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June Month

1 June

Holy Spirit empowers us

1 Thessalonians 1:5 'For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance;'

True Christianity is not just a theory; it is the life and the love of Christ dwelling in us.
The Holy Spirit empowers us in every area of our lives,
so we are able to rest secure in the promises of God.

2 June

Citizens of heaven

Philippians 3:20 'For our citizenship is in heaven; from which also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:'

When our citizenship is in heaven then earthly things are held lightly.
The goal we seek is to please our King knowing that one day He will return.
Our joy is that on that day we shall be changed into His likeness.

3 June

True repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10 'For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation'

True repentance is always positive.
It means to change our thinking.
Sorrow is a heaviness of guilt when we look at ourselves but repentance looks to Christ and says 'I will arise'.
Jesus lifts us from guilt to be the ambassadors of His grace.

4 June

The promises of God

2 Peter 1:4 'Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature.'

We become more like Jesus as we learn to rest in the promises of God.
They are priceless in value because His word never fails, and
we can depend on them because of His great love for us.

5 June

Give with hilarious joy

2 Corinthians 9:7 'God loves a cheerful giver.'

In this verse the word cheerful means to give with hilarious joy.
It is the expression of a new heart that comes from new life in Christ.
We love to give because the Holy Spirit fills us with joy.
It is the joyful giving of ourselves, not just our money, so that the love of Christ will be seen in us.

6 June

Experiencing Jesus

John 4:29 'Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?'

The Samaritan woman met Jesus personally.

Her excitement is seen by her desire to tell others.

True Christianity is more than doctrine; it is experiencing Jesus through His word and His life, and our excitement and joy will attract others to Him.

7 June

The goal is 'to please Him'

2 Corinthians 5:9 'Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.'

The meaning of the word 'accepted' in this verse is that the Lord will be 'well pleased'.

Love is the motivation.

We are not under law; the love of Christ is to be in control of our daily lives.

The goal we should seek is to please Him.

8 June

The purpose of God for our lives

1 Timothy 1:5 'Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith without hypocrisy.'

The purpose of God for our lives is

...that love will be seen flowing from the life of Christ in us;

...that peace will be seen resting in His righteousness; and

...that faith will be seen working in every situation.

9 June

Faith works; love toils; patience endures.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 '...your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;'

Faith works; love toils; patience endures.

Faith seeks to serve the Lord by doing His will, but

love must face the difficulties and hardships.

Patience will remain firm under the pressure of time.

10 June

Humility

Philippians 2:3 '...but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.'

Humility is freedom to look on others more highly than ourselves.

In Christ we have been lifted to the greatest heights.

We are the children of the King, and everything we are is by His grace.

Our status is in Christ and not in ourselves.

11 June

We are the Temple

1 Corinthians 3:16 'Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?'

We do not go to the temple to worship; we are the temple.

Our mind is the Holy Place where God dwells.

Our heart is where love is expressed in worship and prayer.

Our daily life is where we offer sacrifices of joy to the Lord.

12 June

The simplicity of the gospel

2 Corinthians 11:3 'But I fear... your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.'

The simplicity of the gospel is that in Christ we have
...freedom from the penalty of sin,
...freedom from the power of sin and
...one day we shall be free from the presence of sin.
Jesus came to give us life that is new; abundant; and eternal.

13 June

Jesus, God's treasury of riches

Colossians 2:3 'In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'

Jesus Christ is God's treasury of riches to man.
His riches purchased our freedom from a sinful life;
...brought us into the family of God; and
...made us joint heirs with Christ.
Now all things that are His by right have been given to us by the riches of His grace.

14 June

The Lord sees and acts on behalf of the righteous

1 Peter 3:12 'For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.'

The righteous of the Lord are those who have put their trust in Christ alone;
they walk in the new life He gives;
and desire to know Him more.
The Lord sees and acts on their behalf;
He hears the cry of their heart and
He answers.

15 June

Not ashamed of the gospel

Romans 1:16 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes;'

The gospel of Christ is not a doctrinal argument; it is the power of God to salvation.
It does not need to be made more acceptable;
it needs those who are not ashamed of its message to let it be known.

16 June

Looking for the Lord's return

Titus 2:13 'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;'

The Lord will return in all of His glory, and all who belong to Him will be changed into His likeness.
If we focus our eyes on this it will
...keep us from sin;
...give strength in difficulty; and
...fill us with love to serve others.

17 June

Righteousness, peace and joy

Romans 14:17 'For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.'

God's kingdom is seen by the presence and power of God working within us.
The righteousness of Christ covers us;
the peace of God keeps us; and
the joy of the Holy Spirit strengthens us in our daily life.

18 June

Four rules to follow

2 Timothy 4:5 'But watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.'

Four rules to follow:
Be thoughtful in all things and never act with careless haste;
...keep going in times of hardship;
...be ready to share the gospel when there is opportunity; and
...fulfil the work the Lord has given you to do.

19 June

Supernatural supply comes out of natural resources

Luke 5:4 'Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.'

The Lord knew where the fish were but the disciples had to cast their nets into the water to get them.
The supernatural supply of God will only happen after we have started to use what we already have.

20 June

The shield of faith

Ephesians 6:16 'Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.'

The attacks of the enemy come in different ways:
Thoughts that attack the mind;
words spoken against us;
or trials that make it difficult to go on.
The shield we take up is the Lord and in His word we will trust.

21 June

Self control guards the tongue

James 1:19 'Therefore my beloved brethren, let everyone of you be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.'

New life in Christ develops and grows.
We must learn to walk in it by guarding our tongues from making a quick response in anger.
Self control is a fruit of the Spirit that will keep us from saying things we later regret.

22 June

His strength comes upon our weakness

Philippians 4:13 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

The word strengthens in this verse means 'to be endued with power'.
It is when we are weak that His power is able to come upon us.
The Holy Spirit will always glorify Jesus
...and it is in our weakness that the character of Christ is most clearly revealed through us.

23 June

Separated from sin; united with God's people

Hebrews 11:25 'Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;'

Moses could have held a position of power and wealth in Egypt,
but he chose to be one with the Lord and to stand with His people.
Our love for the Lord will separate us from sin and unite us with His people.

24 June

Washed; kept; presented perfect.

Jude 24 'Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy'.

The word faultless means without any blemish.
We are washed in the blood of Jesus;
...kept by the power of God;
...and we shall be presented perfect into the presence of His glory.

25 June

The Holy Spirit leading us.

Romans 8:14 'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.'

The Spirit of God guides us
...and the word of God teaches us
...so that we grow daily into the likeness of Jesus.
The Holy Spirit bears witness within us that we are the family of God
...and we know we can trust in His word because we are His children.

26 June

The works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 'For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.'

It would have been easy for the Son of God to destroy the devil
...but it cost everything to destroy the devil's works.
He overcame death to bring life;
...was condemned so we can be justified;
...and became sin so we can be righteous.

27 June

Experiencing the presence of God.

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

Love for Christ is seen by our love for His word.
We will experience the presence of God to the extent that we walk in obedience to the word of God.

28 June

The Lord protects us from excessive temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13 '...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond that which you are able;'

The Lord protects His people from excessive temptation.
He puts limits on the temptations we face
...so that we are strengthened in overcoming temptation

...and never destroyed by our inability to resist it.

June 29

Learn by imitation.

Ephesians 5:1 'Be therefore followers of God, as dear children;'

The word followers means 'an imitator'.

In Christ we have been brought into a family relationship with God.

We are to be like children who learn by imitation so we

...love as He loved and

...forgive as He forgave.

In this way the life of Christ in us develops and grows.

June 30

Energized by the Spirit not anaesthetized by the world.

1 Peter 1:13 'Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;'

It is necessary to keep our minds fixed on Jesus so we do not become anaesthetized by the world.

In contrast the Holy Spirit will energize us to fulfil His plan and purpose.