



365 days of devotion to Christ

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

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Day 8 of 365



Week 2 – Children of faith

Its always been about faith, from Adam being told not to eat the forbidden fruit, to Abraham being told to lay his only son on the altar, to Jesus carrying our cross, to the day we accept Him as Lord and savior, is about faith. You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free! If you have faith in the truth then rejoice daily, the Truth will never leave you, He will never forsake you, and He will be your advocate with the Father!

Day 8 – childlike faith

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew Chapter 8 verse 3-4 KJV)

Its amazing to know that by faith, that is belief and trust in the promise of the Lord, accepting Christ in our hearts with the faith of a child, believing every word and knowing that His sacrifice and His blood are enough to cover every sin that we are justified before the Father. The offense of the cross is this: we are powerless to save ourselves! There is nothing we could do, no amount of giving, no amount of service, no amount of works could ever justify us before a Holy Perfect God, we are justified by faith through the blood of the Lord Jesus, through His perfect fulfillment of the law and the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

There is an important distinction, childlike faith is critical in our relationship with the Lord. Childlike faith is a child jumping from a high place in to the arms of his or her waiting dad trusting their dad when he says "jump! I'll catch you", childish faith is that same child standing on the



train tracks while a screaming train comes along the tracks with the dad screaming "get out of the way". Childish faith is thinking that God wants you to be happy, rich, and successful, childlike faith is knowing that God's grace is sufficient and desperately searching and seeking Him through prayer, Bible study, and walking by faith not by sight. As you enter day 8 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, how is your faith? Do you have childlike faith knowing that God can and will do everything He says? Or do you have childish faith? Replacing the truth of God for lies that make you feel better about what your doing?

Today's prayer:

Today pray that God would strengthen your faith, pray He would open your eyes to the truth of His word, the perfect plan He has in store for you. Pray that God would allow you to walk through faith in Christ and obediently serve Him, seek Him, and dedicate your entire life to Him. Surrender all your will and desire to His hands, let Him craft you, correct you, build you up, and daily take you closer to reflecting the image of His only begotten Son.