



365 days of devotion to Christ

devoted - Given over to the display, study, or discussion of

...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world...

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Day 1 of 365



## Welcome to Devoted!

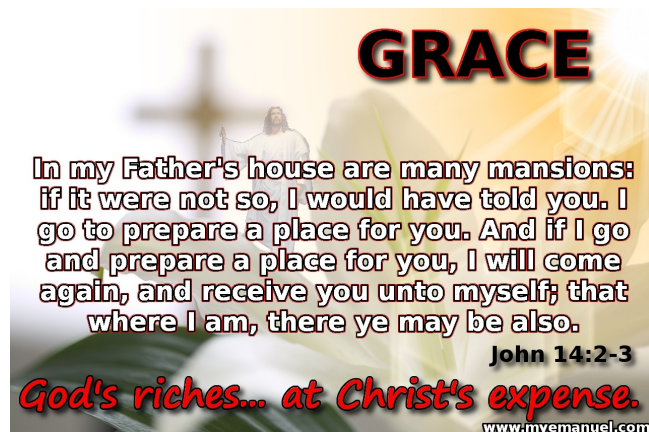
On behalf of My Emanuel Christian ministries and all those who have assisted in the development of the Devoted program I want to welcome you! We pray that the Lord would move mightily over the next 365 days as He has provided us with the honor of sharing His inspired words! We pray that this program would impact your heart and relationship with the Lord and that you would draw near to Him! We pray that you would trust in the Lord and seek Him more. This program alone is not nearly enough to provide for your spiritual growth and we encourage you to use this simply as a tool along with continued daily prayer, Bible study, and walking by faith to continue to know the Lord more! Devoted means to be "given over to the display, study, or discussion of"; to be devoted to Christ means that 365 days a year, 24 hours a day that you are fully given over to the study and seeking of the Lord! Please share this devotion via Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, etc. with all those you love. What a wonderful, eternal, powerful change Jesus Christ can make in your life!

### Week 1 – It should have been me

Its when you look at the old rugged cross and think about everything you've done in your life that you say to yourself "that should have been me"... the truth? The cross should have been our death, He who knew no sin died in our place, to set us free, to give us the ONLY way back to the Father. It should have been me but halleluiah my savior died for me!

### Day 1 – Grace

**Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. (Galatians Chapter 2 verse 16 KJV)**



Grace, what a beautiful word! God's riches at Christ's expense, the promise that even

know we are unable to fulfill God's perfect law that His love for us is so great through the blood of Jesus Christ He sees past our failure and sin. That even know it should have been us hanging on the cross at Calvary, that it should have been us dying that cruel death, that it should have been us punished, tormented, mocked, and nailed to the cross, that even know God gave us the commandments and the statutes to abide by, and even know it it was not God that failed, it was Him who provided a way to victory.

I've heard it over and over again "I'm a good person" and I once felt the same way those who have refused grace felt, "I'm not really that bad of a person", the truth was that I was the chief sinner, the worst of the worst and the most in need of the wonderful freedom found in Christ. Know this, there are two ways: the law, perfect, holy, totally encompassing, none except the Lord Jesus have ever been able to fully keep. Through the law if you break one part of the law you are a "law breaker" and law breakers can expect the torment of eternal hell. Then there is grace, mercy, and love through the sending of God's only begotten Son Jesus! In Jesus there is grace to cover every sin, strength to resist and war against temptation and the world, wisdom to understand and avoid the snare of the devil, and mercy to keep us from the eternal hell we deserve. As you enter day 1 of the 365 day devotion series do so with this understanding: **its all about Jesus**, its all about the Lord's love, nothing you could ever do is good enough and it is by the Father's love that you are called a son or daughter of the Most High God, through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! Amen.

**Today's prayer:**

Pray that the Lord would bless you with the strength, courage, and devotion to seek Him with all your heart. Pray the Lord would open your eyes to the truths and wonderful promises of His word and the gift that He gave through His only begotten Son. Pray the Lord would move in your heart and give you the opportunity to spend at-least a few minutes with Him before you start each and every day.