preached as Moshiach's maggidim, and so you had emunah and became Moshiach's ma'aminim.

[12] And if Moshiach is being preached that from the Mesim (Dead ones) he has had his Techiyah (Resurrection), how is it that some among you say that there is no Techiyas HaMesim?

[13] And if there is no Techiyas HaMesim, neither then has Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach been raised.

[14] And if Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has not been raised, then our preaching to you was in vain and also in vain is your emunah (faith).

[15] Moreover, we are found also to be edei sheker (false witnesses) [SHEMOT 20:16; DEVARIM 19:16-21] misrepresenting Hashem Himself, because we gave solemn edut (testimony 1:6) as in the presence of G-d that Hashem raised Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach—whom, of course, He did not raise if, as you say, the Mesim are not bemetzius (in fact) raised.

[16] For if the Mesim (Dead persons) have not Techiyah, neither has Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had a Techiyah;

[17] And if Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has not already had his Techiyah from the Mesim, your emunah is futile, you are still in your averos (sins),

[18] And even the ones who sleep the sleep of the Mesim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach have perished.

[19] Listen, if for the Olam Hazeh only we have tikvateinu in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, we are to be pitted more than kol Bnei Adam.

[20] But in fact Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has had His Techiyah! Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is the Bikkurim ('Firstfruits' Gn 1:11-13; Ex 23:16; Lev 23:10-11), the Firstfruits of the ones having fallen asleep [in Moshiach].

[21] For als (since) through an Adam (Man) came mavet (Gn 2:17), also through an Adam (Man, Moshiach) came the Techiyas HaMesim.

[22] For as in Adam all die (Gn 3:19), so also in Moshiach all will be made alive.

[23] But each one in his own order: the Bikkurim, Moshiach; afterward, the ones of Moshiach at the Bias HaMoshiach;

[24] Then HaKetz when Moshiach gives over the Malchut Hashem to G-d, even Elohim Avinu (Dan 2:44; 7:13 14,27), after He has abolished all Mishrah and Shilton and Gevurah.

[25] For it is necessary for Moshiach to reign until Hashem puts all His OYVIM ('enemies') under His RAGLAYIM ('feet,' TEHILLIM 110:1; [YESHAYAH 9:7; 52:7]

[26] The last Oyev (Enemy) to be abolished is Mavet.

[27] For KOL HASHEM put TACHAT RAGLAV ('All things He subjected under His feet' TEHILLIM 8:7[6]) but when He says that KOL ("all things") have been subjected, it is peshat (plain, literal) that this does not include the Hashem who put all things in subjection under Moshiach.

[28] But, when all things are subjected to Hashem, then also the Ben HaElohim [Moshiach] himself will be subjected to the One (Hashem) having subjected all things under him (Moshiach), that in all things G-d may be all [i.e., preeminent].

[29] Otherwise, what will they do, the ones being given tevilah on behalf of the dead? If the Mesim really are not raised, why indeed are they given tevilah on behalf of the Mesim?

[30] Why also are we putting ourselves at risk and in danger every hour?

[31] Daily I die and that is as true a fact, Achim b'Moshiach, as it is that I glory over you in Moshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

[32] If it were a mere humanistic matter, my fighting, so to speak, with wild beasts in Ephesus (Ac 19; 2C 1:3 10), what do I gain? If there is no Techiyas HaMesim, 'Let us eat and drink, KI MACHAR NAMUT 'For tomorrow we die' YESHAYAH 22:13; 56:12).

[33] Do not fall under a delusion. 'Bad chavrusashaft (association, influence or hashpah'ah) corrupts good midos.'

[34] Wake up and come to your senses. Start walking in the derech tzaddikim (TEHILLIM 1:6). Stop committing averos. Some among you have no saving da'as of Hashem. I say this to your bushah (shame).

[35] But someone will question, 'How does this Techiyas HaMesim come about? And in the Techiyas HaMesim, with what kind of body will they come?' [YECHEZKEL 37:3]

[36] Yold, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies!

[37] And what is it you sow? Not the body that is to be, but something else: a bare zera (seed), efsher (perhaps) of wheat or some other grain.

[38] However, Hashem chooses [another] body to give to the "dead" and buried seed, and to each kind of zera is given by Hashem its own body (Gn 1:11-13; 47:18-19).

[39] Now basar is not all the same: Bnei Adam