



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 9 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 9 – works

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. (James Chapter 2 verse 18 KJV)

Children of the faith know that it is by faith alone that we are set free and guaranteed eternal life through the blood of Jesus Christ but children of faith also know that Jesus died to give us a gift we can never repay! God has given us mercy and grace so abundant that we could spend every single second of everyday working for His kingdom and doing good and it wouldn't be enough to repay one second of forgiveness. Why do we work then? Why do we do good? As the Word reminds us: we love for He first loved us, we do out of the love, out of the humbling truth of what He did for us! This devotion for example, done out of love and a desperate desire to share the love and freedom I have in Jesus Christ.

You've liked Jesus on Facebook...



you wear the cross and sing along with the music...

...but are you remembering the command of Christ?

30And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. (Mark Chapter 12:30-31 KJV)

We see in the book of James an epistle or letter written in general to the church as a call to action, never think that James was trying to say we are justified by works but understand his call to action is the same call we must heed. Think of it this way if you spent every second of your life searching for something and finally someone came to you and told you just where to find it and you wasting your life away looking for it think "I must share this, so many are looking for what I've been freely told" wouldn't you spend the rest of your life sharing with those looking for it? So we share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with the lost and dying world not out of obligation but out of dedication to the Master who set us free! As you enter day 9 I pray you would know that faith without works is dead, show your faith and give glory to your Father in everything you say, do, and in all works make Him known.

Today's prayer:

Today pray the Lord would give you strength to do what He has called you to do for His kingdom. Pray He would protect you and direct you as you walk faithfully in the calling He has placed on your life. Pray the Lord would be merciful and pour out His grace daily in your life and that He would direct your every step. Pray you would be willing to surrender anything to Him knowing full well the wonderful freedom you have by the blood of His obedient Son Jesus.