

# The Good news of My Emanuel

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1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" (Mark 1:1-3 NIV)

## The world is in need...

This week we are reminded that the world is truly in need of the love and grace of Jesus Christ! Friends your neighbors and all those around you are truly in need. They are in need of reminding of the great sacrifice and love that God has for them! They need to hear it in your words, see it in your actions, feel it as you stand with them against whatever the enemy can throw at them! Never forget that being a Christian is more than a reoccurring meeting on Sunday, it is a way of life! As we reflect on what it means to be Christian and the commands that the Lord gives us we ask that you would pray and the Lord would put on your heart to do more for your brothers and sisters! We would love for you to get involved with My Emanuel in any way that you can and would hope that you would check out

[www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html) and [www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html) to find out more information on how you can become a warrior for the Lord!

This week we ask that you would add us to your prayers and that you would see fit to help us provide with our latest gift to buy 25 \$12 vouchers for propane tank refills to provide warmth and cooking heat to those at the tent city in Dalton, Georgia! For only \$12 you can help provide warmth and love to those brothers and sisters in Christ that are in need! May the Lord have you pick up your phone and call us at 678-956-1005 – God bless you and your family and may you never turn from His love! Amen.



## 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.

## Get involved!

Become a warrior for the Lord by joining the My Emanuel prayer team! Simply "like" the My Emanuel Prayer team page on Facebook and remember those lifted up in your prayers everyday! Post any prayer request that are on your heart and truly believe that the Lord is true and powerful and He will answer all our prayers! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/My-Emanuel-Prayer-Team/214203368666951>

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11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11-12 NIV)

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# Weekly Sermon

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## Light of the World

In today's world there are Christians everywhere! Sports, TV shows, writing books, working in churches, working with children, teachers, scientists, politicians, as doctors, as phone technicians, as veterinarians, or even in the armed forces. We all have something in common, the saving blood of Jesus Christ covers us. Glory to God for His mercy but some have lost sight of what and who we are. We are not supposed to be saved but no different as people or in our actions.

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV**

**17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

We are to let go of old things, bad things and sin that was in our life. Someone shouldn't have to be told your a Christian to know it!

We also have duties to our saviors name and to the spread of it! We are examples to the world! If we walk around with a sad countenance, never do anything fun, always prickly and grumpy why would anyone emulate us? We also are watched by the whole world, when we sin or do bad things they say "...well if they can do it? Why not me?" You never entirely know who is watching or what they will copy you doing. And when we are doing good and being a light we shouldn't hide ourselves! Interact, and help change! If someone sees you going to church and then doesn't notice any change why would they go?

### **Matthew 5:14-16 NIV**

**14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

DO NOT misunderstand however, we are not to be good as this world's definition is! We are to be good as the definition and commandments tell us in the bible! We are not of this world and do not hold to its standards!

### **John 15:18-20 NIV**

#### **The World Hates the Disciples**

**18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' [a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.**

Jesus was hated by many because He convicted people of their wrongs, he wasn't 'politically correct' but loving and He didn't want any to perish or continue to sin. We are to strive to be Christ-like (Christians)

If you were to be arrested today, would they have enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian or would you get off as an unbeliever?

Just know that God is to come first, not any thing before Him. If you do you won't necessarily be hit with lightning or run over. But one day you will confess and have to explain your actions and your timetables to an all knowing God.

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**Luke 10:27 KJV**

**27And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**

If you were on trial would you have any thing more to be convicted on then a cross and a name, Christian?

Repent once again brother and sisters and seek God with all that you are!

**Matthew 3:2 KJV**

**2And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

## Life impacting scripture

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**37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 37-40 NIV)**

Have you ever wondered what your church does to help the community? Or have you ever thought “maybe my family and I should help that person holding that sign”? The honest and terrible truth is that even whole churches have forgotten the responsibility of the church. The church is the body of Christ! And because we are the body we must truly be the entire body! Only things that would come from His mouth should come from ours! Only things that He would do should we do! The slogan of the 90's “What would Jesus do?” is a wonderful thought that we should all have every time the opportunity to have a thought presents its self!

Let me be frank in saying that the church and the brothers and sisters that go to them are a sad excuse for the “church”. We spend hundreds of thousands or possibly millions of dollars building churches that will never be used for anything other than Sunday and Wednesday service. We spend all our time worrying about how what we are going to say is going to effect people instead of understanding that if we are speaking the truth of the Lord and following the Word of God that it really doesn't matter what anyone thinks. The bottom line is this, this scripture in Matthew exposes a huge portion of “Christians” who forget that it is our responsibility to help our brothers and sisters! Regardless of how you may feel about someone if you get the chance to help them, to feed them, to clothe them, to minister to them you should! You should glorify the holy name of the Lord and share the love He has so freely given you! That He has so wonderfully given us all!

Friends today I challenge you this, next time you see someone in need in anyway, stop, pray, ask yourself and ask the Lord what He would have you do, and do it with all your heart! Is it sharing left overs with those with no food? Is it sharing clothes that you no longer wear or giving away old shoes? Is it giving money? Is it sharing your testimony? Whatever the Lord calls you to do friends it is time to shut up and put up. Shut your mouth about what you would like to do or what the church should do and if it is truly something that is for the glory of the Lord do it! Pray for His strong hand to lead the way and do it!

We teach our children to “share” yet we can't share? We teach our children to be loving and helpful around the house yet we can't be helpful out in the world? Quit being a hypocrite and saying its not your responsibility, the truth is simple, it is! Do what the Lord has commanded of you as a follower of His wonderful and holy ways and quit waiting for someone else to do it for you! May the Lord show you the way and remind you of all that He would have you do, may your heart open and your eyes see the things the Lord would have you do!

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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@myemaneul.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com) if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!*

### READY YOURSELF

Friends I don't claim to be a prophet, I am not old and wise, the Lord has not revealed anything to me that is hidden from the rest of humanity, and yet today I come bearing this message: Ready yourself. Ready yourself and your family, the Lord is begging to slowly pull the curtain from our eyes! A few weeks or maybe even a few months ago I was sitting in my car on lunch at work and I begin to cry as I begin to hear over and over again in my mind: "Daniel there is no more time for you to get ready, the time is here, you must be ready" and with that I begin to realize Revelations is coming true in front of our very eyes!

Regardless of what you believe and what you may or may not know about me the fact is simple, the Lord said He is going to return, I believe that He is going to return, and the things He said that must happen before He returns are the very same things I read in the headlines of major news outlets. From around the world I see death, famine, plagues, natural disasters, and death on a massive scale of which the world has never seen. I see unrest and uprisings, wars, rumors of wars, financial uncertainty, riots, and everything that every horror movie I have ever seen depicts. The fact is these things are connected, "you are just a religious nut" your thinking right now, have you ever read Revelations? I didn't think so...

Friends if you have read the word of God and studied the book of Revelations you know that truly the thing that I heard in my ind that brought me to tears is true, there is no more time! Repent friends, make the paths straight for the Lord for truly His vision for every second of everyday is always passing and every second brings us closer to His glorious return! A lot of very terrible things are and will happen before His return and you must be prepared! Prepare with prayer, with Bible study, with fellowship and by turning your life and all your worries over to the Lord!

Tomorrow is not guaranteed and always remember the Lord is coming like a thief in the night!

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## Outreach

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We are continuing to reach out to the men and women of the tent city in Dalton Georgia as they are still in desperate need. This week I have had the honor and blessing of serving the Lord and touching these brothers in need and it is horrible to think how many are truly in need! Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we ask the Lord to provide us with \$300 so that we may purchase 25 \$12 vouchers to refill the propane tanks these brothers and sisters use for heat and to cook with.

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currently in the community through our projects; Project: Share the Good News (our mission to freely distribute the Word of God to all in need through donations) and Project: Stay warm with Jesus (our mission to provide jackets, clothes, shoes, etc. to all those in need so they may stay warm). Please check out [www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html) and [www.myemanuel.com/donations.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/donations.html) to find out more about how you can help! May the Lord remind you that it is our responsibility to help our brothers and sisters in need and that truly whatever we do to the least of His kingdom we have done to Him!

Thank you for your continued support and prayer for My Emanuel and may God bless us and continue to use us to touch any in need. If you know of anyone in need in your area please contact us anytime and we will pray and do whatever we can to touch those truly in need for the glory of our wonderful Lord. God bless you and thank you again.

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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](mailto: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 ask that you would pray for those men and women who are without homes, food, clothes, and all the things that we all take for granted everyday. We pray that the Lord would provide hope and faith for those truly in need and without. Lord please continue to use us to glorify Your name and show Your great love to all those in need.

Tonight we ask that you be in prayer for our brother. May the Lord work on His heart and remind him that truly he is already known to the Lord and that all he must do is call on His mighty name and the Lord will forgive him for any transgressions and shortcomings.

Please be in prayer for all those who are sick and need to be healed. May the Lord be with their bodies and with their souls and provide the healing that only He can.

Please continue to be in prayer that the Lord will allow the church to arise and remember what we forgot long ago, that our lives are to be for Him and to seek Him and glorify Him with everything we do, say, and think.

Tonight we have a special prayer for you that the Lord would touch your heart and continue to open your eyes. Friend the Lord is waiting to provide you the greatest gifts you could ever imagine, all you must do is call on His wonderful name and humble yourself before Him!

Father in Heaven we pray that you would lift up all these prayers and all those of the people in need. Lord truly you know every need for those reading and we pray that you would touch them, heal them, guide them, and in Jesus Christ name that you would remind them of their responsibility to you and to their families. 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](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) to request that we add you to our bi-weekly newsletter.*

Audio Bible at Bible Gateway - <http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/audio/>

### **Movies**

Courageous – This movie is absolutely amazing and will move your soul. Tonight my wife and I watched it for the very first time and if you are a dad this will absolutely be a great watch for you. Praise the Lord for reminding me tonight of my responsibility as a dad and the leader of my household He has blessed me with. Please see this movie it will be worth it!

### **Music**

Leaving Eden-Brandon Heath

Long Black Train- Josh Turner

Amazing Grace- Celtic Thunder

Great I Am- New Life Worship

### **New ministries**

Bible Senders - <http://www.facebook.com/myemanuel#!/pages/Bible-Senders/153220330655>

WinShape camps! - <http://www.winshape.com/>

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