practice slow speed and emergency maneuvers.

4. Ride within your skill level. Most of us don't have the skills or ability to tap into the full power of our bike. Proficiency and muscle memory take practice and saddle time to develop.

5. Ride smoothly. You can react a lot more quickly than any vehicle out there, but that doesn't mean you have to turn, cut in and out, and make quick moves that startle others.

6. Scan your environment. The Ministry of Transport of Ontario (MTO) suggests you check your mirrors every five to seven seconds to keep track of what's going on around you. Mirrors don't tell the whole story, though, so do a visual scan as well.

#### **Ride Responsibly**

7. Ride within the speed limit. Speed was the second leading cause of fatalities on OPP patrolled roads in 2017. If you feel the need for speed, take it to a track. 8. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. Motorcycles require less stopping distance than other vehicles, but allow enough distance in front of you for the vehicle behind you to stop, especially if it's a loaded truck!

9. Slow down in inclement weather. You may have the skills to ride safely but consider that you're sharing the road with others who may not have the same degree of proficiency, or attentiveness. You're also less visible in rain or fog.

10. Know and follow the rules of the road. They apply to everyone. Other drivers anticipate that you're going to follow the them and make their decisions accordingly.

11. Move away from poorly secured loads. It's better to be in front of them than risk having an object hit you or a mattress land on the road in front of you.

12. Ride sober. Riders with an M1 or M2 endorsement must maintain a zero blood alcohol level. It's wisest to continue that practice even when you have your full M designation.

13. Ride unimpaired. Illness, stress, and medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, can weaken your ability to operate your motorcycle safely. If you're taking prescription meds, ask your doctor or pharmacist about the drug's effect on you, and the potential effects of combining it with other meds or alcohol.

14. Maintain a clear line of sight. When this is challenged, such as in traffic, increase your following distance.

15. Conduct traffic checks by scanning your environment while waiting at an intersection or traffic light. Proceed only when it's safe.

16. Assume the proper blocking position at a stop, including optional angled position for right turns.

17. Ride in the correct tire track. This will change depending on the circumstances and the number of lanes of traffic, but is never in the middle of the lane. Generally, on a two-lane road, ride in the left tire track.

18. Maintain an appropriate gap between you and the vehicle ahead of you when stopped. It gives you room to maneuver if your environmental scan alerts you to danger.

**Reduce Distractions** 

19. Use intercoms only as needed and keep your chatting to an as-needed basis only.

20. Keep audio chatter to a minimum. That includes listening to music, chatting with friends or your passenger on your intercom. There are enough competing inputs without adding to what your brain already has to process.

#### Increase your Visibility

21. Make yourself visible with high-visibility reflective gear, especially on your upper body, where it's more likely to catch the attention of drivers.

22. Apply reflective strips to your bike.

23. Use hand signals in addition to turn signals. That movement may be what gets noticed.

24. Add accessories to your motorcycle that make you more noticeable, like a high-decibel horn and accessory lights. Just don't blind oncoming traffic.

25. Check blind spots before moving away, when coming to a stop, and before making a lane change. Motorcycle training programs teach riders to check (blind spot), signal, check, before making a lane change.

26. Refrain from riding in another driver's blind spots.

27. Tap your brake light when decelerating. It alerts other drivers to your change in speed.

#### **Dress Like a Pro**

28. Wear appropriate gear. Fatigue, heat, and cold impair judgment and your ability to react. Dress for the ride and the weather, and be prepared to adapt to changing situations.

29. Wear proper fitting gear, done up properly. It's better for gear to be snug rather than flapping in the breeze. In the case of a mishap, snug-fitting gear better protects you from abrasion and holds armor in place.

#### Be a Leader

30. Choose your riding partners wisely. Riding as part of a group-two or more riders-carries its own etiquette and responsibilities. It's wisest to accumulate skills before riding with others.

- 31. Don't cede to peer pressure to ride beyond your skill or comfort level.
- 32. Be courteous to other drivers. When they see you driving responsibly, they're more likely to do the same.

33. Keep your cool. Getting angry and into a confrontation with another driver does nothing to diffuse the situation. In addition, while you're focused on him, someone else may be getting ready to cut you off.

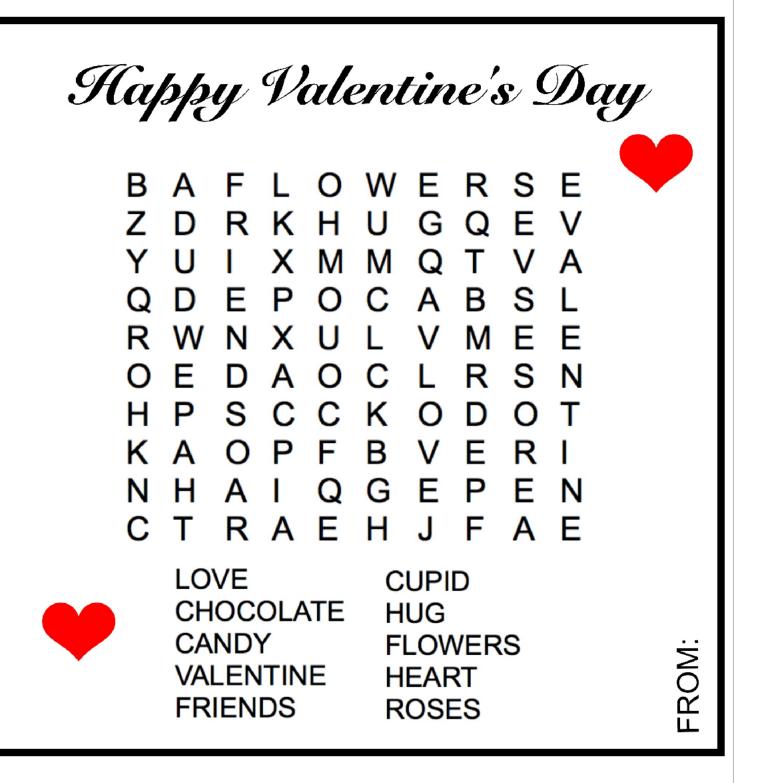
#### Keep Your Bike in Top Shape

34. Keep your motorcycle well-maintained. A breakdown while riding can lead to a crash.

35. Check brake lights, turn signals, and headlights regularly to make sure they're all working.

36. Check your tires before your ride for sufficient pressure (refer to your owner's manual, not the markings on the sidewall), adequate tread, and any irregularities or embedded objects.

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#### **New Testament Riders**

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# **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Romans 5:8** But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

**Romans 10:9-10** That if we shall confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the heart of man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

**Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved



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