

## **January 2011**

### **Daily Verses**

#### **January 1**

##### **Running for the prize**

*Philippians 3:14 'I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'*

The prize is won by faithfulness.  
The race is not competitive.  
The last place is the first place.  
Love is the only acceptable motivation.  
Our heart must desire Christ so our mind is set on His word.  
The finish line is we will see Jesus face to face.

#### **January 2**

##### **Freedom in Christ.**

*Galatians 5:1 'Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.'*

Freedom is new life in Christ.  
We stand fast in this freedom when the Holy Spirit leads us;  
the scripture guides us;  
and the love of Christ controls us.  
Holiness is letting the life of Christ be seen in us.

#### **January 3**

##### **Strengthened to encourage others.**

*2 Corinthians 1:4 '...that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.'*

In Christ we receive strength to go through trials.  
We are then able to encourage those who face similar trials.  
The love of Christ surrounds us  
so that His love can be expressed through us.

#### **January 4**

##### **Lifted from hopelessness to family.**

*1 John 3:1 'Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God:'*

The love of God towards us is more than being forgiven.  
Jesus gave Himself for us so His life can be in us.  
In Christ we are lifted from hopelessness to family.  
The joy of being His children will draw others to Jesus.

## **January 5**

### **Set apart by the word.**

*John 17:17 'Sanctify them through Your truth: Your word is truth.'*

In Christ we are set apart from the world by His word.  
Our trust is in the promises of God  
and not the wealth of the world.  
Our desire is to be like Christ and not to follow the world.  
The Holy Spirit brings His word alive within us  
and removes the confusion of the world.

## **January 6**

### **Life to be experienced.**

*2 Timothy 1:10 'our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:'*

This is more than doctrine;  
it is life to be experienced.  
In Christ the power of death is broken;  
new life is given;  
and the light of the gospel shines in the hearts  
of all who experience the goodness of Jesus.

## **January 7**

### **Be strong in the Lord**

*Ephesians 6:10 'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.'  
Our strength is in Christ and not in ourselves.*

His word works in us  
so we become unshakeable in trials.  
His righteousness covers us  
so our trust is in Him and not in our works.  
His life is in us  
so that the power of His love is seen working through us.

## **January 8**

### **Worthy of the gospel.**

*Philippians 1:27 'Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.'*

We do not seek to be worthy;  
Christ alone is worthy.  
We seek to live worthy because of who we are in Christ.  
We forgive because we are forgiven;  
we love because Christ loved us;  
we walk in righteousness because we have new life.  
He has done all for us.

## **January 9**

### **Peace, joy, strength in trials.**

*John 16:33 'In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.'*

Christ is our peace; our joy; and our strength.  
His word gives peace that overcomes the fear of circumstances.  
His presence brings joy overcoming despair and sorrow.  
His life in us gives strength so we can face difficulties and trials.

## **January 10**

### **Privilege and responsibility.**

*2 Corinthians 6:18 'I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.'*

In Christ we enjoy the privilege of being the children of God.  
We can rely upon His provision and protection.  
We also have responsibility to live as His people.  
Separated from the world by holiness;  
and united with one another by love.

## **January 11**

### **Love and patience.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:5 'May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.'**

As we grow in the knowledge of the love of God,  
it will captivate our heart and mind.  
In Christ the same love dwells within us.  
His love will motivate and lead us,

and the patience of Christ will keep us  
so we can always share His love to others.

## **January 12**

### **His life works in us.**

*Philippians 1:6 'Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ:'*

The life of Christ works in us changing us.  
His word brings growth as we trust His promises.  
He tests us so we are strong.  
He equips us to serve one another.  
He fills us with His love so we do His will.

## **January 13**

### **Ambassadors of His peace.**

*James 3:18 'And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by them that make peace.'*

In Christ we have been brought into right relationship with God.  
He is our peace; our righteousness; our life.  
When we know who we are in Christ;  
and we let His love be seen in us;  
then we become the ambassadors of His peace in the world.

## **January 14**

### **Heights of glory.**

*Ephesians 2:6 'And has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:'*

In Christ we are lifted to the heights of glory.  
It is the place of authority;  
we overcome by His word.  
It is the place of safety;  
we are united with Christ by His life in us.  
It is the place of holiness;  
we are children of the living God.

## **January 15**

### **His life cannot be hid.**

*1 John 5:12 'He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life.'*

The evidence that we are in Christ is new life;  
the life of Christ in us.  
As His life grows it cannot be hid.  
His word is our food and drink.  
His love controls the things we do.  
His grace controls the words we say.  
His peace keeps control in our daily life.

## **January 16**

### **The gospel is Christ.**

*Mark 16:15 'And He said unto them, Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'*

The gospel is more than words; it is eternal life.  
The world needs to hear the message of new life in Jesus.  
It is Christ we preach and not a religion.  
His kingdom is in the hearts and lives of His people.  
There is freedom and joy in Jesus.

## **January 17**

### **Salvation entirely in Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 1:30 'But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.'*

Salvation is entirely in Jesus Christ.  
The wisdom of God planned it.  
Righteousness is given to us by faith in Christ.  
We are sanctified by His life that is in us.  
He will return for the people He redeemed.

## **January 18**

### **Preach Christ.**

*2 Timothy 4:2 'Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.'*

When we preach the word, we preach Christ.  
His word brings life to those who receive Jesus.  
His word will bring growth as we live for Him.  
His word is our guard  
and our guide that brings joy in obedience.

## **January 19**

## **Free to serve Him in righteousness.**

*Romans 6:18 'Being then set free from sin, you became servants of righteousness.'*

Christ died for us; we are free from the guilt of sin.  
Christ lives in us; we are free from the power of sin.  
Freedom is to know Jesus;  
to be filled with His love;  
to serve Him in righteousness.  
Sinful habits will not hold us when the love of Christ leads us.

## **January 20**

### **Walk in Christ.**

*Colossians 2:6 'As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him:'*

When we receive Christ  
He gives a new heart so we can feel what He feels.  
He puts His life within us so we can love as He loves.  
He has given us His word so we can speak as He spoke.  
He gives us His Spirit so we can live as children of the King.

## **January 21**

### **Rest in Christ.**

*Matthew 11:28 'Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'*

We enter into His rest when we trust in Christ alone for salvation.  
We find rest in Him  
as we learn to depend on His strength and not our own;  
as we rely on His promises and not in ourselves;  
as we cast our care on Him and not carry it alone.

## **January 22**

### **Think as children of the King.**

*Romans 12 :2 'And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,'*

When Christ is our life  
then we must think as children of the King.  
Our trust is in His promises  
and not in the world's riches.  
Our delight is in His word  
and not in the world's pleasures.  
Our boast is in Christ

and not in who we are.

## **January 23**

### **Reaching others for Christ.**

John 4:35 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.'

We will draw others to Christ  
when we let His love be seen in our lives.  
We will see others changed by the power of the gospel  
when we tell them what Jesus has done for us.  
When we love Christ,  
we will have a desire to reach others for Him.

## **January 24**

### **Freedom and joy in forgiveness.**

1 Thessalonians 5:15 'See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone; but always follow that which is good, both for yourselves, and for all.'

When we have new life in Christ,  
we have the power to forgive.  
There is freedom in forgiveness.  
The love of Christ in us brings joy out of pain.  
The freedom and joy of forgiveness is able to overcome evil.

## **January 25**

### **His glory will be seen in us.**

*Romans 8:18 'For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.'*

Our love for Christ  
is seen by our trust in Him during difficult times.  
Our joy in Christ  
is knowing that His life is in us.  
The glory of His presence will one day be seen in us;  
and we shall be like Him.

## **January 26**

### **Living for His glory.**

*1 Peter 2:9 '...that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:'*

Living for His glory is the greatest purpose of all.  
When Christ is seen in us,  
our life will bring praise to God.  
His love for us will be known by the joy He gives us.  
It is by the fruit of the Spirit that we give Him praise.

## **January 27**

### **His will is that we will be like Him.**

*1 Thessalonians 4:3 'For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,'*

In Christ we have become part of the family of God.  
The will of God is that we, who belong to Him,  
will be like Him in character.  
It is not by our efforts that we become holy;  
it is by His life working in us.  
We love with His love;  
we walk in His righteousness;  
we have His life.

## **January 28**

### **Prayer in the Holy Spirit.**

*Ephesians 6:18 'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,'*

The Holy Spirit is our Helper in prayer.  
Effective prayer stands firm on the promises of God;  
is moved by the love of Christ;  
and led by the Holy Spirit.  
The word of God is our authority;  
the love of Christ is our passion;  
and the Holy Spirit is our power.

## **January 29**

### **Eyes focused on Christ**

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14 'Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all you do be done with love.'*

Our eyes must be focused on Christ living in us.  
He is the rock on which we stand.  
He gives boldness so we can tell of His salvation to others.  
He gives strength so we can live for Him.  
He fills us with love so others will see Christ in us.

## **January 30**

## **One with Christ.**

*Colossians 1:27 '...Christ in you, the hope of glory:'*

God's plan of salvation is Christ in us.  
We are made one with Him.  
He was condemned for us so we can be righteous in Him.  
He was accursed for us so we can be blessed in Him.  
He gave His life for us so His life can be in us.  
He left His glory in heaven so we can be glorified with Him.

## **January 31**

### **Jesus calls us His friends.**

*John 15:14 'You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.'*

Friendship is precious.  
Jesus calls us His friends.  
He laid down His life for His friends.  
He draws us closer to Himself through His word  
and by His Spirit.  
He trusts us with the gospel  
so His word can be given to others.  
His friends are those who love and obey His word.