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346. Saints hoping for the Lord's return while they are alive (1 Co 1:7)
1 Thess 1:10, James 5:8-9, 1 Pt 4:7, 1 Jn 2:18, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Rev 22:20

The early church members waited for Jesus to come back while they were still alive. (1 Cor 1:7, 1 Thess 1:10)

1 Cor 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Thess 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

The apostles also said that the coming of Jesus Christ was near. (James 5:8-9, 1 Pt 4:7, 1 Jn 2:18, 1 Cor 7:29-31)

James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

1 Pt 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1 Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 Cor 7:29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

Jesus also promised that He would come soon. (Rev 22:20)

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

347. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel (1 Co 1:17)
Rom 1:1-4, Mt 16:16, Acts 5:42, Acts 9:22, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 18:5

We have been chosen by God to preach the gospel that Jesus is the Christ. (Rom 1:1-4)

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Christ also sent us to preach the gospel. (1 Cor 1:17, Acts 5:42)

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

The gospel is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. (Mt 16:16)

Mt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Paul preached the gospel that Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 9:22, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 18:5)

Acts 9:22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

348. Christ, who is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Co 1:18-24)
Isa 29:14, Rom 1:16, Col 2:2-3, Job 12:13

The Old Testament prophesied that God would raise up His wisdom.(Isa 29:14)

Isa 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Christ is the wisdom of God and the power of God. Christ is the wisdom of God that God wants to save us. God saved us through the work of Christ. Also, Christ is the power of God for salvation to those who believe in Jesus as the Christ. (1 Cor 1:18-24, Rom 1:16)

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

All the secrets of God are hidden in Christ. (Job 12:13, Col 2:2-3)

Job 12:13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

349. It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. (1 Co 1:21)
1 Cor 1:18, 23-24, Lk 10:21, Rom 10:9

God saved believers through evangelism. Evangelism is preaching that Jesus is the Christ. (1 Cor 1:21)

1 Cor 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Evangelism is preaching that Jesus accomplished all the work of Christ on the cross. (1 Cor 1:18,23-24, Rom 10:9)

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

God has hidden the secret of evangelism from the wise. (Lk 10:21)

Lk 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

350. He who glories, let him glory in the Lord. (1 Co 1:26-31)
Jer 9:23-24, Gal 6:14, Phil 3:3

Before God we have nothing to boast of. We should boast only in Christ. (1 Cor 1:26-31, Jer 9:23-24)

1 Cor 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Jer 9:23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

We have nothing to boast of except in Christ. (Gal 6:14, Phil 3:3)

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

351. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Co 2:1-5)
Gal 6:14, 1 Cor 1:23-24

When Paul failed to preach in Athens, he decided not to preach anything other than that Jesus was the Christ and that Jesus accomplished all the work of Christ on the cross. (1 Cor 2:1-5, Gal 6:14)

1 Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

It is the power of God and the wisdom of God that Jesus accomplished all the work of Christ on the cross. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

352. God has revealed the wisdom of God, Christ to us through His Spirit. (1 Co 2:7-10) Rom 11:32-33, Job 11:7, Mt 13:35, Col 1:26-27, Mt 16:16-17, Jn 14:26, Jn 16:13

God's wisdom is to lead everyone to Christ. How wonderful is the wisdom of God? (Rom 11:32-33, Job 11:7)

Rom 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

The wisdom of God that has been hidden from before the foundation of the world is Christ. (Mt 13:35, Col 1:26-27)

Mt 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

God made Peter realize that Jesus is the Christ through the Holy Spirit. (Mt 16:16-17)

Mt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

God revealed the wisdom of God, Christ, through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes us realize that Jesus is the Christ. (1 Cor 2:7-10, Jn 14:26, Jn 16:13)

1 Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Jn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jn 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

353. Our foundation is Jesus Christ. (1 Co 3:10-11)
Isa 28:16, Mt 16:18, Eph 2:20, Acts 4:11-12, 2 Cor 11:4

It was foretold in the Old Testament that those who believe in Christ, who is a solid foundation stone, will not be in a hurry. (Isa 28:16)

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

The foundation of our faith is that Jesus is the Christ. There is no other basis. (Mt 16:16,18, Acts 4:11-12, Eph 2:20)

Mt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Satan deceives us into preaching a different Jesus than the foundation that Jesus is the Christ. (2 Cor 11:4)

2 Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

354. We are the temple of God. (1 Co 3:16-17)

1 Cor 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16, Eph 2:22

If we believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So we become the temple of God. (1 Cor 3:16-17, 1 Cor 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16, Eph 2:22)

1 Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2 Cor 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

355. We who preach Christ, the mystery of God (1 Co 4:1)
Col 1:26-27, Col 2:2, Rom 16:25-27

The mystery of God is Christ. Christ appeared. That is Jesus. (Col 1:26-27)

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

We must make people aware of Christ, the mystery of God. We also need to make people realize that Jesus is the Christ. (Col 2:2)

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

The gospel, which was hidden since the world began, and now revealed, is that Jesus is the Christ. (Rom 16:25-27)

Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

356. What Paul taught everywhere in every church (1 Co 4:17)
1 Cor 1:17-18, 23-24, 2 Tim 3:15, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 19:8-10

What Paul taught in each church was that Jesus had accomplished the work of Christ on the cross. (1 Cor 1:17-18,23-24)

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Paul explained to Timothy that the Old Testament describes salvation through Christ and that Christ is Jesus. (2 Tim 3:15)

2 Tim 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

So Paul taught in each church that Jesus was the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament. (1 Cor 4:17, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 19:8-10)

1 Cor 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

357. Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. (1 Co 5:7-8)
2 Cor 5:17, Mt 16:11-12, Ex 12:19-24, Rom 8:1-2, Rom 12:1-2

In the Old Testament, the blood of the Passover Lamb was able to bring us out of Egypt. They ate unleavened bread for seven days after the Exodus. This prophesied that Christ would be sacrificed for us like the Passover lamb. And through that sacrifice, we become new, unleavened creations. (Ex 12:19-24)

Ex 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

The Passover Lamb, Christ, was sacrificed for us. Therefore, we are new creatures in Christ. (1 Cor 5:7-8, 2 Cor 5:17)

1 Cor 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Throw away the old leaven that has affected us. (Mt 16:11-12)

Mt 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

In Christ we are completely set free from the law of sin and death. Now we must live a life for the glory of God, not a life of sin. (Rom 8:1-2, Rom 12:1-2)

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

358. The body is for the Lord (1 Co 6:13-15)
1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Thess 4:3-5, 2 Cor 5:15

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. So we must live a life that glorifies God. (1 Cor 6:13-15, 19-20, 1 Thess 4:3-5)

1 Cor 6:13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Thess 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

We are saved so that we may live for Christ. (2 Cor 5:15)

2 Cor 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

359. All things and we are from God and Jesus Christ. (1 Co 8:6)

Gen 1:1, Gen 1:26-27, Mal 2:10, Eph 4:6, Acts 10:36, 1 Cor 15:28, Col 3:11, Heb 1:2, Jn 1:3, Col 1:15-17, Rev 4:11

God and Jesus Christ made us. (Gen 1:26-27, Mal 2:10)

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

God and Jesus Christ are Lord of all. (Eph 4:6, Acts 10:36, 1 Cor 15:28)

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

1 Cor 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

God and Jesus Christ created everything. (Gen 1:1, Rev 4:11, 1 Cor 8:6, Heb 1:2, Jn 1:3, Col 1:15-17)

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

1 Cor 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Jn 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

360. For brothers whom Christ died for (1 Co 8:10-13)
Rom 14:13, 21, 2 Cor 6:3, Acts 20:33-35, 1 Cor 9:7, 1-15

We must not act to diminish the faith of our brethren. (1 Cor 8:10-13, Rom 14:13,21, 2 Cor 6:3)

1 Cor 8:10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Rom 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.
21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

2 Cor 6:3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

Paul did not live a life that prevented his brothers from growing in their faith. Also, although Paul had the right to seek help from the saints, he did not burden the saints because he earned money by working. (Acts 20:33-35, 1 Cor 9:1-15)

Acts 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.
34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

1 Cor 9:1 Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?
2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.
3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,
4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?
5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?
7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?
9 For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?
10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.
11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?
12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.
13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.
15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

361. Gospel preaching is unavoidable our job. (1 Co 9:16)
Jer 20:9, Rom 1:14,

We cannot endure unless we preach the gospel. (1 Cor 9:16, Jer 20:9)

1 Cor 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Jer 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Also, we are indebted to the gospel. (Rom 1:14)

Rom 1:14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

362. I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more
(1 Co 9:18-23)

Paul became the servant of all people in order to save more people through the gospel.

1 Co 9:18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

362-2. To obtain the crown of righteousness (1 Cor 9:24-27)
Phil 2:16, Phil 3:14, 2 Tim 4:7-8

Paul tells us to run for the crown of righteousness. In other words, do your best to preach the gospel that Jesus is the Christ.

1 Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Phil 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

363. Christ, who guided all our fathers (1 Co 10:1-4)
Deut 8:3, Neh 9:15,20-21, Ps 78:24, Jn 6:32-33, 35, Ps 78:12-16

Even in the Old Testament, Christ led the nation of Israel with God. (1 Cor 10:1-4, Ps 78:12-16)

1 Cor 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Ps 78:12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

Christ, together with God, provided food for the nation of Israel. (Neh 9:15,20-21, Ps 78:24-29)

Neh 9:15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.
20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

Ps 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

The food that God gave to the Israelites in the wilderness is the shadow of Christ. The true food that God gives is Christ. (Deut 8:3, Jn 6:32-33,35)

Deut 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Jn 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

364. Flee from idolatry (1 Co 10:5-14)

In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel was cursed as a result of idolatry. The events of the Old Testament are our mirrors. Avoid idolatry, for God only gives you the temptation you can bear and provides a way of escape.

1 Co 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

365. Seek the profit of many so that they may be saved. (1 Co 10:31-33)

1 Cor 9:19-22

1 Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 Cor 9:19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

366. Reason of Communion in Commemoration of Christ: To proclaim the Lord's death till He comes (1 Co

11:23-26)

Mt 26:26-28

We celebrate the Lord's Supper to commemorate and proclaim that Jesus accomplished the work of Christ by dying on the cross.

1 Co 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Mt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

368. The reality of love: God and Christ (1 Co 13:8-12)

1 Jn 4:8, 1Jn 4:10, 16-17, Jn 3:16, Jn 15:13, Eph 5:2, 1 Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8

God is love. And that love made His only begotten Son a propitiation for us. (1 Jn 4:8,10,16-17, Jn 3:16)

1 Jn 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Christ is love. He gave His life to save us. (Jn 15:13, Eph 5:2, 1 Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8)

Jn 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

1 Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God and Christ are the substance of love. On that day we will see God and Jesus. (1 Cor 13:8-12)

1 Cor 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

369. The gospel which Paul preached to us: Christ died for our sins and was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Co 15:1-4)

Rom 1:4, Ps 22:15, Isa 53:5-12, Acts 3:14-15, 18, 1 Pt 1:10-11, Ps 16:9-10, Hos 6:2, Jona 1:17, Jona 2:10, Mt 12:39-40, Lk 24:25-27

The Old Testament prophesied that Christ would die for our sins. (1 Pt 1:10-11, Isa 53:5-12, Jonah 1:17)

1 Pt 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Jonah 1:17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

The Old Testament prophesied that Christ would rise after His death. (Ps 16:9-10, Hos 6:2, Jonah 2:10, Mt 12:39-40)

Ps 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Hos 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Jonah 2:10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Mt 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

According to the Old Testament prophecies of Christ's death and resurrection, Jesus died and rose again the third day. (1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 1:4, Acts 3:14-15, Lk 24:25-27)

1 Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Rom 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Acts 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Lk 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

That is, Jesus is the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament.

370. Christ, who is the firstfruit of the resurrection (1 Co 15:20-23)
1 Pt 1:3, Jn 11:25, 1 Thess 4:16-17

Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ will be resurrected after death. (Jn 11:25)

Jn 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

We who believe in Jesus as the Christ have the hope of resurrection. (1 Pt 1:3)

1 Pt 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

When Christ returns, we too will be resurrected. (1 Cor 15:20-23, 1 Thess 4:16-17)

1 Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

372. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. (1 Co 15:19-20)
Rev 5:4, 2 Cor 1:8-9, 1 Cor 4:9

Paul has been ministering and living all his life for the resurrection in Christ. (1 Cor 15:19-20, 2 Cor 1:8-9, 1 Cor 4:9)

1 Cor 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

2 Cor 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:
9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

1 Cor 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

John also looked to salvation in Christ and lived his life. So he wept a lot because he couldn't find anyone to open the book of life. (Rev 5:4)

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

373. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. (1 Co 15:45-49)

Jn 5:24, Jn 6:57-58, Phil 3:20-21, Col 3:4, 2 Cor 3:18, 1 Jn 3:2

Those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ, whom God has sent, have eternal life. (Jn 5:24, Jn 6:57-58)

Jn 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Jn 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

When Christ comes again, we are transformed into the likeness of Christ's glorious body. (Phil 3:20-21, 1 Cor 15:45-49, Col 3:4, 2 Cor 3:18, 1 Jn 3:2)

Phil 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

374. Everything will change at the last trumpet, so always be diligent in the work of the Lord.(1 Co 15:51-58)
Mt 24:31, 2 Cor 5:1-4, Isa 25:8, Rev 21:4

God will gather His elect at the last trumpet, and will change all things and annihilate death forever. We are victorious through Jesus Christ. (Mt 24:31, 1 Cor 15:51-57, Isa 25:8, Rev 21:4)

Mt 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1 Cor 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Therefore, strive to spread the gospel. (1 Cor 15:58)

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.