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October 1

Love controlling freedom

1 Corinthians 6:12 'All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.'

Love must control our freedom in Christ.
Wisdom must lead to help choose what is good;
...considering always the welfare of others; and
...boundaries set to keep from bondage.

October 2

A clear message

1 Corinthians 14:8 'For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?'

The message of the gospel will only be heard and understood when it is spoken clearly and with certainty.
The Holy Spirit gives boldness to face social pressure and opposition so people can know salvation is in Jesus Christ alone.

October 3

The Holy Spirit fills those who are thirsty

John 7:37-38 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes on me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'

The Holy Spirit fills those who are thirsty.
The more we love and desire Jesus then the more we will be filled.
His life; His love and His power will then be seen overflowing out of us to others.

October 4

Prayer is a lifestyle

1 Peter 3:7 '...giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.'

Prayer is more than saying words; it is a lifestyle.
Prayer leans on the resources available to us in Christ
while keeping guard against anything that hinders prayer being answered.

October 5

Work and growth

2 Peter 1:8 'For if these things be in you, and abound, you will be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Idleness relates to our work;
...unfruitfulness relates to our growth.
We are to cultivate our new life in Christ so
...we are faithful workers serving the Lord
...while growing daily to maturity in Christ.

October 6

Fellowship and family

1 John 1:7 'But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.'

Fellowship with God is a family relationship.
Our love for His word shows we belong to Him.
Our love for each other shows we are family.
Our joy is because we are His.

October 7

Hearts filled with love; fixed in purity

1 Thessalonians 3:13 'So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.'

Our heart will be kept in a right condition by
...being filled with the love of Christ and
...securely fixed in purity and holiness.
We should live each day ready for His return.

October 8

Glory in the cross

Galatians 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.'

We glory in the cross because our own works could never save us.
Through the cross Jesus removed our sin;
...separated us from the world; and
...purchased us for Himself.

October 9

Steadfast in prayer

Colossians 4:2 'Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;'

This means to remain steadfast in prayer.
The Lord has provided prayer as the means for us to call upon Him at all times.
We watch by keeping His word on our hearts, and faithfully praying for one another.
Thanksgiving is expressing our love for His care.

October 10

Experiencing the Lord

John 14:23 '...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'

All who love the Lord Jesus Christ will love and obey His word.
The Lord is made known to us by His word and by experience.
The joy in knowing Jesus is that His presence dwells in us.

October 11

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30 'And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God by whom you are sealed unto the day of redemption.'

The Holy Spirit is grieved when the character of Jesus is not manifested in us.
His presence in us is the guarantee of our redemption.
The desire not to grieve the Holy Spirit will keep us from bitterness; anger; and unforgiveness.

October 12

Putting on the new life

Colossians 3:12 'Put on therefore, as the chosen of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;'

When we receive Christ we have His life in us.
We must then choose daily to put this new life on in the same way as wearing a garment.
This is how people around us will see Jesus in us.

October 13

Administrators of His grace

1 Peter 4:10 'As each one has received a gift, even so minister it to one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'

The word manifold means there are many different aspects of the grace of God.
His grace works in us so that we are able to be administrators of His grace
...by serving one another with the love of Christ.

October 14

Responsible for growth and obedience

Philippians 2:12-13 '...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.'

Salvation is the gift of God which is received through faith in Jesus Christ.
It is our responsibility to
...feed this new life with the word of God and
...to let Christ be in control of our lives.

October 15

Hearts that burn

Luke 24:32 'And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?'

When our hearts are on fire with the good news of Jesus Christ
...then we will be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.
The more we know Jesus;
...the more our hearts will burn in us.

October 16

Travailing in birth

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

Paul travailed in birth through prayer; preaching; and by example.
Prayer because only the Holy Spirit can bring new life;
...preaching because faith comes by hearing the word of God; and
...by example as we learn by watching others.

October 17

Glory and joy in His presence

1 Thessalonians 2:20 'For you are our glory and joy.'

Paul had his eyes fixed on the day when Jesus returns.
The glory and joy that he sought after was to see those he led to Jesus standing in His presence.
They were the fruit of his service of love for the Lord.
Faithfulness in serving Christ now will bring glory and joy in His presence.

October 18

Promised persecution

2 Timothy 3:12 'Yes, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.'

This is a promise for every child of God.
All who trust in Christ will face persecution because the godly life of a Christian stands in opposition to worldliness and sin.
The joy of serving Jesus is able to fill us with love for those who oppose us.

October 19

Ask; Seek; Knock

Luke 11:9 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

We can ask with confidence as the Holy Spirit will lead us to pray according to His will.
When Christ is everything to us then we will seek after more of Jesus.
As children we boldly enter the Father's presence as He will answer.

October 20

Rooted; built; established; abounding; thankful.

Colossians 2:7 'Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.'

We become like Christ by being rooted in Him.
We are built up by His word filling our heart and mind,
...standing firm in His love.
We abound in fruit as we grow in Him,
...thankful for His goodness to us.

October 21

Not looking back

Luke 9:62 'And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The farmer had to keep his eyes on the plough as he worked.
We cannot serve Christ in a half hearted way.
Our eyes must be on Christ.
The things we lose are worth nothing compared to the riches we gain.

October 22

Christ is everything

2 Corinthians 4:18 '...for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.'

When we see things in the right perspective then Christ is everything.
We have eternal life in Him.
His joy in us does not change with circumstances.
His promises never fail.
Everything we do for Him will last forever.

October 23

His love for us

1 John 4:19 'We love him, because he first loved us.'

We cannot earn His love;
He gives it freely.
Our love for Christ can only be a response to His love for us.
He loved us even when sin controlled us and we were the enemies of God.
His love is beyond our understanding.
He gave Himself for us so that His life and His love can be in us.

October 24

Christ glorified in us

2 Thessalonians 1: 10 'When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe'.

Jesus will return in all of His glory.
On that day, all who belong to Him will be glorified with Him.
We will stand in wonder as we look on His glory and see the One who died for us.
He is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

October 25

His purpose for us 'to be like Jesus'.

Romans 8:28 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.'

The purpose of God for our life is that we will be like Jesus.
His love works in all things day by day so that His will for our life is fulfilled.
His purpose should be our desire 'to be like Jesus'.

October 26

Seek first the kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33 'But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'

The kingdom of God is where Christ reigns in the hearts of His people.
We seek His kingdom when we love His word and obey it.
His righteousness fills us with love, joy and peace; and separates us from the world.

October 27

That they may be one

John 17:21 'That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us.'

Jesus prayed for His people to be one.
This is more than unity by working together.
His prayer is that we will be one with Him in life.
It is His life in us that makes us one with God and one another.
Fellowship comes from this.

October 28

Joy filled the disciples.

Acts 13:52 'And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.'

The joy of the disciples was in serving Jesus.
Opposition could not stop them rejoicing;
...love for Christ filled them with joy.
He gives joy in difficult times.
When His joy is in us it will attract others to Christ.
The world needs to see the joy that only Jesus can give.

October 29

The promises of God

2 Corinthians 1:20 'For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.'

The promises of God are the inheritance of His children.
In Jesus Christ we are brought into the family of God.
We can trust in His promises because we are His children.
His word will never fail and His love will never cease.

October 30

Love breaks barriers; Spirit opens hearts; Gospel brings salvation

John 18:36 'Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight'.

Those who fight as the world cannot serve Christ.
His love is able to break through every barrier.
The Holy Spirit will open up the hardest heart, and
...the gospel of Christ will bring salvation to all who believe.

October 31 (Reformation Day)

Justified by Faith

Romans 3:28 'Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.'

Justification means being completely free from all guilt.

Christ died in our place so that we can be a new creation in Him.

Faith in Christ justifies because Jesus took all our sin and guilt on the cross and in Him we have new life.

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