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Daily Verses

April 1

Love; peace; faith.

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 life is
that the love of Christ will flow through us to others;
that the peace of God will rest upon us
as we trust in His righteousness;
and faith will control every area of our life.

April 2

The Holy Spirit guides; teaches; and bears witness within 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.

April 3

Jesus Christ is God's treasury of riches to man.

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.

April 4

The law cannot produce holiness.

Galatians 4:31 'So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.'

The law cannot produce holiness.
The freedom we have is the freedom of new life in Christ; a new creation.
We have a new nature; free from the law; united with Christ.
We live a holy life when we grow in His word
and yield to His righteousness.

April 5

Messengers of His peace.

Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.'

We have peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
We carry the message of peace with the good news of the gospel.
His peace gives freedom from anger, hate, and worry.
In Him we are citizens of heaven and children of the King.

April 6

Strangers and pilgrims.

1 Peter 2:11 'Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;'

In Christ we have been made new.
We are His people.
Our heart desires righteousness;
we find joy by walking in His ways;
we have peace by trusting in His promises;
we have love that sacrifices itself for others.

April 7

Christ, who is our life.

Colossians 3:4 'When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory.'

The life of Christ dwells in His people.
We know we have His life because the power of His life works through us;
His love fills our heart with joy even in hard times;
and His word gives strength to us as we learn to trust in His promises.

April 8

A new purpose.

Hebrews 13:14 'For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.'

Our life has a new purpose in Christ.
We live in this world to serve the Lord with joy;
to praise Him with thankfulness;
to let people see in us that Jesus is alive;
to spread His love by caring for one another;
and to tell others of what Jesus has done for us.

April 9

The Holy Spirit will lead us in righteousness.

Ephesians 5:11 'And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.'

The Holy Spirit will lead us in righteousness
so Christ is seen in us.
The love of Christ will keep us pure,
removing the desire for sinful pleasures.
The light of the gospel will shine
when we are united together by the life of Christ.

April 10

No place for division.

1 Peter 3:8 'Finally, all of you be of one mind, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous:'

There is no place for division in the body of Christ.
We must walk carefully;
united in Christ and His word;
concerned for the well being of others;
loving one another as family;
having compassion;
always showing kindness.

April 11

The hand of the Lord is upon us because we are His children.

Revelation 3:19 'As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.'

It is because we are His children that the hand of the Lord is upon us.
We can trust Him because we belong to Him.
His love will never let us go.
His care will never let us down.
He corrects us to teach us to walk in His ways and obey His word.

April 12

The belt of truth.

Ephesians 6:14 'Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,'

Truth is more than doctrine.

Jesus Christ is the truth.

We put on truth as a belt when Christ is our life,
and His word is in our heart and mind.

It is to trust fully in what Christ has done for us;
to walk in the new life He gives;
to obey His word;
and follow Him.

April 13

Live for Christ.

Romans 13:11 '...for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.'

Today we have the opportunity to live for Christ.

Joy, love, and faith will testify of our love for Christ.

Joy shows we love Christ more than the world.

Love shows His word is more precious than selfish gain.

Faith shows His promises remove the worry of the world.

April 14

Love will always go beyond duty.

1 Thessalonians 3:8 'For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.'

Love for Christ is known by the extent we love His people.

If we love the Lord then we will desire

to lead others to new life in Jesus

and to see them built up in Him.

Love will always go beyond duty.

We serve the Lord when we love others with the love He has given us.

April 15

Free from the need of recognition.

Matthew 23:11 'But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.'

The need for recognition will fade when we realize who Jesus is,
and what He has done for us.

In Christ we have been made sons and daughters of the living God.

We are free to take the lowest place;

free to serve one another;

and free to be both last and least.

April 16

The fragrance of Jesus poured out through us.

John 12:3 'And the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.'

When the love of Christ motivates us
then the beautiful fragrance of Jesus can be poured out through us.
It is only those who love the Lord more than wealth or riches
who will know the importance of the hour in which we live
and the opportunity that we have.

April 17

Peace in heaven.

Luke 19:38 'Saying, Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.'

Peace in heaven came when God was seen to be just in forgiving His people.
The love of God sought to show mercy;
His love could not deny His justice;
the cross where Jesus died declares God is just to show mercy.

April 18

Present our life as an offering of love.

John 15:13 'Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

Jesus gave His life for us so that His life can be in us.
When Christ is our life
then we can present our life as an offering of love to the Father.
We lay down our life when we love one another with His love;
walk in His life;
and trust in His word.

April 19

Love, the evidence of discipleship.

John 13:35 'By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another.'

The evidence of discipleship is our love for one another.
When our words; our attitude; and our actions
are motivated by the love of Christ
then others will be attracted to Christ.

As we grow in Christ, His love will be seen working in us.

April 20

The King calls for His people.

John 18:37 'Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'

Jesus is our King yet He died for us.
His kingdom is established in truth and united by love.
One by one He draws His people out of the world.
They are cleansed by His blood;
filled with His life;
kept by His word;
led by His Spirit;
and known by their love in serving the King.

April 21

Purchased; separated; united.

Hebrews 10:14 'For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified.'

The same sacrifice that paid our punishment for sin has bought us;
we belong to the Lord.
The same Spirit that gives power over sin
sets us apart from the world;
called to be separate.
The same life that gives freedom
unites us in Christ;
called to be one.

April 22

It is finished.

John 19:30 'He said, It is finished:'

The price was paid; the victory was won.
Jesus died to wipe away our sin.
The way into the presence of God was opened for us.
We are justified in Him;
made righteous in Him;
a new creation in Him.
It is Christ alone who saves; Christ alone who justifies.
It is by faith in Christ alone we are righteous.

April 23

Buried with Christ; risen with Christ.

Romans 6:5 'For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection:'

Our sin is crucified with Christ.
Our guilt and condemnation is buried with Christ.
We are made completely new in Him;
His life is within us;
His love fills us with joy;
when He returns we shall be like Him.

April 24

Did not dare to believe for joy.

Luke 24:41 '...while they still did not believe for joy, and wondered'.

The presence of the risen Jesus filled the disciples with ecstatic joy.
They did not dare to believe because His resurrection brought
victory out of defeat;
meaning out of confusion;
purpose from despair;
and life out of death.
It is by our joy people see He lives in us.

April 25

The life of Christ in us.

John 20:22 'And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive the Holy Spirit:'

Jesus breathed His resurrected life into His people.
New life in Christ is spread through the message of the gospel.
His love, joy and forgiveness must be seen in our life
so others can come to know and experience new life in Him.

April 26

Faith and works.

James 2:24 'You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.'

Genuine faith is always active.
Our faith will be seen to be living; real; and effective
by the way we act; and the words we speak.
Our love for one another will show we are His disciples.
Our desire to know and understand scripture will show we have new life.
Godliness; honesty; and truthfulness will show the Holy Spirit dwells in us.

April 27

Desire Christ.

Philippians 3:7 'But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.'

When our heart is filled with the love of Christ;
the desire for the world cannot hold us.
When Christ is our one desire;
the emptiness of religion has no power over us.
It is Christ alone who satisfies the thirsty heart.
He gives peace, contentment, and joy.
His riches never fade; His love never fails.
The highest prize is to know Him more.

April 28

Our armour is Christ.

Ephesians 6:11 'Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceitful schemes of the devil.'

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare.
The enemy seeks to find areas of weakness;
we must be protected at all times.
Our armour is Christ,
and it is by His word; His strength; and His power; that we stand.

April 29

Our seal; down payment; and guarantee.

2 Corinthians 1:22 'Who has also sealed us, and given the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts.'

The life of Christ in us is the seal
that sets us apart from the world.
The Holy Spirit is given to us as the down payment
of our full inheritance in Christ.
He is our guarantee right now that
what God has promised He will fulfil.

April 30

The gift of salvation in Jesus Christ must be received.

2 Corinthians 6:2 'Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.'

The gift of salvation in Jesus Christ must be received.
Things of no worth can rob us of the greatest riches.
Jesus gave all for us so that in Him we have life;
and become heirs with Him.
The opportunity to receive His gift is now;
no other time is for sure.