

Daily Verses

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November 1

Righteousness is a gift.

Matthew 5:6 'Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.'

Righteousness is a gift.
Jesus came to make His people righteous.
It is not our works that make us righteous.
It is His life that works in us changing us into His likeness.
We are clothed in His righteousness because Jesus died for us.
We can live a righteous life because Christ lives in us.
Our righteousness is in Him.

November 2

Endurance.

Hebrews 10:36 'For you have need of endurance, that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.'

It is not our strength that endures;
it is His strength working in us.
The life of Christ in us must be built up daily.
The Christian life requires character; steadfastness; and determination.
It is not easy to take the pressure;
but the reality of our faith is seen when His love endures in us.

November 3

The true vine.

John 15:1 'I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.'

The life of the vine is in the branches.
Religion cannot produce life; and works alone cannot produce fruit.
Christ is the true vine;
He gives life to all who receive Him;
and fruitfulness is produced by growth.
The circumstances of our life are the pruning shears in the Fathers hand.
He will cause His love, His joy, and His peace to abound in us.

November 4

He loved us because He is love.

Romans 5:6 'For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.'

It was not because of our godliness that He loved us.
He loved us because He is love.
It was not because we were righteous that Christ died for us.
He gave Himself for us because He alone could save us.
It is His love that lifts us;
His grace that saves us;
and His life in us enables us to grow into His likeness.

November 5

Anger towards sin

Ephesians 4:26 'Be angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:'

Anger towards sin must be controlled by love.
If anger is kept in our heart
then it will hold our thoughts in its grasp.
Freedom is found in forgiveness;
and joy comes from reconciliation.
If we react in anger then sin will control us.
But when anger is controlled by love
then it brings freedom; reconciliation; and joy.

November 6

Words seasoned with salt

Colossians 4:6 'Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.'

We are known by the way we speak.
Words that are seasoned with salt are not hastily spoken.
Kind words heal relationships;
joyful words encourage;
words filled with the love of Christ bring hope and lift others.
Our words should be kind; considerate; and chosen wisely.

November 7

The promises of God

2 Peter 1:4 'Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature'.

The character of Jesus is produced in us as we trust in His promises.
We are not given an easy road;
we are given His promises to rely upon.
The difficulties of life are our opportunities to trust.
We are separated from the world by His promises;
they are our priceless possession.

November 8

Our heart is the throne room of our life.

Ephesians 3:17 'That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith'.

Our heart is the innermost part of our being;
it is the throne room of our life.
Jesus Christ alone is worthy to reign there.
It is also the place of worship.
The desires of our heart are expressions of worship.
Idols in our life will stand in opposition to Christ;
and seek to reign on the throne of our heart.
The love of Christ will keep our heart from idols.

November 9

Not under law; under grace

Romans 6:14 'For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace.'

The law condemns but the grace of God sets us free from all condemnation.
In Christ we are brought into the freedom of a new nature; free to be holy.
No longer slaves in bondage to sin,
but children being led by the Holy Spirit.
It is not by our own efforts we live a holy life;
it is by the life of Christ dwelling in us.

November 10

Let the Holy Spirit work in others.

Romans 14:13 'Therefore let us not judge one another anymore:'

Love seeks to lift others up;
gentleness takes care not to cause harm.
Spreading our opinions about others will put up barriers;
spreading criticism will cause division.
We need to see others as Christ sees them.
He gave Himself for us so we can be like Him.

Our opinion or criticism will not change lives;
we must let the Holy Spirit work in others.

November 11

There is power in the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:11 'But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.'

The law cannot give freedom from sin.
Religion cannot bring assurance of salvation.
Good works cannot bring peace.
Human efforts cannot change the heart.
But in Christ we receive freedom from sin;
assurance of salvation;
peace with God;
new life;
and wonderful joy.
There is power in the gospel of Christ.

November 12

Righteous in Him

2 Corinthians 5:21 'For He has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.'

Jesus, the Son of God, stood in our place;
took our sin on the cross;
and died for us.
Our sin is crucified and buried with Him.
We are free from condemnation; separated from guilt;
and made righteous in Him.
He unites us with His life;
fills us with His Spirit;
and makes us completely new.

November 13

His work is a finished work.

Hebrews 4:9 'There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.'

Jesus Christ is the gift of God for us.
His work is a finished work.
We receive forgiveness; we can never earn it.
We receive His life; we must grow in it.
The more we rest in His work;
the more effective our Christian life becomes.

His provision is sufficient for us.

His love; His joy; His peace will be seen in those who walk in the freedom of new life.

November 14

The gift of God in Jesus Christ is offered to all.

John 6:37 '...and the one who comes to Me I will not cast out.'

The blood of Jesus is able to cleanse the worst of sinners.

The gift of God in Jesus Christ is offered to all.

He died for us;

took our condemnation on the cross;

and in Him we have new life.

If we come to Him;

He will cleanse us from sin;

set us free from sinful habits;

fill us with His love;

make us part of His family;

and will let His power be seen in our life.

November 15

Letting go of the past.

Philippians 3:13 '...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching out unto those things which are ahead,'

Letting go of the past is an essential part of the Christian life.

The love of Christ is more precious than worldly gain.

Bitterness and resentment will hold us down.

In Christ we are separated from the past;

we have freedom to live in the new life He gives;

and to let His love be in control of our life.

November 16

In Christ alone we glory.

1 Corinthians 1:31 'That, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord.'

It is Christ alone who saves.

The rituals of religion have no power to save.

The self righteous will never experience the love of Christ.

We have nothing to glory in except what Christ has done for us.

It is His goodness, not ours, that saves us;

not because we deserve it but because He loved us.

We rest in His work not our own.

November 17

Put on the armour of God (1)

Romans 13:12 'The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.'

The works of darkness seek to elevate self and to satisfy its desires.
It stands in opposition to Christ; His love; and His word.
We must put on the armour we have in Christ each day.
It will be seen by His love in us;
by our love for His word;
and by the peace of God in our life.

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.
He is both our armour and our strength.
His word works in us so we can be unshakeable in our faith
and stand firm in difficult times.
His righteousness covers us because we trust in His work and not our own.
His life dwells in us so the power of His love can work through us.

November 18

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 armour of God is able to keep us from falling.
The devil seeks ways to lead us away from Christ.
He searches for areas of weakness in our life,
and sets traps to draw us into sin.
Our armour is Christ.
His word will keep us from being deceived;
and His righteousness will keep us from sin.

November 19

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:12 'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,'

The Christian life is a spiritual warfare.
We have an enemy; a kingdom that wars against us.
It cannot be overcome by earthly means.

It is Christ who has overcome for us.
He is the rock on which we stand;
our shelter in which we hide;
our help upon whom we trust.
In Him we are secure.

November 20

Standing steadfast in Christ.

Ephesians 6:13 'Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,'

We need all the armour of God.
We cannot live a victorious Christian life in a casual manner.
We must be firmly rooted in Christ.
Our strength, our ability, our knowledge, will never keep us.
The devil runs from us when we resist him by standing firm in our faith.
Sin is overcome when we walk in the freedom of new life.
It is on Christ alone we stand.

November 21

His word; His power; His righteousness

2 Corinthians 6:7 'By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,'

All who desire to serve Christ must put on His word as a belt.
It will hold together every other piece of Christian armour.
When His word is the centre of our life;
His power will fill us with His love;
and His righteousness will cover us; sanctifying us;
so our life represents the Lord.

November 22

Christ is our righteousness.

Ephesians 6:14 '...and having on the breastplate of righteousness;'

We must put on righteousness; we cannot achieve it.
Christ is our righteousness.
The righteousness of Christ is put to our account when we trust in His work for us.
We grow in righteousness as we grow in Christ.
We live a righteous life as we walk in the Spirit.
Love, joy and peace will fill us;
the promises of God will keep us;
and we will see answered prayer.

November 23

Christian armour needs right footwear.

Ephesians 6:15 'And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;'

Christian armour needs right footwear.
Faith in Christ alone keeps our feet secure.
We stand firm in the faith by trusting Christ alone for salvation;
He has done all for us.
When we know who we are in Christ,
we will stand secure in His care;
become unshakeable in our faith;
immovable in our purpose;
and be fruitful in serving Him.

November 24

Faith in Christ and His word.

Ephesians 6:16 'Above all, taking the shield of faith... '

The attacks of the enemy come in different ways.
It may be words spoken against us;
thoughts that produce fear;
situations that appear impossible to overcome;
persecutions that seem too hard to bear;
trials that seek to destroy our joy.
The shield we take up is faith in Christ and His word.
He is able to make a way where there is no way;
He will lead us in the right way.

November 25

Covering the mind.

Ephesians 6:17 'And take the helmet of salvation,'

The helmet of salvation is able to cover our mind.
The enemy brings doubt to weaken our faith;
fear to make us turn back;
and brings discouragement by making our way seem hopeless.
We can never be defeated if we delight in His word;
stand on His promises;
rely upon His strength;
rejoice in His love;
rest in His care;
and trust in His leading.

November 26

The sword of the Spirit is taken from the belt of truth.

Ephesians 6:17 '...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God'.

The sword of a Roman soldier was attached to his belt.
The sword of the Spirit is taken from the belt of truth.
When the word of God is in our heart
then the Holy Spirit is able to make His word a mighty weapon in our life.
The Holy Spirit will bring to our aid a specific word
that will equip us;
lead us;
and make us victorious in every situation.

November 27

We must not use scripture to attack others.

Galatians 5:15 'But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.'

There is no dagger on the Christian armour.
The Roman soldier had a dagger but the belt of truth only has a sword.
The sword of the Spirit must be held with care.
We cannot use scripture to attack others.
We serve one another with love so the Holy Spirit can break down barriers
then the sword of the Spirit is able to pierce right into the heart
and draw people to Christ.

November 28

Effective Prayer

Romans 8:26 'Likewise the Spirit also helps our weaknesses: for we know not what we should pray for as we should:'

Effective prayer is more than words.
It is the cry of the heart.
We may not know what to pray,
but the Holy Spirit knows and He is our Helper.
Our prayer will be answered according to the extent
that we obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in our life.
He is able to lift the prayer of our heart to the throne of grace.

November 29

Blessed are the merciful.

Matthew 5:7 'Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.'

Mercy reaches out to others with compassion.
It stands by the needy;
lifts up those who are cast down;
helps carry burdens;
is willing to forgive;
will never seek revenge;
but brings peace and reconciliation into the lives of others.
In Christ we receive mercy.
His compassion has no boundaries as long as we are willing to show mercy to others.

November 30

United in spirit; mind; and faith.

Philippians 1:27 '...that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;'

The life of Christ dwells in His people.
We are one body in Christ.
We stand together as one people;
united by His life.
We have one mind in Christ;
His word unites us in truth as we grow in Him.
We are united in purpose;
striving together for the faith;
bringing the gospel of Christ to a world that needs to know Him.