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September 1

A good fight

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

A good fight has no greater weapon than the love of Christ.
It is fought in the power of His might and not in our own.
Christ alone is the armour for the fight.
The aim of the fight is to glorify Jesus; and
...to bring His freedom, life and joy to others.

September 2

Crucified with Christ; Risen with Christ

Galatians 2:20 'I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me:'

The cross separates us from everything that would condemn us.
The old is gone; crucified with Christ.
The resurrection unites us with His life.
We are a new creation; risen with Christ.
Jesus came for this purpose so that His life can be in us.

September 3

Excitement and joy

Acts 8:4 'Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.'

The early church went everywhere speaking about Jesus.
Persecution could not remove their love, joy and excitement because Jesus was everything to them.
It is those who are excited about Jesus and filled with His joy that draw others to Him.

September 4

Jesus Christ is Lord

Philippians 2:11 'And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

The eternal Son of God has always been Lord but this alone could not save us.
He had to become like us in order to reach us.
The Son of God became man and overcame sin and death.
It is for us that 'Jesus Christ is Lord'.

September 5

Godliness and contentment

1 Timothy 6:6 'But godliness with contentment is great gain.'

Godliness is devotion to the Lord in our daily life.
It is pleasing Him in everything we do.
Contentment is the state of mind that comes through having sufficient for our daily needs.

His presence in us fills our heart with devotion, and His word to us is our sufficiency.

September 6

The foundation of our faith

1 Corinthians 3:11 'For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'

The foundation of our faith is Jesus Christ.
His blood alone cleanses from sin. He alone is eternal life.
Any other foundation will eventually fall.
Religion cannot save;
good works will not justify;
salvation is the gift of God in Jesus Christ.

September 7

Propitiation

Romans 3:25 'Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,'

In Christ there is forgiveness because
...His sacrifice satisfies the righteous demands of the holiness of God.
In Christ there is reconciliation with God because
...by His death and resurrection our sinful condition is changed into His righteousness.

September 8

The glory of the church

Ephesians 5:27 'That he might present it to himself a glorious church...'

The church that the Lord will present to Himself is not an institution.
The church is the people;
...it is all those who have received new life in Christ Jesus.
The glory of the church is Jesus.
A glorious church is where Christ reigns in the hearts and lives of His people.

September 9

The Lord strengthens us

2 Timothy 4:17 'But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me;'

The Lord not only stands with us in difficult times,
He strengthens us.
The Holy Spirit empowers us so that we can stand firm at all times.
We should not be too disappointed when people let us down as the Lord is with us.
He gives the strength to face every trial.

September 10

Love that is more than emotion

Philippians 1:9 'And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;'

The love of Christ in us is the evidence of new life in Christ.
His love is not just an emotional response towards those in need;
it is sacrificial; thoughtful;
desires the good of those it helps; and
brings glory to Jesus.

September 11

When Christ is our treasure

Matthew 6:21 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

What we value most in our life will be our treasure.
When Christ is our treasure then our heart
...will be filled with desire to know Him more;
...we will love His word and think constantly upon it; and
...our actions will show determination to always please Him.

September 12

The message of the cross

1 Corinthians 2:4 'And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,'

Persuasive words of human wisdom do not save.
Jesus bought our salvation through the cross.
The Holy Spirit gives new life to all who believe on Jesus.
The message of the cross and the power of the Holy Spirit bring salvation.

September 13

Let your light shine

Matthew 5:16 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

We must have the light in order to let the light shine.
The life of Christ in us is the light that must be seen.
Good works are the opportunity we have to show the love of Christ working through us.

September 14

His provision and His love

Romans 8:32 'He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?'

In Christ, the greatest gift has already been given.
The greatest love for us has already been shown.
As we walk in His will and trust in His word, His love and His provision will always surround us.

September 15

Example of the Christians in Judea

1 Thessalonians 2:14 'For you, brethren, became followers of the churches of God in Judea which are in Christ Jesus.'

The example of the Christians in Judea is seen in the book of Acts.
They prayed for those who persecuted them;
...were unshakeable in their faith;
...fearlessly spoke about Jesus; and
...they had fervent love for one another.

September 16

Security; authority; confidence

John 1:12 'But as many as received him, to them gave He power to be the children of God, even to them that believe on his name:'

There is security because we are the family of God; He cares for us.
There is authority because we are royalty; children of the King.
There is confidence because we are led by His Spirit and kept by His word.

September 17

Holiness

1 Peter 1:15 'But as He who has called you is holy, so you be holy in all your behaviour;'

Holiness is not legalism. Holiness is the evidence of new life in Christ.
It is the Holy Spirit controlling our thoughts; words; and actions.
It is to love the Lord so that we treasure His word in our heart; and to love others as Christ loves them.

September 18

Genuine faith seen by works

James 2:17 '...faith on its own, if it has not works is dead.'

The genuineness of our faith is seen by our works.
Faith in Christ will separate us from the world as the desire to please Him will motivate all our actions.
Obedience to His word will be the standard we live by in daily life, and
...love for others will be seen in all we do and say.

September 19

The double-edged counsel of God.

Acts 20:27 'For I have not held back to make known unto you all the counsel of God.'

The whole counsel of God is always double-edged.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ leads us into His truth.
The mercy of God leads sinners into His righteousness.
The love of God satisfies His justice by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ for us.

September 20

Christians lead by example

1 Timothy 4:12 'Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.'

Leadership is more than holding a position or being a good speaker.
Christians lead by example.
Holiness is seen by our character;
...love by our words and actions; and
...Christ by our trust in Him.

September 21

Saved; washed; renewed

Titus 3:5 'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;'

Good works cannot remove a sinful nature.
Jesus took our condemnation on the cross;
...washed us by giving new life; and
...He renews us daily as we grow in Him.

September 22

An abundant entrance into heaven

2 Peter 1:11 'For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

New life in Christ is the gift of God.
An abundant entrance into heaven will be the joyful experience of every believer who
...desires to be like Jesus;
...willingly serves Him; and
...lives to please Him.

September 23

Preaching and teaching

Acts 28:31 'Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.'

The kingdom of God is seen by the power and the presence of God dwelling in us.
Paul taught the things concerning Jesus;
He is our message;
...our life; and
...our eternal inheritance.

September 24

The law guides; Christ justifies

Galatians 3:24 'Therefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.'

The word schoolmaster means someone who guides a child.
The law could only guide but it also condemned.
In Christ the law cannot condemn us;
...the power of sin cannot hold us; and
...the promises of God surround us.

September 25

Jesus is the same

Hebrews 13:8 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.'

His power will never diminish;
His love will never change;
His glory never fades;
His word will never fail; and
His kingdom will never end.
Those who walk with Him now will reign with Him forever.
His unchanging nature is holy, and all who love Him, love holiness.

September 26

Be sober: Guard and clothe

1 Thessalonians 5:8 'But let us, who are of the day be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love; and for a helmet the hope of salvation.'

Be sober means
...to guard our heart and minds from the intoxication of the world;
...to be ready when Jesus returns by clothing ourselves daily with the armour of faith, love and hope.

September 27

Witnesses to Jesus

Acts 5:32 'And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.'

We are witnesses to Jesus by the word of God being in us;
...by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us; and
...by our testimony from experience of all that Jesus Christ has done for us.

September 28

Earthen vessels

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

Christ is the treasure who dwells in earthen vessels.
His perfection is seen in imperfect vessels and
His power works through weak vessels.
It is not ourselves but Jesus who is to be glorified through us.

September 29

Overcoming the world

1 John 5:4 'For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.'

The world in this context refers to the control held over us by worldly and selfish desires.
It is only new life in Christ that gives freedom to overcome.
Faith equips us daily to stand firm in this freedom.

September 30

Christ our anchor

Hebrews 6:19 'Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,'

All who trust in Christ will never be disappointed.

He has accomplished everything for us and all the promises of God to us are certain and firmly established.

He is our anchor that will never fail.

He is able to keep us and in Him we are secure.

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