

Daily Verses

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October 1

Free to serve Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:12 'All things are lawful to me, but all things are not profitable.'

The freedom we have in Christ is freedom
to be the servant of righteousness;
to walk in obedience to the word of God;
to be controlled by the love of Christ;
and to be led by the Holy Spirit.
It puts the welfare of others above self interest;
and sets boundaries protecting our freedom.

October 2

A clear message.

1 Corinthians 14:8 '...if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?'

Our message must be clear; our words must be understood.
When Christ is our life the power of the gospel works in us;
the truth of the gospel is expressed by us;
the joy of the gospel shines through us;
and the reality of the gospel is evident in us.

October 3

Only thirst will lead us to drink.

John 7:37 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink.'

The words of Jesus can open our heart;
the Holy Spirit can open our eyes;
but only thirst will lead us to drink.
When our heart longs after Jesus
then He will fill us to overflowing with living water.
Love for the things of the world will take away our desire for Christ;
but it will never satisfy our thirst.

October 4

Prayer is a lifestyle.

1 Peter 3:7 '...that your prayers be not hindered.'

Prayer is more than saying words; it is a lifestyle.
Prayer leans on the resources available to us in Christ;
it stands on His promises;
relies upon His provision;
and rests in His care.
We guard against unanswered prayer
by obedience to His word; and
by keeping right relationships with one another.

October 5

Being faithful and fruitful.

2 Peter 1:8 'you will be neither idle nor unfruitful...'

An idle person is unfaithful in serving Christ;
an unfruitful person is not growing in Christ.
Faithfulness is the mark of discipleship;
being fruitful is the evidence of new life in Christ.
A faithful person will be obedient to Christ and His word.
Fruitfulness is seen by the love of Christ working in our life.

October 6

Fellowship is more than meeting together.

1 John 1:7 'we have fellowship one with another...'

Fellowship is more than meeting together.
In Christ we are brought into a family relationship;
united by the life of Christ in us;
encouraging each other as we grow in Him;
and praying together.
Our love for His word shows we belong to Jesus;
our love for one another shows we are His family.

October 7

Continual cleansing of the blood of Jesus.

1 John 1:7 '...and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.'

There is a continual cleansing of the blood of Jesus.
Jesus died so that all our sin can be forgiven.
It is not by our works we are cleansed.

It is by His blood alone we are clean.
In Christ we are free to live holy;
free to love one another;
and free from all condemnation.

October 8

We glory in the cross.

Galatians 6:14, 'But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

It is faith in Christ alone that saves.
We glory in all that Jesus did for us on the cross.
Through the cross He removed our sin;
separated us from the world;
and in Him we are made completely new.
Our good works can never bring salvation;
but salvation will bring good works.

October 9

Prayer is essential.

Colossians 4:2 'Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;'

Prayer shows our dependence upon Christ and His word.
Prayer puts Christ into the driving seat of our lives.
Maturity in Christ and a prayerful character go hand in hand.
Spiritual warfare makes it essential to pray for one another.
Faith and love are expressed by giving thanks.

October 10

Love for Christ.

John 14:23 'If a man love Me, he will keep My words:'

When we love Christ then we will build our life on His words;
fix our heart upon His ways;
set our mind on His kingdom;
and follow after His righteousness.
When love for Christ motivates our actions
then obedience to His word will be the greatest joy of our heart.
His word will be in control of everything we do.

October 11

The Holy Spirit will draw us closer to Jesus.

Ephesians 4:30 'And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God'.

The Holy Spirit will draw us closer to Jesus.
He is grieved when selfish desires replace the love of Christ;
or when sin takes precedence over righteousness;
or if we seek to elevate ourselves
instead of allowing the life of Christ to be seen in us.
The greatest experience in serving Jesus
is to know His Spirit dwells in us.

October 12

Putting on the new life

Colossians 3:12 'Put on therefore, as the chosen of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;'

When we receive Christ we have His life in us.
We must choose daily to wear this new life.
It is the same as putting on a garment.
We put on the love of Christ.
This is how people around us will see Jesus in us.

October 13

Administrators of His grace

1 Peter 4:10 'As each one has received a gift, even so minister it to one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is given freely.
He pours His love upon us so we can share His love to others.
His power works in us so we can serve one another.
We have different gifts.
Our responsibility is to use the gift we have.

October 14

Learning to walk in new life.

Philippians 2:12 '...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.'

Salvation is the gift of God in Jesus Christ.
When we have new life in Christ;
we must learn to walk daily in new life.
We grow by feeding on His word;
we become strong as we stand on His word;

we are changed as His word fills our heart and mind.
The freedom of new life must be worked out in us.

October 15

Hearts that burn

Luke 24:32 'And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?'

The more His word fills our heart;
the more our heart will burn with the message of the risen Lord.
When our heart burns within us then
love for Christ, not religious duty, will motivate our actions.
The more we know Jesus;
the more our heart will be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

October 16

The life of Christ in us

Galatians 4:19 'My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,'

The aim of the gospel is that the life of Christ will be seen in us.
We travail in birth through prayer; preaching; and by example.
Prayer as only the Holy Spirit can bring the freedom of new life;
preaching because faith comes by hearing the word of God;
and example as we learn by watching others.

October 17

Glory and joy in His presence

1 Thessalonians 2:20 'For you are our glory and joy.'

When we love Christ then we will desire to lead others to Him.</p>
<p>There is a reward in serving Jesus.
The glory and joy we should seek is to see others brought closer to Jesus
through our life;
our testimony;
and through the things we do.
Faithfulness in serving Christ now
will bring glory and joy when Jesus returns.

October 18

Promised persecution

2 Timothy 3:12 'Yes, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.'

This is a promise for every child of God.

All who trust in Christ will face persecution because

the godly life of a Christian stands in opposition to worldliness and sin.

The joy of serving Jesus is able to fill us with love for those who oppose us.

October 19

Ask; Seek; Knock

Luke 11:9 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

We can ask with confidence

because the Holy Spirit will lead us to pray according to His will.</p>

When Jesus is everything to us then we will seek to know Him more</p>

and we will obey His word.</p>

As children we can boldly enter the Father's presence and He will answer.

October 20

Rooted; built; established; abounding; thankful

Colossians 2:7 'Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.'

When we are rooted in Christ then His life will be seen in us;

and we will be strong even in hard times.

We are built up in Him by His word filling our heart and mind.

We will abound in fruit as we grow in His love

being thankful for His goodness to us.

October 21

Not looking back

Luke 9:62 'And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The farmer had to keep his eyes on the plough as he worked.

We cannot serve Christ in a half hearted way.

We must fix our eyes on Christ;

set our heart on living for Him;

and fill our mind with His word.

The things we lose are worth nothing compared with His love for us.

October 22

All we have in Christ endures

2 Corinthians 4:18 '...for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.'

It is important to keep a right perspective;
in Christ is everything we need.
All that we have in Him endures.
He gives life that will never end;
joy that does not change with circumstances;
His promises will never fail;
and those who serve Him now will reign with Him forever.

October 23

The love of Christ is given freely

1 John 4:19 'We love him, because he first loved us.'

We cannot earn His love; the love of Christ is given freely.
Our love for Christ can only be a response to His love for us.
He loved us even when sin controlled us and we were the enemies of God.
His love is beyond our understanding.
He gave His life for us so that His life can be in us;
His love is given to us so we can express His love to others.

October 24

His glory will be seen in us

2 Thessalonians 1: 10 'When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe'

When Jesus returns we shall stand amazed at the wonder of His love;
the awesomeness of His presence;
and the beauty of His character.
He gives life to all who receive Him now;
He gives His promises so we can be like Him in character;
and one day His glory will be seen in us.

October 25

His purpose

Romans 8:28 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.'

The Son of God gave everything so His purpose can be fulfilled in us.

There was no other way.
He brought life through His death;
He brings joy out of sorrow;
and strength out of weakness.
His love lifted us; His love surrounds us; and His love will keep us.

October 26

Seeking His kingdom

Matthew 6:33 'But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'

When we seek His kingdom then His word will be in our mind;
His love will be in our heart;
and His Spirit will lead us in truth.
When we seek His righteousness we will walk in His ways;
trust in His promises;
and rest in His provision.
He will fill us with His peace and joy.

October 27

Unity begins with new life.

John 17:21 'That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us:'

The prayer of Jesus for unity could only be answered through the cross.
Jesus knew He had to die so His people could be one.
Unity does not begin with discussion;
it begins with new life.
We are united with God through Jesus Christ;
and united with one another by His life dwelling in us.

October 28

Joy that overcomes

Acts 13:52 'And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Spirit.'

The joy of the disciples was in serving Jesus;
they were ambassadors of the King.
The love of Christ filled them with joy;
opposition could not take away their joy.
The joy that Jesus gives will lift the downhearted;
strengthen the weary;
provide power to endure;
and it will put in others the desire to know Him.

October 29

The promises of God

2 Corinthians 1:20 'For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.'

The promises of God are our inheritance in Christ.
They are the children's bread.
We can trust in His promises because we are His family.
They separate us from the world;
give assurance we are never alone;
they let us depend on His love;
rely on His provision;
and rest in His care.

October 30

Those who fight as the world cannot serve Christ

John 18:36 'Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight'.

Those who fight as the world cannot serve Christ.
His love is able to break through any barrier;
His Spirit can open the hardest heart;
and the gospel of Christ is able to save all who believe.
Only by His power working in us can we bring hope; life; joy; and freedom.

October 31

Justified by Faith

Romans 3:28 'Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.'

A person who is justified is completely free from all guilt.
A guilty person can never be justified.
Works cannot take away guilt.
Faith in Christ alone justifies.
He alone was able to separate us from sin;
He took our place and died for us;
and He alone can give new life.
A justified person is a new creation.