

1. A picture of salvation (v. 26)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2. A picture of coming judgment (v. 27-31)

“Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

3. A picture of sacrificial love (v. 32-33)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in me shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

4. A picture of forgiveness (v. 34a)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)

5. A picture of indifference (v. 34b-35a)

“They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” (Psalm 22:18)

6. A picture of mockery (v. 35b-39)

7. A picture of simple faith (v. 40-42)

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

8. A picture of amazing grace (v. 43)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

9. A picture of the darkness of death (v. 44-45a)

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

10. A picture of access to God (v. 45b)

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.” (Hebrews 10:19-22)

11. A picture of sacrificial death (v. 46)

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

12. A picture of praise to God (v. 47)

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

13. A picture of grief when rejecting Christ (v. 48)

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’” (Acts 2:36-37)

14. A picture of faithful followers (v. 49)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:2)