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Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 17 KJV)

A brand new year!

For so many the new year brings hope of a better year than the last, brighter days with less heartache and more enjoyment, plans to live a better life in this year than the last, to give up bad habits, resolutions to change so much and as the days drag on that hope quickly fades and is replaced by the "not this again" sigh. I pray as you read this message that the Good News would be just as sweet in this 33rd edition as it was the 1st, just as sweet as it was over 2000 years ago when Christ rose from the dead on the 3rd day to show that God had accepted the sacrifice for our sins in the death of His only begotten Son of the cross! I pray the news would bring joy to your heart that in Christ those who trust in Him and accept Him as Lord and Savior, those who live for and in Christ are forever set free from the bonds of sin! As the title says this is truly a brand new year but only in Christ will you find the joy, the peace, and the comfort in knowing regardless of what happens in this life... Jesus Christ makes all things new! His mercies are abundant and new everyday! And those who trust in Him shall truly prevail! **And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.** (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 5 KJV)



Recommit

We all find our selves hurting and lost at some point in our life and by the grace and mercy of the Lord we are given redemption of sins as we are "born again" by the blood of Jesus Christ when we accept Him as Lord and savior. Its hard when after you know you've been born again and that you have accepted Christ when you find yourself fighting a struggle to understand how you've gotten back to a defeated feeling. Never forget the devil is a roaring lion looking for a soul to devour and he will relentlessly peruse this goal. You must remember once you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and washed by the blood of Christ you do need to be born again... you need to repent and return to Christ!

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

30 day challenge

I pray you would visit www.myemanuel.com/prayer and seek out God's purpose for not only your life but your marriage, your children, and all those you love! If you are hurting and desperately seeking the Hope... I can show you where to find Him! His name is Jesus Christ, you may not know Him but He has known you since creation! Will you rejoice eternally when you know Him?

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (John Chapter 7 verse 37-38 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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Both eyes on the cross

Have you ever seen a cartoon where there is a rickety bridge swinging over some crazy canyon where the boards are missing from the bridge and the person says to themselves or a friend “don't look down, don't look down”? Or what about when maybe you were learning to ride a bike and your dad held the seat and told you to keep your eyes forward and pedal, slowly you gained confidence before realizing your dad had let you go? Today I pray you would open your heart to this question: have you taken your eyes off the cross? Have you taken your heart off kingdom things and Christ honoring things and instead turned your focus and your passion to something else? Have you stopped waring against the world and begin to accept what before you wouldn't have? Have you forgotten that we are commanded by our Savior to pick up our cross and follow Him? **Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew Chapter 16 verse 24 KJV)** – notice that word “follow”... if you are following Christ then you must be focused on Christ to watch for any turns He may make, any sudden stops, any acceleration... to follow Him is to keep close to Him and to remain focused on Him always! Are you focused? Or has Christ taken a few right turns and you've totally fallen off the straight and narrow?

One sad thing among many that I see in the world today is a false Gospel that preaches everything about how God wants to “give, give, give” and yet seems to omit the part where we actually give something back... its hard for people to understand: we come to Christ and FREELY receive the gift of salvation when we accept Him as Lord and savior but the relationship doesn't end there... as the scripture says: **We love him, because he first loved us. (1 John Chapter 4 verse 19 KJV)** – after we have come to Christ and accept Him as Lord and Savior it is IMPOSSIBLE for us NOT to love Him... how could we not love the very one we have accepted over us as Lord and Savior knowing full well what He did for us? We love Him because He has demonstrated His love for us on the cross at Calvary! In our love what do we do? Do we say to our selves “ah, Jesus loves me... I can do what I want... He will understand!” Or do we realize the truth? God is our Abba, our Father in heaven, how desperately His children want to make Him proud! **He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (John Chapter 14 verse 21 KJV)** – obedience! We want to be obedient to the Father because of our great love for Him! What could we ever hope to give the Father, the Almighty who created everything and could never NEED anything from us? Everything we have to give... our selves! Fully committed and desperately seeking to be obedient!

Again I ask, have your eyes gotten off the cross? “I can love the Lord and still have a little fun...” my brother! My sister! “Fun”, what is “fun”? Is fun spending everyday knowing that regardless of what happens I am redeemed and forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ? Then I have so much fun I could never ask for more! Or do you define fun as “just a drink” or “just a look at that filth” or “its just a movie”? Don't be deceived brother, you can't have it both ways! Sister no one can serve to masters! **No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew Chapter 6 verse 24 KJV)** – are your eyes on the cross? Are you faithfully walking in obedience out of your great love for the Lord? Is there anything more important in your life than the Lord? Eliminate it. Is there anything that consumes time that could be spent in fellowship and worship of the Lord? Get rid of it. Is there anything that weighs on your mind that you can't let go of when you sleep? Put it in His hands! Don't allow yourself to create an idol out of your things, your job, your hobby, or anything else! In all that you do put Christ above ALL, before ALL, and in everything you do!

I leave you with this truth, if you have fallen and taken your eyes off the cross the Lord is so wonderful that He will forgive you! The devil is a liar! God can and will forgive those who humbly repent and ask for forgiveness, those who TURN from their sin and back to a full relationship in obedience and faith to the Lord. Notice this truth: **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. (Revelation Chapter 3 verse 19 KJV)** – has the Lord weighed heavy on your mind? Has the Lord been calling for you to let it go and trust in Him? Has the Lord called you to cast down and destroy your idol and put Him again in His

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rightful place in your life? Humbly seek Him, humbly approach Him, seek His rebuke, love His correction, and know that He is not done with you yet! So many people fear coming before the Lord knowing that they have sinned... rightly so and yet? Our Father is just and always be reminded: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John Chapter 1 verse 9 KJV)** – to recommit your life and turn from your selfish ways please visit www.mymanuel.com/recommit.html, the Lord will take you back but you must fully and humbly approach Him, He already knows so never try and hide anything!

If you do not have a personal relationship with Christ I pray you would visit www.mymanuel.com/iamready.html, the time is now, the time is short, the pain is abundant but in Jesus Christ all things are made new! Amen.

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Life impacting scripture

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19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. (James 2:19 KJV)

In this world , plenty of people believe in God. But our belief is not all that matters. Even the devil and all his demons believe in God and even tremble at his presence. Many Christians , and other people around the world have professed a belief in God. But Jesus himself describes a difference between us and other believers.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15 KJV)

Jesus tells us that if we love him, if we love God we will follow his commandments. He doesn't say you will think about it, he doesn't say you will run from your commitment. Jesus doesn't tell us it will be easy , or that every thing will be sunshine and rainbows, on the contrary.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 KJV)

This world doesn't want you to love God. To love and follow Jesus on the narrow path to salvation. It desperately wants to steal your hope and joy, to take you with it to hell. Misery loves company. This world hates you and wants you to destroy yourself in the pursuit of anything but Jesus.

No amount of sin can fill you, no amount of riches can sustain your life. Just look at all the football players making millions a year dieing or killing their selves! Look at all of the movie stars that overdose on drugs! All those famous people that commit suicide! Your looking for something. The reason only God can fill that hole? He made it to be so. No amount of evil can fill a Pure God shaped hole.

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6 KJV)

Jesus died for the world. To save you no matter who you are. No matter where you have been or what you have done. The devil can not hold you down! Christ is risen! Death where is your sting? Hell where is you victory?

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV)

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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@myemanuel.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

SIN NO MORE

God has recently made clear to me that the modern way of thinking in the church of “it doesn't matter what you do, God will forgive you” is half truth and a dangerous way to fool people in to thinking that after we are born again we can live our lives anyway we want. There is an important distinction that the Lord has opened my eyes to that I want to share with you because I think its critical to understand. As I often do I closed my eyes in question to the Lord where I should read next in the Word and even know I've read it several times before I felt as if the Lord wanted me to read 1 John. The Epistle of 1 John written by the Apostle of John happens to be one of my favorite and John is one of my favorite New Testament writers, as I read through the Epistle this scripture caught my eye: **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 John Chapter 3 verse 1 KJV)** – the reason that this caught my eye is that we are called by God after we have come to the knowledge of the truth to no longer walk in the fallen and wicked ways as we did before God revealed the truth to us. Putting it plainly as Jesus said: **SIN NO MORE - Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (John Chapter 5 verse 14 KJV)** – after receiving the truth that we must war with sin even to the point of death I realized that as sin is a beast we must fully dedicated our selves to the cause of glorifying our Father and trusting in the Holy Spirit to give us strength to overcome our fleshly desires!

Is that something new? No. Is fighting with sin a much more desperate struggle than I think the main stream church reminds us? Absolutely. In a message I was blessed to write the Lord revealed it to me this way: if while you are reading this message and someone broke in your home and you knew they were there to kill you... would you not fight, scream, yell, and do everything in your power to keep your life? So we must do with sin for the wages of sin is death but in Christ Jesus we are removed from the sinners death! Repent of any rebellion against the Lord and no longer walk in defiance of Him or His word. SIN NO MORE!

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Outreach

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Stay connected

This ministry God has blessed us to be apart of has many mediums to stay in touch with us at and it is my desire that you would find them easily. The following links and information are specific to major parts of the ministry, how to keep in touch, and different programs the Lord has blessed us with:

<http://www.myemanuel.com> – the ministry website

<http://www.myemanuel.com/blog> – the ministry blog updated on a regular basis with sermons, messages and more

<http://www.facebook.com/myemanuel> – the ministry Facebook page which is updated daily with whatever the Lord has put on our hearts as well as our daily scripture the Lord blesses us with

<http://www.facebook.com/myemanuelprayerteam> – the ministry prayer warrior page, an extension of the Facebook page and one where followers are encouraged to post prayer needs

<http://www.twitter.com/myemanuel> – the ministry Twitter page

<http://www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian> – the ministry YouTube page

In conjunction with the website the Lord has blessed us with the assistance of brothers and sisters to create a program intended to provide families and marriages with the Christ centered, Bible based counseling on marriage. We call the program the My Emanuel 30 day challenge and you can freely access the full program at <http://www.myemanuel.com/prayer>

Our purpose as a ministry is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ wherever and however we are blessed. Through the website online you can find several pages dedicated to sharing the Gospel and the plan of salvation:

<http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html> – page intended for those seeking a personal relationship with Christ.

<http://www.myemanuel.com/recommit.html> – page intended for those seeking to repent and return to a obedient relationship with the Lord.

<http://www.myemanuel.com/stop> – page intended to encourage those thinking of making the terrible and painful decision of suicide to think of the great love God has for them and His plan He has for their lives.

<http://www.myemanuel.com/withisreal.html> – page intended to remind everyone of our Biblical, God given command to stand with Israel and to pray for His Son to be made known to His chosen people.

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Prayer and praise request!

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Are you in need of prayer? Do you know someone who is? Please e-mail us today at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com with any prayer needs and feel free to also post them on our Facebook page for our prayer warriors at <http://www.facebook.com/myemanuelprayerteam>.

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.

Please continue to be in prayer for the persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Father may you protect, guide, and give strength to those who are persecuted, tortured, and murdered for your name.

Please be in prayer for the United States of America that God would rise up Godly, Christ honoring leaders who would truly surrender to His leadership and commandments. Father please be merciful and move mightily in the US and bring your people back to your truth!

Please be in prayer for all those who are lost and on their way to an eternal hell. Father may you use us, may you equip us, may you teach us, and show us how to reach all those who are willing to come to the full knowledge of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for all those women who are currently making the horrible decision to have an abortion. Father may you move mightily to convict the hearts and minds of women who have decided to give in to this abomination and may you give them strength to make Christ honoring choices.

Please be in prayer for the young children of the world. Father may you protect the children and remove them from the hands of the enemy. Make you encourage them and move them back to you in a mighty and powerful way.

Please be in prayer for the body of Christ. Lord may you convict and challenge the body of Christ to remain faithful and on fire for you in all that we do.

Please be in prayer that God would cast down false prophets and false leaders. Lord may you remove these stumbling blocks, convict their hearts, and turn the evil, selfish, heartless shepherds and bring them to you mightily.

Please be in prayer for the sick and needy. Father may you remember those in desperate need of healing and strength.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Martha. Lord may you be with this sister who has fought so hard for your kingdom and touch her in a powerful and mighty way. May you fully heal her body and protect her always.

Please be in prayer for the marriages and the lives hanging by a thread. Father may you soften the hearts of those in desperate pain and in need of your love and direct them to the only hope: You.

Please be in prayer for the Lord's will to be done throughout the earth and that God would move in a powerful and awe inspiring way. Father may you move among your beloved and shake us to the foundations of our rejection and fear. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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Books:

Men of the Bible by Dwight Lyman Moody – this amazing book is FREE on Kindle and is a great story of the God fearing men of the Bible. This book is amazing because the fact it speaks of the truth of these God fearing men and also walks you through a wonderful plan of salvation that is sure to grip any heart. This book is totally free on Kindle and surely a great read!

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