

The Good news of My Emanuel

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50And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. (Luke Chapter 24 verse 50-53 KJV)

REJOICE! HE IS RISEN!

Praise and glory to the King! Rejoice and sing of His praises as we celebrate the greatest event after creation in the history of history, the resurrection of Christ Jesus! This celebration quickly turns the somber remembrance of the pain and suffering Christ bared for us into a joy where we sing and raise our hands in praise for truly Christ has conquered over death, hell, and the grave! Forever God the Father has defeated the enemy by accepting the most perfect sacrifice which is Christ! For all who call on the name of the Lord and accept His grace through a personal relationship are saved from the wrath of God and forever given life through the righteousness of Christ Jesus the Son of the Most High. Rejoice with me brothers! Sing His praises with me my sisters! Christ is risen and He has taken the nails for you and !! He has suffered the cross and conquered the coward and forever freed us from the bondage that thought it could never be broken!!

Today who can you share the Good News of Christ Jesus with? Who can you rejoice with today knowing that they are saved through a relationship with Christ? Who can you share the wonderful news that God loves them so much that He sent down His only Son to die a terrible, tragic, horrible death? Only to rise again on the third day as promised, Halleluiah HE IS RISEN!



Sections

The Good news of My Emanuel is split up into several sections to make what you are looking for easy to find! The sections of our newsletter are:

- Weekly sermon (red)
- Weekly life impacting scripture (blue)
- Testimony (green)
- Outreach (cyan)
- Prayer and praise request (yellow)
- Reviews and newly found ministries (pink)

This color coded section should allow you to gain quick access to any portion of this newsletter, we know that some days you will have time to read all the way through, other days you will want to jump directly to something in the newsletter.

The gift of salvation

Are you ready? The gift is free... the price for refusing the gift is eternal torment in the pits of hell, the reward for accepting is a greater love than you could possibly imagine! Its time to stop running! God is screaming for your heart! Give it to Him!

[Http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html)

2And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew Chapter 28 verse 2-6 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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Christ Jesus is RISEN!

Praise the Lord for truly He is worthy of it! Rejoice with me this day for our savior, our Lord, the strong defender of our salvation, the giver of life, the obedient lamb of God Christ Jesus is risen! Today is a celebration like none other and the day which we remember the miraculous day that God accepted the sacrifice for our sin and gave us all a way to become His adopted and loved children, forgiven and guarded in the righteousness of Christ Jesus His beloved Son and the only way that we could be brought back to God! Today is the day we give thanks to God for loving us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins and to save us for eternity! **16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John Chapter 3 verse 16 KJV).**

This day marks the day that the zealous Jews feared the day that Christ Jesus would NOT be found at the tomb and His followers would proclaim to the world the truth: He rose from the dead on the 3rd day just as He promised He would!! Do you now know the story? Christ Jesus was betrayed at the garden of Yosemite by Judas, given up to the mob that had come out to arrests and murder Him! Jesus was condemned to die by the Jewish elders just as God warned through the prophets, just as Christ Jesus Himself warned would happen in the parable of the vineyard ([Matthew Chapter 21 verse 33-41](#)) what makes this day so special is not only did God raise Christ Jesus from the dead but also that even know the Jews tried to ensure that this could never happen God made a way! **62Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 63Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 65Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. 66So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. (Matthew Chapter 27 verse 62-66 KJV)** – Let me make clear to you what happened, as we celebrate Easter it has nothing to do with a bunny, eggs, or candy! It has to do with the greatest event in the history of history, God brought the dead back to life! God restored the temple which was Christ Jesus and accepted forever His fragrant sacrifice! He accepted the offering that Jesus presented as the priest for all man kind! Jesus forever saved all those who were not worthy by living a life of perfect, holy, wonderful, never defeated obedience, He died a death on the cross as was commanded by the Father and has been risen again on the 3rd day just as He said He would!

As you celebrate this day I would pray you would never forget that this day is to commemorate the conquest of death, hell, and the grave. Shout with joy that our Lord is risen! The coward has been defeated! We are made holy and separated from God's wrath through a relationship with Jesus Christ! Today as you sing out and raise your hands do so in awe of the power of God over all things including the power over death! God we praise you and pray that you would forgive us for making this sacrifice necessary but thank you Lord with inexpressible joy for your love and wonderful gift! Thank you Jesus our Lord for loving us so much you died for each of us! Hear our praise King! Come again soon to forever call us to be with you in the kingdom you have went to prepare! **1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John Chapter 14 verse 1-6 KJV).**

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Life impacting scripture

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The Life Of a Child

1At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew Chapter 18 verse 1-3 KJV)

If you have ever just examined a well behaved child you may notice a few things. They are humble, if they need help they will ask for it without hesitation. They will forgive someone for doing them wrong and wont hold any type of grudge. And they also have complete trust and faith in their parents.

As 'grown ups' we tend to forget we serve The Most High God, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God of Moses and God of Noah. If we need help all we have to do is **ASK!** We also tend to hold onto grudges and hurts that people have caused in our life. If ANYONE has the right to hold a grudge its GOD , but knowing every sin you would EVER commit he forgave you by sending his son to die in your place! And as for your child, wouldn't they take anything from your hand without asking if it was safe or if it would hurt them? Do they ever doubt there will be running water in the house, clothes on their back and food in their belly? They trust you and have unshakeable faith in you! Why shouldn't we have that in OUR Father?

Also when a child does something wrong they usually will immediately come to you with their little head hung and say " I'm sorry daddy". Cant we do the same with our loving Father? Next children can be molded and influenced by EVERY thing. So shouldn't we be clay in Gods hands? He should be able to do what ever he wants even if its purifying us through a fiery furnace. He should make us more like his son Jesus every day, without a constant war against us! And I personally have seen that a child will follow his elders around him, his father , mother, siblings and uncles. If they do it he wants to do it! Eat your veggies, they want to eat theirs. Climb a mountain and they want to come with you. Hurt a women and they grow up with that example in mind. So we should follow Jesus, our one true example ! Who better to follow then the **only one** without sin?!

In the eyes of a child everyone is beautiful and they love everyone. It doesn't matter if they are tall, or short. Small or fat. Big and strong or little and weak. Black, white or purple they don't care. I have seen children go up to total strangers with love and innocence and start talking to them! A child loves everyone boldly and doesn't even know what "politically correct" is!

Finally a child will share any thing they have, toys and food , clothes, and anything else you need. Children also can sometimes be great listeners, and do what there told or commanded to do (even if it is reluctantly). A child never quits either, if they want something they try , try , try, try again! As I heard my three year old nephew say grace , I felt a joy and received an understanding that I hadn't before. A child is **innocent**, and can stand in a white robe beside the lord. But what about us "adults"? Can we?

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Testimony

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Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our readers? We would love to hear what the Lord has done in your life that has provided you with a testimony to glorify his name! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemmanuel.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

I'll take you back

I'll take you back always
And even when your fight is over now
Even when your fight is over now
I'll take you back always
And even when the pain is coming through
Even when the pain is coming through
I'll take you back

Praise God in the highest! Thank you Father for your love is unending and your patience is greater than even my most terrible mistake or my lowest valley! You walk with me, protecting me, loving me, leading me and showing me each day how great your love for me is! Perhaps one of my favorite songs is this one by Jeremy Camp in which Jesus Christ speaks the worlds "I'll take you back, always"! How wonderful to know that God loves us, He knows we are weak, able to be tempted, that we will fall and fail along the way but as long as we repent and war with our sins, as long as we humble ourselves before Him and beg for forgiveness He will freely cover us in the grace of Christ Jesus! Those of you who have been traveling with us along the way may know that I have been blessed to post daily messages on the blog at www.myemmanuel.com/blog – since the day I rejoiced in posting the first video sermon about forgiveness I have been beaten down, kicked, stomped, and left for dead, as I write this now God has been true to His word as always, He has forgiven me! I have made mistakes over the past few weeks, God has not only forgiven me but restored me and is pulling me closer!

I am restored always through the love of the Father and the obedience of Christ Jesus, our Lord was fully free from sin, holy, wonderful, righteous, totally undefeated in the war He fought with temptation, Jesus defeated the coward in the wilderness and was never defeated, even as I am tempted and the cowards laugh at my pain and suffering the voice through the screams of pain remind me that I am removed from the wrath of God that I am free through my relationship with Jesus and each time I am restored and separate from the desires longer and longer, each time God puts me back on my feet stronger than before.

Are you beat down brother? Sister has the coward pained your heart? STAND UP, SHOUT GLORY AND PRAISE TO THE LORD! Praise Him for we are worthy of the fight, praise Him for we are NOT worthy of His love or forgiveness but HE LOVES US ANYWAY! God will restore you, remember that Jesus suffered more in His last days than you and I could ever understand or imagine, one drop of His holy pure blood provides forgiveness for every single last sinful thing we could ever even imagine doing, praise Him for providing the way back to Him, for pulling us back on our feet and allowing us to live and serve Him! Amen!!

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Outreach

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A hungry day in Dalton

Have you ever missed a meal? Have you ever missed a meal because you had to? Have you ever missed a meal because you didn't have anything to eat and no money to buy anything? Have you ever missed several meals? Have you ever went days without eating not knowing when or if you would ever get to eat? Friend hunger is a terrible, horrible, scary thing and it effects millions of people not just around the world but around the corner! We do our brothers and sisters starve while we are blessed in abundance? Why do people starve to death in the "greatest nation on earth"? Why can we go out and spend hundreds of dollars on things that don't matter while the person begging on the corner just wants a dollar to buy some food? "Its not my fault they are poor, I cant support people like that" **40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 40 KJV).**

Today I want to share with you the continued blessing we have been given to minister to those in need throughout the community, recently I won a Bose Soundlink system at work, I knew before I ever won the prize that it wouldn't be mine for long and after I won it I quickly began to try and sell it. For those of you who don't know the Bose Soundlink is a \$300 Bose system that sounds spectacular and I would have LOVED to keep it, but how could I keep something I had no need for when I could sell it and use it for the Lord? It took almost three weeks to sell it but I eventually sold it on eBay and was waiting for the payment to clear on PayPal. For those of you who don't know when you sell something on eBay you can accept payment through PayPal and the payment is held for up to 21 days unless the buyer gives you positive feedback, the item was delivered on the 3rd and as of about 9:05 am. Yesterday the payment had not been released for me to use yet, as I was walking into work my phone rang...

"Hey Daniel this is Ronnie, we met at the tent city and you told me to call you if I ever needed anything" the voice on the other end of the phone sounded ashamed but in need "look man I'm over here at the house staying with this guy and we don't have anything to eat in the entire house" my heart sank, not only was this brother calling me truly in need but I didn't think I had a way to provide for him... praise the Lord! After a few minutes on the phone with PayPal God blessed me with the payment being released, I was able to go to the store on lunch and pickup plenty of food for days for these men and was able to minister to two brothers very in much need. I reminded them why we were doing what we did then and I will remind you now, whatever you do to the least of his (Christ Jesus) brethren you are doing unto Him!

THINK ABOUT IT! Every time you pass someone you could help, every time you think its not your job or its not your fault, its not God's fault that you are a stained sinner in need of His forgiveness! God doesn't make you sin! God doesn't make you do the horrible things or think the horrible things you think, and yet... He forgives those who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior! I pray that you would never forget the importance of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. Think about it today as you pass someone in need, can you provide for that need? Would you want them to provide for yours? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

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Prayer and praise request!

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The “reviews” and “newly found ministries” sections have been combined in order to provide a new section to share prayer request from brothers and sisters, readers of The Good News of My Emanuel as well as to post praise request to glorify our Heavenly Father and give him praise for answering our prayers! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com with a prayer or praise request as well as on the Emanuel Connect feature at <http://www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect/index.php> under “Prayer request” or “Praise request”.

Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil, for the glory and the power of Your heavenly kingdom. Father we pray that you would lift up these prayer request and allow all who seek answers in prayer to receive You, for truly we know Father if we ask we shall receive. We ask that you would allow all those who read these words and prayers to pray for their brothers and sisters in Christ. Father we glorify and praise your name for these praise request and know that just as you answer our prayers we glorify your name even in the dark places! Praise you Father! In Jesus Christ beautiful name we pray, Amen.

Tonight we pray that God would continue to lift up brother Richard and the entire Webster family as they mourn the passing of his dad and our brother in Christ. Lord may you lift up and heal this family, may they rejoice for this brother in Christ is in the arms of our Lord and savior this day, God may you give them the peace in knowing they will see him again and forever live with freedom from losing him again in your wonderful kingdom!

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Vickie as she struggles to recover from pneumonia in both lungs, God may you heal her and protect her. For your glory Lord remind her you are in control and you are capable of healing any affliction!

Please be in prayer for our sister Juanita and her dad who is very ill and currently has double pneumonia and is terribly ill in the hospital. God may you use this situation for your glory and show them your power and grace, the great love you have for them and completely restore this brother and give his family strength to praise you through this storm.

Please be in prayer for all those who have reached out to me in need God knows those in need of prayer and those who have requested prayer from this ministry, God may you be the wonderful, all powerful, undefeatable God we know that you are and make your presence known in the lives you bless us to touch. For your glory we pray you would life up all those in need, Amen.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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Are you a leader or member of a God fearing ministry that puts the Lord Jesus Christ first in all they do? Do you have a website or blog that you post Christian messages or provide any type of ministry? Contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com to request that we add you to our bi-weekly newsletter.

Online Articles

<http://www.worldchallenge.org/en/node/1235> – The making of a man of God

Music

Never let you go - Manafest

Back in his arms again - Mark Schultz

Take me in - Kutless

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