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5. My beloved, you remember Christ best not only when you are taking time to study, meditate and pray over the word but also when you are SHARING it.
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9. We will not DENY Christ only if we believe with all of our heart, mind, and soul. Then we will be obedient to share the gospel and be willing to risk persecution.
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