

Daily Verses

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July 1

Blessed are the meek

Matthew 5:5 'Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.'

Meekness relies fully upon the Lord;
it depends upon His provision; it yields to His leading; and rests in His protection.
Meekness does not seek to elevate itself;
neither does it hope to gain personal advantage;
yet the meek are those who inherit the earth.
In Christ we have all things;
we have no need to fight for superiority; we are children of the King.
Meekness is able to rejoice when others are given prominence above us;
and prays for the power of God to work in and through the lives of others.
It never pulls others down; it desires only that the will of the Lord
will be fulfilled in and through His people.

July 2

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness

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

Hunger and thirst will produce an urgency to find food and drink.
They are healthy and natural desires.
When we hunger and thirst for righteousness
it is because we can find no resources in ourselves to satisfy our need.
Self righteousness will never produce a hunger and thirst for righteousness.
It is because of our lack of righteousness that we hunger and thirst for it.
The desire for righteousness can only be fulfilled in Christ;
and not by our own efforts.
We are blessed because the life of Christ dwells in us;
changing us into His likeness;
and producing in us the fruit of a righteous life.

July 3

Blessed are the merciful

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

There is freedom in forgiveness.
If we show mercy to others then evil thoughts and desires
cannot hold our heart and mind captive.
The merciful overcome evil by doing good.

Forgiving others is an expression of thankfulness to the Lord
for all He has done for us.
Forgiveness never condones a wrong that is done
but it will release us from the destructive power of bitterness and hate.
Forgiveness is a prerequisite for answered prayer.
If we keep unforgiveness in our heart
then our prayers will be hindered.
Forgiving others can never earn the mercy of God;
but it will show the power of God is at work in our life.

July 4

Purity in heart is a gift.

Matthew 5:8 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.'

Purity in heart is a gift.
It can never be achieved by our efforts;
it must be received in Christ.
He came for this purpose to give us a new heart;
a clean heart; a pure heart; a heart filled with His love.
The works of the flesh are the outworking of an evil heart.
The pleasure they give produce death.
The world desires them;
Hollywood glorifies them;
and without Christ we are captive to them.
The fruit of the Spirit is the product of new life in Christ.
All who love them love life;
and through them the Holy Spirit works in us;
preparing us for the day when we shall see Jesus.

July 5

Blessed are the peacemakers

Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.'

The gospel of Christ is the message of reconciliation with God.
In Christ alone we have peace with God.
He took the enmity that stood between us and God.
All who have received new life in Christ carry the message
that is able to bring peace and reconciliation with God.
The gospel of Christ will bring peace with God to whoever believes.
When we have peace with God then His peace will keep us;
His peace will guard us;
and His peace will be as a guide within us.
We can bring His peace to others because in Christ

we have found the peace that is beyond all understanding.

July 6

Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness.

Matthew 5:10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

If we deliberately stir up the hostility of others
then we are not persecuted;
we are just reaping the consequences of being provocative.
Persecution for the sake of righteousness is always unprovoked;
it is promised to all who live a godly life
because righteousness exposes the corruption of the world.
We will be persecuted
because righteousness can not lower its standard
in order to accommodate the standards of the world;
and it will not change the gospel of Christ
in order to maintain unity and friendship.
We will face hostile actions and hateful words when we represent Christ;
but we are blessed because in Christ our reward is great.

July 7

Free from condemnation.

Romans 8:1 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'

The tiniest smear of sin in our thoughts; desires; or motives;
one selfish action; one word spoken in anger is enough to condemn us.
Yet God declares us free from condemnation in Christ.
This is the glory of the gospel of Christ.
Jesus died and rose again for us.
He took our sin and condemnation;
He brought new life.
But this freedom from condemnation is a gift that must be received.
If we choose to carry our sin then our sin will condemn us.
Faith in Christ alone sets us free from all condemnation;
and brings new life.

July 8

Set free by the law of the Spirit and life.

Romans 8:2 'For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.'

The law of the Old Testament can never justify us,
it can only condemn us.
We must be freed from the law so that we can be justified by another.
In Christ we are dead to the law and its obligations.
The curse of the law has no power over us.
We are set free by new life in Christ, born of the Spirit.
We live not by rules and regulations but by new life
The scripture is our guide.
It does not condemn us, it allows us to grow in grace.

Illustration: [New life.](#)

July 9

Only the gospel makes a person new.

Acts 17:21 '(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)'

The Athenians grew old seeking something new.
They did not seek truth;
they sought for a new idea; a new point of view;
a new philosophical thought; a new way to follow.
The world will always be drawn by the excitement of something new.
Only the gospel makes a person new; gives new life;
creates in us a new heart; puts a new song in our mouth;
renews our youth as the eagles;
and lets us enjoy the mercies of the Lord that are new every morning.
The gospel of Christ alone brings newness of life.

July 10

Jesus condemned sin through the cross.

Romans 8:3 'For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:'

The law cannot show mercy.
It cannot lift those who are fallen.
It reveals the darkest side of the heart
but cannot cleanse the smallest spot.
What we do cannot change our sinful state.
Jesus condemned sin through the cross.
He does show mercy,
He is able to lift those who are fallen,
The judgment of sin in Christ reveals
the beauty of His character and the sweetness of His grace.
Religion has no grace it can bestow; sacraments have no power to save.
Christ alone is our hope and trust.

July 11

His righteousness revealed in us.

Romans 8:4 'That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'

We walk in the Spirit; we grow in grace; we are righteous in Christ.
In Christ we are lifted from the bondage of a law we could not keep
into the freedom of new life.

We are righteous because Christ died for us and Christ lives in us.
The law is fulfilled in us because the love of Christ dwells in us.
We do not keep the law by rules and regulations.
We live by the love of Christ controlling us;
the Holy Spirit leading us;
and the scriptures guiding us
as we grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

July 12

Adopted into the family of God

Galatians 4:5 'To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.'

In Christ, we are lifted from the drudgery of trying to obey the law
into the freedom of being part of the family of God.
We have been adopted as sons and daughters of the living God.
Not the adoption of an unrelated child
but the adoption of children born anew of the Spirit of God.
It is because we are His children that we can live a holy life.
It is because His life dwells in us that we can love as He loved;
we can serve as He served;
we can forgive as He forgave;
and we can take the lowest place because we are His children.

July 13

'Abba Father'.

Galatians 4:6 'And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.' We pray with full assurance of faith when we cry 'Abba, Father'.

It is not presumption.
It is the glorious relationship we have been brought into in Christ.
We do not beg for His mercy or seek His blessing on our desires.
We come as children who are the recipients of His love
and who seek to do His will.

We can approach the throne of God with boldness.
We have access at all times.
We are not strangers and outsiders
but sons and daughters of the living God.
There is no greater joy than to know the Spirit of Christ within us
cry 'Abba Father'.

July 14

Christ is our eternal treasure.

Romans 8:17 'And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.'

In Christ we are a privileged people;
we are children in the family of God;
Christ is our life.
We have received the right of inheritance;
Christ is our eternal treasure.
We have been given responsibility;
this hour is our opportunity to live for Christ.
We should never be ashamed of Jesus.
We have a great expectation; we shall reign with Him forever.
We have a certain hope; we know we have eternal life
because the Spirit of God has been given to us as a down payment
confirming His word in our hearts.

July 15

Cast off the armoury of self and put on Christ.

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 will provide us with the armoury of self.
They will fill our heart with every evil desire
so that self can sit unrivalled on the throne of our life.
We are to cast it off.
Our life is short;
Jesus will soon return;
we cannot play with sinful desires.
We are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
When Christ is our life
then we have everything we need to live for Him.
The armour He gives will keep us
from the seduction of wrong desires
and the corruption of a covetous world.

July 16

The carnal mind and the spiritual mind.

Romans 8:6 'For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.'

The carnal mind is governed entirely by the five senses.
Everyone is born captive to it.
Religion flourishes within it but is unable to bring anyone out.
The pleasures of sin are greatly followed within it
but misery is the final outcome.
Only in Christ can we be lifted
to the new realm of being spiritually minded.
When Christ is our life then it will be seen
by the love of Christ controlling us instead of a self centred life;
by the armour of God keeping us from following sinful pleasures;
and by the power and presence of God with us
through prayer and obedience to His word.

July 17

United in Christ.

*1 Corinthians 1:10 'Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you
be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.'*

In Christ we are united by our testimony; Christ lives in us.
We are united by our love one for another; we are His disciples.
We are united as one body in Christ;
building each other up,
encouraging one another,
and caring for one another.
We are united in mind; His Spirit dwells within us.
We are united in judgment; His word abides in us.
We are united in Christ; He is our life; our truth; our way.

July 18

His power working in us

*Ephesians 3:20 'Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we
ask or think, according to the power that works in us,'*

We cannot live the Christian life in our own strength.
True Christianity is Christ in us.
It is His power that works in us.
It is His strength that upholds us.
It is His ability that enables us to do His will.

When Christ is our life then His power in us
is able to overcome our limitations;
exceed our expectations;
and do more through us than we could imagine.
If we rely on our own strength then we will fail;
but if we rely on His power working in us we will always succeed.

July 19

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:14 'But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.'

We cannot live the Christian life by our own efforts.
Legalism and good moral living can never produce holiness.
Christianity is more than living a good life;
it is the life of Christ dwelling in us.
We live the Christian life by putting on Christ.
This is the only way we can live as He wants us to live.
When Christ is our life then we can put on the new life He gives
and put off the corruption and seduction of lustful desires.
We cannot live the Christian life until
we learn to let Jesus Christ live His life in us.

July 20

The life of the vine is in the branches.

John 15:5 'I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.'

The life of the vine must flow through the branches
in order for the fruit to grow.
In the same way it is only possible to live the Christian life
when the life of Christ dwells in us.
We cannot do anything in our own strength.
His life must be reproduced in us.
The fruit of a holy life is produced as we grow in Christ.
Our need for dependence upon Him
makes the weaknesses and failings of our life
great blessings that help us to trust in His strength and not our own.

July 21

We are kept from falling; we will be presented faultless.

Jude 24 'Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,'

When Christ is our life
He provides the strength we need to face every trial.
He gives grace so we can remain steadfast in every situation.
He has promised He will never leave us.
He stands with us in every situation and circumstance.
He protects us so that no temptation can ever destroy us.
He gives us power to resist every attack of the enemy.
His word is able to uphold us at all times.
It is His work in us that keeps us from falling
and His life in us lifts us to heights of holiness.

July 22

The Lord is our helper.

Hebrews 13:6 'So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.'

Our confidence is not in ourselves.
We can speak with great boldness
because the Lord will never fail us.
The trials we face are not able to destroy us.
He gives strength to go through the trial
so that our life will express the fragrance of His presence
and the beauty of His character.
We do not need to seek after the riches of the world.
The Lord is our wealth.
We do not need to be fearful like the world.
The Lord surrounds us with His love
and keeps us in His care.

July 23

Supernatural love.

John 13:35 'By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another.'

The love that shows we are the disciples of Christ is supernatural love.
When our heart aches because of what has been said and done against us;
and our character has been openly attacked;
and we have been humiliated; hated; and spoken against
then the supernatural love of Christ is able to shine through us
declaring that we are the disciples of Christ.
It goes against human nature;
and is completely beyond human reasoning.
It is impossible to love with this love unless Christ lives in us.
It is love that never seeks revenge,
and it is always ready to forgive.

July 24

Unspeakable joy that cannot be hid.

1 Peter 1:8 'Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see Him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:'

The joy we have in Christ cannot be expressed effectively by our words.

It is joy unspeakable.

It is joy filled with the glory of His presence;
supernatural joy that cannot be hid.

It is the joy of knowing Jesus;

He is our provision; our protection; our future; and our life.

His joy will keep us from the stress of the world;

it will renew our strength;

and it will let others see Christ is alive in us.

When we are filled with His joy

then the glory of His presence will be seen in us.

July 25

Peace beyond understanding.

Philippians 4:7 'And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'

The peace we have in Christ is beyond understanding.

It is peace that is found in a person and not in favourable circumstances.

Christ alone is our peace.

The world cannot know this peace because it does not know Christ.

He gives peace that remains steadfast in the face of the strongest storm.

Peace that can trust at all times in the promises of God.

Peace that remains constant even in the face of death

because the Lord is with us.

Peace that lifts us from anxiety to faith

and is able to trust in a prayer answering God.

July 26

Power to restrain from anger; strength to stand firm.

Colossians 1:11 'Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;'

The Holy Spirit gives us power to restrain from anger
and strength to stand firm under pressure.

It is not our natural ability but the power of God working in us.

Our testimony is that Christ lives in us.

Others will see that our testimony is true
by the power of God strengthening us to do His will
and keeping us from wrong actions.
It is our everyday life that demonstrates the power of God
at work through the way we behave and the things we say.
The small and insignificant times in our life
are great opportunities to let the power of God be seen in us.

July 27

His kindness reaches out to the worst and the vilest.

Ephesians 2:7 'That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.'

His kindness towards us is beyond our understanding.
If we try to deserve it then we can never receive it.
He did not come to save those who were righteous;
neither did He die for those who were good.
His kindness reaches out to the worst and the vilest.
His salvation is a gift;
He took no regard of our unrighteousness;
He only considered our helplessness.
He looked beyond our failings;
And He saw us as His own;
a people cleansed by His blood;
and filled with His Spirit.

July 28

Filled with His goodness.

Romans 15:14 'And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.'

Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.
It is not our goodness but the goodness of God that must fill our life.
As we grow in His goodness
then our life will become more and more like Jesus.
Goodness will let His glory be seen in us.
It will seek the highest good for others;
it will never compromise truth
or lower the standard of the holiness of God;
it will always show compassion;
is always willing to show mercy;
and it has no selfish aim
but only desires to see others grow in Christ.

July 29

Faith and love

Ephesians 3:17 'That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,'

Faith will open our hearts to Christ;
His love in us will ensure that Christ alone
is seated on the throne of our life.
If we love the scriptures more than Christ
then the scriptures will fill our heads
but Christ will not dwell in our hearts.
Scripture will produce growth
if we allow the Holy Spirit to implant His word upon our heart.
Faith will lead us into a deeper relationship with Christ;
it will bring us into a life of trust and reliance upon the promises of God;
and the depth of our faith will be seen by our obedience to His will.

July 30

Meekness not hierarchy.

3 John 9 'I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the pre-eminence among them, receives us not.'

In Christ we are one body; a team working together;
building each other up; and encouraging one another.
Meekness will allow every person in the body of Christ to fulfil his or her ministry.
It will never be threatened by what the Lord is doing in and through the lives of others.
It will rejoice to see others anointed of the Spirit of God for the work of the ministry.
All of the Lord's people are to be involved in ministry.
There is no place for hierarchical leadership in the body of Christ.
We are workers together; reaching out to a world that needs Jesus.

(See also Numbers 11:29)

July 31

Righteousness; self control; judgment to come.

Acts 24:25 'And as he reasoned of righteousness, self control, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go your way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for you.'

Righteousness is through faith in Jesus Christ.
Self control is the fruit of Spirit.
It is the life of Christ growing in us
producing fruit that will keep us from the deceitfulness of sin.
Judgment to come is the destination of the road without a Saviour.

Jesus Christ was judged on our behalf
so that we can pass from judgment into new life.
If we receive the wonderful free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ
then we need never fear judgment.
If we reject the gift of God then we must carry our sin alone.