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Daily Verses

May 1

Repentance leads us from sin to Christ.

Acts 20:21 'Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Repentance is more than being sorry.
It means to change our thinking.
The deceitfulness of sin will keep us from Christ.
Repentance leads us from sin to Christ.
He forgives; sets us free; and gives new life.

May 2

Glorifying the Father with our life.

John 15:8 'Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples.'

It is by our lives that the Father is glorified in us.
We are known to be the disciples of Christ
when the beauty of His character is seen in us.
The Holy Spirit will work in us
so the love, joy, and peace that only Jesus gives
can be seen through us.

May 3

The gospel is not a philosophy to follow.

Colossians 2:8 'Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, after the tradition of men,'

The gospel is not a philosophy to follow; it is the power of God.
Religious ceremonies cannot change the heart;
Church and sacraments have no power to save.
It is in Christ alone we have forgiveness; new life; peace; and joy.

May 4

The gravitational pull of the world

Ephesians 4:23 'And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;'

There is a gravitational pull of the world
that brings us down to accept its standards.
Self is central to it.
Our mind must be renewed continuously
so that Christ and His word are central in our heart and mind.
It means to walk in His love; to trust in His word; and to rest in His care.

May 5

We can only see God's kingdom through experience.

John 3:3 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'

We can only see God's kingdom through experience.
The seed of the gospel must be planted in our heart;
so the Holy Spirit can bring us into the experience of new life in Christ.
It is not enough just to know scripture.
Christ must be born in us
When His life dwells in us we know we have eternal life;
the fruit of the Spirit will be produced in us;
and righteousness, peace and joy will fill our heart.

May 6

The gospel message; its power; and its relevance.

Luke 14:23 '...compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

The message of the gospel will be heard
when it is preached with the love of Christ.
The power of the gospel will be known
when it is demonstrated by the love of Christ working in our life.
The relevance of the gospel will be seen
by our love for Christ and His word.

May 7

We must embrace truth.

Ephesians 1:13 'In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:'

It is not enough to agree with truth;
we need to embrace truth.
We put on truth by putting on Christ.
We must lay aside self righteousness and self confidence
to know His righteousness; His strength; His provision; His life.

May 8

If we call, He will answer.

Romans 10:13 'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Our need makes us ready to call;
humility makes us willing.
Grace opens our heart;
faith opens the way.
It is not who we are or what we have done;
it is who Jesus is and what He has done for us that matters.
He gives new life to all who call on Him.

May 9

Servants of Christ.

Ephesians 6:8 'Knowing that whatever good thing anyone does, the same shall he receive of the Lord,'

In all things we serve Christ.
His name is written upon our life.
Our attitude will glorify the Lord.
Our actions will express His character.
Our words will show we belong to Him.
If we do His will; walk in His ways; He is our reward.

May 10

Don't quench the Holy Spirit's fire.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 'Quench not the Spirit.'

The fire of the Holy Spirit is put out by unbelief.
The greatest hindrance to the Holy Spirit is self sufficiency.
Faith relies upon the power of the Holy Spirit working in us;
and walks in the freedom of new life.
The Holy Spirit equips us to serve others; to encourage; and to build others up in Christ.
He empowers us to tell others about Jesus;
He gives grace to forgive others; and helps us express His love to others.

May 11

Prayer is working with God.

Romans 15:30 'strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;'

Prayer is not only dependency upon God;
it is working with God.

Prayer enables God to act on our behalf.
We come boldly into His presence because Christ dwells in us.
We speak with boldness as His word is in us.
We have confidence because our request is His desire.

May 12

Free to seek His approval; to appreciate; and to rejoice.

Galatians 5:26 'Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.'

When we seek His approval,
we are set free from seeking self glory.
When we love one another,
we are free to appreciate what the Lord is doing through others.
When we belong to Christ,
we are free to rejoice in the prosperity of others.

May 13

The character of Christ will be seen in His people.

1 John 2:29 'If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.'

The character of Christ will be seen in His people.
His ways are known by the path we walk.
His love is shown by the things we do for others.
His power is seen working in us as we do His will
and obey His word.

May 14

The glorious gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:4 '...lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.'

The gospel of Christ is glorious.
Its light will shine into the hearts of those who believe.
It removes guilt and condemnation
no matter how bad, from all who trust in Him.
Its power gives new life; and lifts us to be one with Christ.

May 15

Christ is our provision.

1 Peter 5:7 'Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.'

Christ is our provision.
It is on Him we cast our care.
We can depend on His character.
We rest secure in His love.
His word never fails.
He leads us in the right path;
strengthens us in the trial;
teaches us to rely on His promises;
and answers when we call upon Him.

May 16

His riches are our resources.

Ephesians 3:16 'That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner being;'

Jesus gave Himself for us so that His riches can be our resources.
His power is our strength.
His life is our possession.
We grow weak when we trust in ourselves.
He alone is our sufficiency.

May 17

Put on love.

Colossians 3:14 'And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.'

We can only put on the love of Christ
when His life dwells in us.
Love is the necklace on which the beautiful gems of
forgiveness, compassion, kindness, humility and patience
can be seen in our life.
It is by our love others see Christ in us.

May 18

Eternal life is union with Christ.

John 17:3 'And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.'

Jesus came for this purpose that we might have life.
Eternal life is union with Christ.
We know Him through His word;

we experience Him through His Spirit.
His love gave everything for us so that His love can be in us.

May 19

Let no one despise your youth.

1 Timothy 4:12 'Let no one despise your youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.'

When young people are not ashamed of Jesus;
are courageous in living for Him;
stand for righteousness and purity;
and walk in faith and love;
they will be known for their wisdom and maturity.

May 20

His name is written on our life.

2 Thessalonians 1:12 'That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him,'

When we receive Christ, forgiveness of sins is only the start.
His name is written on our life.
Everything we do and say represents the Lord.
We are called to be instruments of His glory;
to walk in His will;
and shine as lights in the world.

May 21

We can be wrong even when we are right.

2 Timothy 2:24 'And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all, able to teach, patient.'

We can be wrong even when we are right.
The bad taste of a quarrel or fight can last a lifetime.
It does not honour the Lord.
Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ must be gentle at all times
so that His character will be seen in us.

May 22

Perfect in Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:11 'Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.'

Christ is our perfection.
He gives us His life so we become like Him.
His Spirit strengthens us so we can stand in every situation.
He builds us up in His word.
He unites us together as one body in Christ.
His love and peace are our possession.

May 23

Rest in His faithfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 'Faithful is He that calls you, who also will do it.'

We can rest in His faithfulness.
He will complete His work in us.
His purpose for us is that Christ will be seen in us.
He guides us by His word
so we are able to stand under pressure;
relying upon His promises.
He leads us by His Spirit
so we learn to do what is right;
and to show His love to others.

May 24

Obedience to His will.

1 John 2:17 'And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he that does the will of God abides forever.'

If we follow the world, we will be deceived by the world.
If we love Christ, we will do the things that please Him.
When His love dwells in our heart,
His word will be in our mind.
The joy in serving Him will never be taken away.

May 25

Glorified by much fruit.

Philippians 1:11 'Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.'

The life of Christ in us is able to produce much fruit.
God is glorified when our life is
filled with His love;

overflowing with His joy;
and where kindness is an expression
of our thankfulness for all He has done for us.

May 26

Greater is He that is in you.

1 John 4:4 '...greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world.'

It is not who we are that matters but who Jesus is.
We live not by our strength but by the power of God.
We are holy because Christ lives in us;
we are separated from the world because His word is in our heart.
Nothing is able to overcome the life of Christ in us.

May 27

Our faith is certain.

Hebrews 11:1 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'

Our faith is certain.
It is built upon the rock Christ Jesus.
Faith enables us to experience His peace;
know His forgiveness;
to walk in new life;
and gives access to all the blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus.
The Holy Spirit gives us full assurance.

May 28

Lifted to royalty.

Matthew 18:11 'For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.'

Jesus came so that outcasts can be lifted to royalty.
He breaks the destructive power of sin in our life;
puts His heart within us so we can love with His love;
makes us part of His purpose so our life will lift others;
and gives us His word so we speak with authority.

May 29

Complete in Christ.

Colossians 2:10 'And you are complete in Him,'

In Christ we have everything.
We can trust in His finished work;
our sin is wiped away by the power of His blood.
We can rest in who He is;
His life is within us, we are one with Him.
We can stand in His strength; victorious in Him.
We can walk in the freedom He gives; born of His Spirit.

May 30

Kept by the power of God.

Jude 24 'Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling'.

When Christ is our life He strengthens us according to our need.
He gives faith so we can face the trial.
He is with us in every situation and circumstance.
He protects us so that no temptation can destroy us.
He gives us His word enabling us to resist every attack of the enemy.

May 31

The Lord will never forsake His people.

2 Timothy 2:13 'He cannot deny Himself.'

The Lord will never forsake His people.
His character will never change.
What He has said He will do;
His love will never fail;
He will fulfil His purpose in our life.
Our love for Christ is seen when we depend on His promises;
trust in His love;
rest in His righteousness;
and rely upon His faithfulness.