

## **Daily Verses**

### **March 2012**

#### **March 1**

##### **A better covenant; Christ not the law.**

*Hebrews 8:6 'He is the Mediator of a better covenant,'*

The Old Testament could not produce holiness;  
the law could not change the heart;  
sacrifices could not take away sins;  
and faith in Christ alone could justify the sinner.  
The New Testament is in Christ;  
it does produce holiness;  
it does change the heart;  
it does take away sins;  
and the person who has faith in Christ alone is not only justified  
but is a new creation.

#### **March 2**

##### **The Christian life is not achieved; it is received.**

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

The Christian life is not legalistic.  
If we live in the bondage of trying to be a Christian  
then we do not understand the gospel.  
The Christian life is not something we must achieve;  
it is something we must have.  
New life in Christ is a gift;  
we receive it freely through faith in Jesus Christ.  
We need to learn to walk in the freedom of it.  
This is discipleship; learning to be who we are in Christ,  
a new creation.

#### **March 3**

##### **Revival is the great need of the church.**

*Psalm 85:6, 'Will You not revive us again: that Your people may rejoice in You?'*

Revival is the great need of the church.  
If we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us.  
When the Holy Spirit moves in the church,  
Jesus is everything to us.  
We love Him because of His great love for us.  
We rejoice in who He is and not in ourselves.

We are filled with thankfulness for all He has done for us.  
We delight in His word;  
desire His will;  
love with His love;  
and will be filled with His joy that overflows to others.  
Church is exciting when Jesus is the desire of our hearts.

### **March 4**

#### **Cast your bread upon the waters.**

*Ecclesiastes 11:1 'Cast your bread upon the waters: for you shall find it after many days.'*

It is the Lord who builds His church.  
The unseen hand of the Lord works when we know nothing about it.  
If we look for success or reward then we will easily be stopped.  
We must be willing to follow His leading;  
faithful to obey His will;  
and diligent to do all things well.  
We will reap an eternal harvest if we faithfully sow the message of the gospel.

### **March 5**

#### **Saved and blessed.**

*Psalm 3:8 'Salvation belongs unto the LORD: Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah.'*

Salvation is not man's work but God's;  
Jesus Christ alone is able to save.  
He gives eternal life freely to all who will call on Him for salvation.  
When Christ is our life then His blessing rests upon us.  
We are blessed even in the hardest times.  
We need fear no evil.  
Christ Jesus has overcome for us.  
In life or in death we are safe in His care;  
in poverty or wealth we are secure in His provision;  
we are loved of God; forgiven in Christ;  
children of the King;  
blessed in Him.

### **March 6**

#### **Love without pretence.**

*Romans 12:9 'Let love be without hypocrisy.'*

Hypocritical love is filled with empty words.  
We are limited in the things we can do  
but there is never a place for pretence.

The needs of others are our opportunities to share the love of Jesus.  
The body of Christ is a team; we work together.  
Not competing with one another  
but focusing in on certain areas so that our finances;  
our ability;  
and our energy can be used wisely and effectively.  
We are called to serve in a particular area;  
but our encouragement;  
prayers;  
and support should stretch far beyond our personal field of service.

### **March 7**

#### **Empty words have no power.**

*Ephesians 5:6 'Let no one deceive you with empty words:'*

Jesus did not condemn sinners; He called them to repentance.  
When we receive Christ, we can never be the same again.  
We cannot follow Christ and accept the standards of the world.  
The love of sin will keep us from Christ.  
Empty words that make sin acceptable do not have power.  
They will not bring eternal life.  
If we love Christ then we will love His word.  
The grace of God does not condone sin;  
it sets us free to be holy.

### **March 8**

#### **Our responsibility to let His grace be seen in us.**

*Hebrews 12:28 '...let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:'*

Grace is given freely in Christ;  
it is our responsibility to let His grace work in our life.  
We grow in grace by thankfulness for all the Lord has done for us;  
by joy that rejoices in the goodness of the Lord  
and trusts in His promises even in the hardest times;  
by love for the Lord that is reflected in our relationship with others;  
and by taking care in how we speak.  
The words we say are the expression of our character.  
We serve the Lord by letting His grace be seen in us.

### **March 9**

#### **Being fair; considerate; appreciative; and kind.**

*1 Timothy 5:18 'For the scripture says, You shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn.'*

The way we treat others will bear witness to the genuineness of our faith.  
Our Christian character will be highly esteemed if we are known  
for being fair;  
considerate;  
appreciative;  
and kind.

When people labour on our behalf then they deserve to be rewarded.  
The world will not listen to the gospel if those who are called Christians  
cheat others by always seeking to get something for nothing.  
The gospel is reinforced by open hearted and open handed people.

## **March 10**

### **A rejoicing people.**

*Psalm 5:11 'But let all those that put their trust in You rejoice: let them ever shout for joy,  
because You defend them: let them also that love Your name be joyful in You.'*

Christians who truly know the Lord should be known for being a rejoicing people.  
We should let our joy be heard;  
we are a victorious people.  
It is our joy in the Lord and our love for the Lord that will attract others to Jesus.  
Sin fills the heart with sorrow  
but in Christ there is joy that increases more and more.

## **March 11**

### **There is wonderful joy in serving Jesus.**

*Romans 14:12 'So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.'*

There is nobody who is insignificant within the body of Christ.  
Everybody is important;  
every gift is needed;  
every person essential.  
We are accountable for using the gifts and abilities that we have received.  
We need not be afraid.  
There is wonderful joy in serving Jesus.  
He will never fail us;  
He makes the smallest work to be of the highest importance.  
We run in a race; we run to finish well.

## **March 12**

### **God has given Himself for us.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.'*

God has given Himself for us.  
We are surrounded by the provision of God.  
We are lifted by His grace;  
undeserved yet given freely;  
righteous in Christ.  
We are loved with an everlasting love;  
unworthy yet brought into the family of God;  
we have peace with God.  
We are united with Him;  
embraced by His presence;  
we have joy in the Holy Spirit.

### **March 13**

#### **Jesus is the great I AM.**

*John 8:58 'Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.'*

Jesus is the great I AM.  
He is the eternal God; the self existent Creator.  
Only God Himself was able to save us;  
only by becoming Man was He able to reach us.  
The Mighty God became like us  
so that all the blessings of God can be our inheritance in Him.  
The beauty of His character,  
the majesty of His person,  
and the glory of His appearing  
will cause all who have received new life in Jesus to be filled with joy.

### **March 14**

#### **The warfare we fight takes place in the heart.**

*Ephesians 4:27 'Neither give place to the devil.'*

The warfare we fight takes place in the heart.  
We are protected when we put on Christ.  
The love of Christ will set us free from everything that would hold us captive.  
We lose ground when we regard the actions of others as a personal attack.  
Anger and bitterness will captivate our thoughts;  
make us campaigners for the rights of self;  
cause us to speak evil of others;  
and can fill us with the desire for revenge.  
We overcome by disregarding self  
and recognizing that in Christ we are children of the living God.

### **March 15**

## **In Christ our life is fully blessed.**

*Romans 8:31 'What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?'*

In Christ our life is fully blessed.  
No matter how big the disappointment;  
how hard the circumstance;  
or how difficult the trial;  
His presence with us is sufficient.  
His love does not change because of our failings.  
His purpose will be fulfilled in our life;  
His plan will be accomplished.  
We can trust in His leading;  
rest in His provision;  
depend upon His care;  
rely upon His protection;  
and stand secure on His word.

## **March 16**

### **Handling our affairs with discretion and not with anxiety.**

*Philippians 4:6 'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'*

The way we live reveals the reality of our faith in Christ.  
We must handle our affairs with discretion but not with anxiety.  
If we are filled with fear  
then our faith in Christ is seen to be of no practical use in our daily life.  
If we are thankful to the Lord for all He has done for us;  
trust Him in everything;  
bring our concerns to the Lord and not to everyone else;  
then people will take note that we are different;  
that our faith is effective;  
and Christ truly is alive in us.

## **March 17**

### **Love the Lord; hate evil.**

*Psalm 97:10 'You that love the LORD, hate evil: He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.'*

Love for Christ will produce holiness.  
If we love Christ then we will keep ourselves from evil;  
we will let His love be seen in us;  
and we will love and obey His word.  
Hatred of evil does not mean condemning others.  
Religion can only produce self righteousness.

Morality and legalism cannot change the heart.  
If we hate evil then we will have love for those who need Jesus.  
We can be fearless in living for Him because He is with us.

## **March 18**

### **Our citizenship is in heaven.**

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

Our manner of life should reveal who we are in Christ.  
We are citizens of heaven.  
We belong to another kingdom.  
We wait for the appearing of our King.  
Our highest call is to be the representatives of our King.  
The riches of this world are worth nothing  
in comparison to our inheritance in Christ.  
We shall one day be like Him.  
Our daily life is our opportunity to live for His glory;  
to seek His kingdom and not just our own personal advantage;  
and to let the love of Christ reach out through us  
to a world that needs Jesus.

## **May 19**

### **Effective prayer flows out of relationship.**

*1 Timothy 2:1 'I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all;'*

God works on our behalf through prayer.  
Effective prayer flows out of relationship.  
It is the place of fellowship with God;  
it is speaking to God as a friend;  
calling upon His help in trouble;  
being able to represent others so the Lord will work on their behalf.  
It is entering the very throne room of God and petitioning the King.  
We give thanks because in Jesus Christ  
we have boldness to pray knowing that our prayer will be answered.

## **March 20**

### **The certainty of His return.**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16 'For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God:'*

We know Jesus will return because His life dwells in us.

The world can never understand  
the certainty we have in knowing Jesus.  
It is because the Spirit of God confirms His word  
in the hearts of His people.  
This is more than faith; it is certainty.  
When we understand this then we should never be ashamed of Jesus.  
His love for us knew no limits.  
He gave everything for us.  
We should live every day for Him.

### **March 21**

#### **Upholding truth so we will not be ashamed.**

*1 Corinthians 13:6 'Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;'*

The ends do not justify the means.  
If we gain personal advantage through unjust means  
then we will be ashamed when truth comes to light.  
Love will always place truth above personal ambitions.  
Truth is revealed through the gospel of Christ  
and it is upheld by reason.  
We should never sell the truth.  
In Jesus Christ we have life; freedom; peace; and joy.  
If we seek after His righteousness;  
obey His word;  
and love others with the love He has given us;  
then truth will ensure we need never be ashamed.

### **March 22**

#### **Responding to criticism with the love of Christ.**

*Luke 6:37 'Judge not, and you shall not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you shall be forgiven:'*

If we attack those who condemn us  
or pass judgment on those who criticize us  
then we are no different from them.  
The greatest weapon that can be used against personal attacks  
is the love of Christ.  
If we show friendship to those who despise us;  
forgive those who speak against us;  
and show mercy to those who wronged us,  
then enemies will become friends;  
criticism will be changed to praise;  
and Christ will be glorified.

### **March 23**

## **Joyful giving is able to reap a priceless harvest.**

*Luke 6:38 'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall be put into your lap.'*

Joyful giving is able to reap a priceless harvest.  
It should be the lifestyle of everyone who has received Christ.  
A giving heart is caring; loving; and supporting.  
Love in the home reaps joy in the family;  
appreciation reaps affection;  
spending time together reaps strong relationships.  
The greatest joy in the Christian life is to share the love of Christ  
in the home;  
in our workplace;  
among our friends;  
and wherever we go.  
It is only possible to share Christ to others if we have a giving heart.

## **March 24**

### **The Lord uses the gifts and talents we give to Him.**

*Matthew 14:18 'He said, Bring them here to Me.'*

The Lord uses the gifts and talents we give to Him.  
We can spend our life expecting God to move  
when He expects us to start using the things we have.  
He is able to do great things through weak and insignificant people.  
If we are willing to give our life to Christ  
then even the smallest task is important.  
We must be diligent to develop and use the abilities we have;  
to thank Him for the things we can do and not covet the gifts of others;  
to follow His leading by doing all things out of love for Christ;  
then He will do more through our life than we could ever imagine.

## **March 25**

### **Sacrificial love reaching out to others.**

*1 John 3:14 'We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death.'*

The evidence of new life in Christ is the love of Christ working in us.  
The more Christ reigns in our heart,  
the more His love will be seen in our life.  
When the Lord calls us to reach others,  
He will first put His love in our heart  
for those we are called to reach.  
It is the love of Christ in us that will attract others to Him.

It is not a sentimental love that gives out of pity;  
it is a sacrificial love that gives from a heart filled with joy.

## **March 26**

### **Be careful not to quench the fire of God in others**

*Mark 9:40 'For he that is not against us is on our part.'*

The heart that burns with the love of Christ will shine brightly.  
We must be careful not to quench the fire of God in others.  
Leadership should produce leaders.  
We should encourage those who have a desire to live for Christ.  
The person who is divisive will be suspicious of the motives of others.  
If we are motivated by the need to promote our church;  
our denomination; our mission; our work;  
or our position in the church  
then others will be regarded as a threat to our success.  
The world needs to see Jesus in the church  
and He will be seen in those who have hearts that burn for Christ.

## **March 27**

### **Presenting the gospel with meekness and fear.**

*1 Peter 3:15 '...be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:'*

Meekness does not present the gospel in a condescending manner;  
it seeks to lift others with the love of Christ.  
The manner in which we present Christ  
is just as important as the words we speak.  
Fear is not the dread of punishment;  
it means being careful in the things we say and do;  
treating people with respect;  
and being aware at all times that we serve the living God.  
When people see the love of Christ in us  
then we will be given opportunities to share the message of the gospel with them.

## **March 28**

### **His mercy does not depend upon us.**

*Lamentations 3:22 'It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.'*

We can depend upon His mercy  
because His mercy does not depend upon us.  
He shows compassion towards us

because of His character not ours.  
Religion has no power to bring new life;  
our works can never earn salvation;  
and righteous acts cannot wipe away one sin.  
The goodness of God and His great love towards us  
are found in Jesus Christ alone.  
There is no sin His blood cannot cleanse;  
no habit His power in us cannot overcome;  
no difficulty He will not bring us through;  
and there is no person He is not willing to save.

## **March 29**

### **Maturity; experience; knowledge of the word; relationship.**

*1 John 2:13 'I write unto you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning'.*

The need of the Church is for fathers;  
not a profession or a title held by religious leaders,  
but people who know the Lord in intimate relationship.  
People who care for the welfare of others;  
known for their maturity in Christ;  
having a lifetime of experience through walking daily with the Lord;  
filled with the word of God  
and knowing that He is able to do what He has promised;  
ready always to pray for others;  
and having such a close relationship with Jesus  
that they only have one desire,  
to know Him more.

## **March 30**

### **The royal law of love**

*James 2:8 'If you fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself, you do well:'*

There is no greater law than the royal law of love.  
It is called the royal law because it expresses the heart of the King;  
and brings joy to those the King wishes to bless.  
It is not an emotional response to the need of others;  
it is love rooted in Christ.  
It is love that flows out of the joy of knowing who we are in Christ;  
love that acts because we are the children of the King.  
We love others as we love ourselves;  
and we love ourselves because it is Christ who dwells in us.