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375. Christ's Remaining Suffering: The work of evangelism (2 Co 1:5-10)
2 Cor 4:10-11, Phil 3:10, Col 1:24, 1 Pt 4:13, 1 Cor 4:9, 11-13

Paul suffered many hardships while preaching the gospel. He even suffered enough to die. But all those sufferings were Christ's remaining suffering. (2 Cor 1:5-10, 2 Cor 4:10-11, 1 Cor 4:9,11-13)

2 Cor 1:5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

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:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

2 Cor 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

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.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Paul rejoiced in the suffering he suffered while preaching the gospel and wanted to participate in it. (Phil 3:10, Col 1:24)

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings. (1 Pt 4:13)

1 Pt 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

376. We boast of you who truly believe in Jesus as Christ. (2 Co 1:14)
Phil 2:16, 1 Thess 2:19

Those to whom we have evangelized become our pride on the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Co 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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.

1 Thess 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

377. God's promises are fulfilled in Christ. (2 Co 1:19-20)
Rom 1:2, Gal 3:16, Rom 10:4, Rom 15:8-12

God made promises about His Son through the prophets in the Old Testament. (Rom 1:2)

Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

It is Christ that God promised to Abraham and his descendants. (Gal 3:16)

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

The law given by God was also fulfilled in Christ. (Rom 10:4)

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

It was in Christ that God called both the Israelites and the Gentiles. (Rom 15:8-12)

Rom 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ. So we glorify God through Christ. (2 Cor 1:19-20)

2 Cor 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

378. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Jesus as the Christ. (2 Co 1:21-22)
Acts 5:30-32, Jn 14:16, Jn 15:26, Rom 8:15-16, Rom 5:5

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Jn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jn 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

379. For until this day Moses's veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament (2 Co 3:12-18)
Isa 6:10, Isa 29:10, Rom 11:7-8, 2 Cor 4:4, Rom 10:4, Gal 3:23-25, Lk 24:25-27, 44-45

The Old Testament prophesied that the people of Israel would become dull in their hearts and would not understand the word of God. (Isa 6:10, Isa 29:10)

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Isa 29:10 For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

Moses wrote the Pentateuch to represent Christ. However, Jews are still looking for Moses when reading the Old Testament. (2 Cor 3:12-18, Rom 11:7-8)

2 Cor 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

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.

Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

The law written by Moses leads us to Christ. (Gal 3:23-25)

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

The whole Old Testament describes Christ, and that Christ is Jesus. (Lk 24:25-27, 44-45)

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.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Satan deceives unbelievers into not realizing that Jesus is the Christ. (2 Cor 4:4)

2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

380. Christ, who is the image of God (2 Co 4:4)

Phil 2:6, Col 1:15, Heb 1:3

Christ is the image of God. In other words, Christ is like God. That is, Christ is the only begotten Son of God.

2 Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Phil 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

381. God, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Co 4:6)

Gen 1:3, Jn 1:4,9, Lk 1:78-79

God gave light at the creation of the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:3)

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

God has given us Christ, who is the true light, so that we can know God. (2 Cor 4:6, Jn 1:4,9)

2 Cor 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Jn 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

The light of Christ has shone upon us in darkness and the shadow of death. (Lk 1:78-79)

Lk 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

382. Christ, who is our treasure (2 Co 4:7)
1 Pt 2:6, Mt 13:44-46

We have a treasure, Christ. All the great power of God is in Christ. (2 Cor 4:7, 1 Pt 2:6)

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

1 Pt 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Christ is the treasure to be bought by selling all we have. (Mt 13:44-46)

Mt 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

383. For the life of Jesus to be manifested in our mortal flesh (2 Co 4:8-11)
2 Cor 1:8-9, 2 Cor 7:5, Phil 3:10-11, Rom 8:17-18, 35-36, 2 Cor 4:16-18

Paul suffered enough to death while preaching the gospel. (2 Cor 1:8-9, 2 Cor 7:5)

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:

2 Cor 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

But Paul rejoiced to share in the sufferings of Christ. (Phil 3:10-11)

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Even if we die for the gospel, we will be resurrected like Christ. (2 Cor 4:8-11)

2 Cor 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. (Rom 8:35-36)

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

The present sufferings for the sake of the gospel cannot be compared with the glory we will receive in the future. (2 Cor 4:16-18, Rom 8:17-18)

2 Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

384. But to live for Christ (2 Co 5:15)
Gal 2:20, Rom 6:6, Col 3:1-3

God raised us up for Christ and for the preaching of the gospel.

2 Co 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.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

386. Christ, who has reconciled us to God (2 Co 5:18-19)
Rom 5:10, Eph 2:14-18, Col 1:19-20, 1 Cor 1:17

By the death of Christ, we, who were enemies with God, were reconciled to God. (Rom 5:10, Eph 2:14-18, Col 1:19-20)

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Also, God has given us the office of reconciliation and has entrusted us with the word of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18-19, 1 Cor 1:17)

2 Cor 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

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.

388. God who made Christ be sin for saving us (2 Co 5:21)
Isa 53:5-6, 10-12, Mt 27:46, Gal 3:13

The Old Testament prophesied that God would bear our sins on Christ in order to save us. (Isa 53:5-6,10-12)

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.

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.

As prophesied about Christ in the Old Testament, Jesus took upon Himself our sins, was rejected by God, and died. (Mt 27:46, 2 Cor 5:21, Gal 3:13)

Mt 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

389. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Co 6:1-2)
Lk 4:16-19, Isa 61:1, Isa 52:7, Isa 55:6, Heb 3:7-8, Heb 4:7, Acts 5:42, 1 Thess 5:2-3

The Old Testament tells us that the time when Christ came to preach the gospel is the day of grace and salvation. And the Old Testament tells us to listen to the voice of Christ. (Isa 61:1, Isa 52:7-10, Isa 55:6, Heb 3:7-8, Heb 4:7)

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Heb 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Christ has come and preached the gospel of Christ. Now we are preaching the gospel of Christ, that Jesus is the Christ. (Lk 4:16-19, Acts 5:42)

Lk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.
17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,
18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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

The gospel that Jesus is the Christ must be heard now, the time of grace and salvation. You never know when the Lord will come again. (2 Co 6:1-2, 1 Thess 5:2-3)

2 Co 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

1 Thess 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

390. Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Co 10:4-5)
1 Cor 1:19, Isa 29:14, 1 Cor 3:19, Job 5:13, Isa 2:11-12

The Old Testament prophesied that God would destroy all wisdom and understanding. (1 Cor 1:19, Isa 29:14, 1 Cor 3:19, Job 5:13)

1 Cor 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

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.

1 Cor 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Job 5:13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

The Old Testament prophesied that in the day of the Lord the high would be humbled, the proud would yield, and the Lord alone would be exalted. (Isa 2:11-12)

Isa 2:11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Submit to Christ all that opposes the knowledge of God. (2 Cor 10:4-5)

2 Cor 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

391. We are jealous to betroth you to one husband, Christ. (2 Co 11:2)
Hos 2:19-20, Eph 5:31-32, Rev 19:7

The Old Testament prophesied that God would marry us. (Hos 2:19-20)

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.
20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord.

The church is the bride of Christ. (Eph 5:31-32)

Eph 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

We will participate in the wedding supper of the Lamb as the bride of Christ on the day of Christ. (2 Cor 11:2, Rev 19:7)

2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

392. Satan deceives us from turning to Christ(2 Co 11:3)
Gen 3:1-6, Jn 8:44, Rev 12:9

Satan deceived Eve into disobeying God's Word. (Gen 3:1-6)

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Even now, Satan is deceiving us so that we cannot turn to Christ. (2 Cor 11:3, Jn 8:44, Rev 12:9)

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Jn 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

393. Another Jesus whom Paul has not preached (2 Co 11:4)
Acts 9:22, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 18:5, Gal 1:6-9

The gospel Paul preached is that the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament is Jesus. (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.

However, there was a gospel that preached differently about Jesus. The other gospels will be cursed. (2 Cor 11:4, Gal 1:6-9)

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.

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

394. Paul's labor for the Gospel (2 Co 11:23-28)

1 Cor 15:10, 2 Cor 6:3-5, Acts 16:22-23, Acts 21:31-32, Acts 14:5-7, Acts 9:23-23, Acts 13: 50, Acts 14:19-22, 1 Cor 4:11-13, 2 Cor 11:32-33, Phil 4:12-13

Paul labored more for the gospel than all the apostles. (1 Cor 15:10)

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Paul suffered a lot while preaching the gospel. (2 Cor 6:3-5, Acts 16:22-23, Acts 21:31-32, Acts 14:5-7, Acts 9:23-23, Acts 13: 50, Acts 14:19-22, 1 Cor 4:11-13, 2 Cor 11:32-33, Phil 4:12-13)

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

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

Acts 16:22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

Acts 21:31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

Acts 14:5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

Acts 9:23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

Acts 13: 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

Acts 14:19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

1 Cor 4:11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

2 Cor 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a [garrison](#), desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Phil 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

395. I do not seek yours, but you. (2 Co 12:14-15)
Acts 20:33-34, Gal 4:19, 1 Thess 2:19, Phil 4:1

Paul earned the money he needed to preach the gospel. He did not burden the saints with finances. (Act 20:33-35)

Act 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.

Because what Paul wanted was not wealth, but that the souls of the saints would grow in Christ. (2 Cor 12:14-15, Gal 4:19, Phil 4:1, 1 Thess 2:19)

2 Cor 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

Phil 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

1 Thess 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?