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1The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; 2As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Mark Chapter 1:1-3 KJV)

Awake from your slumber!

As I see the apostasy of the church grow I can only stand by and mourn praying for a genuine revival and that God's hand would come over the church in a mighty way. With some "Christians" now saying gay marriage is OK, some saying that sex before marriage and out of marriage, some saying that God should not be taught to children, some saying that Christians worship the same god as muslims, the corruption of the church is increasing and becoming so terrible that not a week goes by that I don't see something that makes me sick, that makes my spirit grieve, that makes the Holy Spirit with-in me truly sorry for the sad condition of the church. How can the body be effective if the church is so stuck in neutral that we cannot make traction against the evil that is engulfing this world like a tsunami? We cannot. This day I pray you would remember this warning: **15I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. (Revelation Chapter 3 verse 15-16 KJV)** – God doesn't want your double minded, halfhearted, self centered, self righteous worship... He wants you to be hot for Him, zealous for Him, with a love for Him second to NONE. Awake! Awake! Awake!



Between newsletters

It is our desire to glorify God and share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with anyone, anywhere, who God blesses us to touch! If you wish you could hear from My Emanuel in-between newsletters there are many ways you can follow us and see what God is giving us to share for His glory daily, please take this time to "like" us on facebook at www.facebook.com/myemanuel – you can subscribe to the blog at www.myemanuel.com/blog – "follow" us on twitter at www.twitter.com/myemanuel – or subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian, you can also see previous newsletters at www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html.

My Emanuel Connect

Are you looking for a clean, easy, God first forum to connect with fellow believers from around the world? My Emanuel Connect

<http://www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect> is a wonderful way to find believers from around the world and ask questions about your walk, discuss things that effect your faith, and to reach out to family around the world!

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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Weekly Sermon

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Our God Is Love

Everyone has seen strangers, people they don't know. Every one has met others they cant stand, people they think are useless and some even have those they hate. Others go around saying look at what that persons doing! "He should be ashamed of himself " or "She calls herself a christian?".

There are the alcoholics, the bullies, the slackers, the bums. There are the rude people , the people who cant seem to do anything right, those who have emotional problems and those who just hate the world. There are those who judge everyone, those who lie constantly, those who gossip, those who are suck ups. There are the killers, the rapists, the bank robbers, the politicians. There are the misers, the big spenders, the waste full and the frugal. There are fat people, skinny people, small people, big people. People with high pitched voices, and those with low voices. Men that look like women and women that look like men. There are the slobs and the super clean people. There are sick people and there are healthy people. There are Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and other religious peoples. There are sinners and there are saints. You know what they all have in common? Every. Single. One. Is. Loved. By. God.

John 3:16 KJV

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

When Jesus poured out his blood on the cross he was thinking of you! There was no discrimination between anyone! God LOVES the ENTIRE world.

We have no right to turn away from anyone. We are never better then anyone. EVERYONE is our brother and sister. If we think we are better then them we have already proved ourselves wrong. If God did not condemn us why would he want us to condemn anyone else? Next time you want to point a finger, look at yourself. Have mercy on those around you and Love like Jesus. Just remember you used to be that outcast, you used to be that lost cause!

Luke 6:36 KJV

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Our only right we had before God gave us was an all expenses paid trip to hell. But he forgave us! He had mercy on us! He loves us all! How great is his love that he would forgive us?! **Jesus took the beating, the torture, the cross and the nails we rightly deserved!**

God doesn't hate you, as some misled Christians would have you believe, he doesn't hate sinners. He hates SIN. We are cleaned from our sin by the blood of the lamb! God loves you, yes you reading this. He wants to talk to you, to love you, to bless you and to lead you. He wants to be your world as you are his! Don't listen to the lies any more!! YOU CAN BE FREE!

John 8:36 KJV

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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Life impacting scripture

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3Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah Chapter 1 verse 3 KJV)

Life seems like a carousel sometimes... it just keeps going around and around and around... then suddenly it stops, it always stops! I was reading through the book of Zechariah this week and I was surprised to find this scripture and I want to share it with you now so you can really think about it. God tells us "turn ye unto me" fair enough... turn to God, pray to Him, seek Him, respect Him, fear Him, love Him, and then He goes on to say "and I will turn unto you". Did you catch that? God is telling us something important, very important, and giving us a warning of sorts... turn to me and I'll turn to you, fair enough so if we turn to Him in prayer and seek Him, we will find Him! That is a wonderful promise! We can rest assured that if we seek God consistently and with all our heart and all our strength and all our soul we will find Him, but what happens if we turn our back on Him and refuse to turn back to Him? What happens if a city does? What happens if a state does? What happens if a country does? What happens if the world does? Judgment.

God is warning us that if we do not turn back to Him, He will not turn back to us, the Lord goes on to say throughout the Old Testament that those who rebel against God and refuse to repent will be judged accordingly, do you really want to know whats up with the weather? Floods? Drought? Hurricane force winds minus the hurricane? Deadly natural disasters in a way the world can neither understand nor did the world "expect"? Didn't God already make this promise? **19But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. 21And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? 22And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. (2 Chronicles Chapter 7 verse 19-22 KJV)** – how can I control a city, a state, a country, or the world?? You can't. You can however control yourself, you can lead your family, you can be the light for your friends, you can bring glory and honor unto the Lord with your words, your actions, your thoughts, and your heart!

This day I warn you that God will judge every single man, woman, and child who knows right from wrong. God is a righteous and a just God, He is the Good Judge but He is the judge nonetheless and I promise you that every idle word, every evil thought, every wicked deed will be judged and repaid, only those who are born again and justified by faith in Christ will be free from the eternal damnation that comes from anything else. The judgment hand of God is and will continue to be stretched out against this world, this country, so many states and cities, your family can only trust in the Lord this day that He may hear your cries and your prayers and protect your family. I pray you would understand God is in control, God will win the victory, none can stand before Him or against Him, it is only by His love and grace we have had this long, won't you turn to Him today? Won't you pray at your meals, pray before bed time, pray in the morning and walk constantly without ceasing in prayer for the Lord?? God will touch those homes that do and as His word promises: if you will turn unto me I will turn unto you!! Amen.

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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!

The Devil is a Liar with a Golden Tongue

I had recently stopped talking to a girl that I cared very much for. It wasn't working out and I felt it would be better to just leave it alone and stop praying for it.

This week while I was at work a picture came into my head that hurt my heart so bad I could almost not stand it. I desire a family very much so it was like a cut to my heart. The picture was of me in a tuxedo and the girl I had been talking to was dressed in a white dress holding flowers. We were both smiling and obviously had just been married. She then leaned up to kiss my chin. Then a voice said I can give you this if you want it. I said "Father I don't want that anymore" The voice responded and said "I'm not your father" This was the voice of Satan! He then proceed to offer me very nice cars, money and riches, the perfect muscular body, and even told me if I didn't want that girl I could have any other! Satan cannot read our minds but you must remember who he is! He was Gods once most powerful angel! He has been tempting men for centuries and he knows our desires. He has a golden tongue. He can make you believe any thing and make ANYTHING sound good! He can make sin look unimaginably tempting. If you eat this apple it will be delicious and you will surly not die. He reminded me he was the king of this world and he could give me anything I wanted.

I commanded him away several times but I was actually contemplating his offer! This was a mistake believe me! As I was trying to do what I knew to be biblically right and spiritually right the Holy spirit said " Remember Satan is a Liar." Then any contemplating was over! The scripture I had needed had finally come.

John 8:44 KJV

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Remember we cannot serve two masters and we cannot partake with the Lord and demons.

1 Corinthians 10:21 KJV

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

When you are tempted remember reading this.

Satan IS. ALWAYS. A. LIAR!

If you know that he is a liar you will fight the temptation stronger. Never give into his lies. Run to God and the Truth. And pray that you fall not into temptation for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

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Outreach

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Angel's Food

This week I was blessed to meet a brother in Christ and again I am humbled by the Lord that God can use anyone and everyone from the furthering of His kingdom. This week I was helping a customer with the company that I work with a older man and woman and I must admit to you now that I was at first a bit frustrated as the customer took a little more time than I normally like to give and seemed very indecisive at times. After a talking with the customer I came to find out her husband who was with her suffered from Alzheimer's and she asked me to speak slowly to him as we were talking... the customers would end up leaving that day and coming back a few days later with the product I had ordered them.

After getting the product setup and ready to go the husband asked to see another product that we offer and as I was demonstrating that product I showed them the Bible software available because it is one that I frequently use... after a nice conversation I came to find out that not only was the Bible a wonderful topic for me but turns out this brother, this older brother in Christ who suffers from Alzheimer's is not only a brother in Christ but the preacher of a local church and the writer of a local article in a newspaper! How wonderful to know that God purposefully put this person in my midst for many reasons I can see and once again He humbled me to remind me that He has used murderers, adulterers, drunks, drug addicts, and every single type of person that has or ever will exist to demonstrate His power, His grace, His ability to save and to change! I am a little embarrassed to admit that I ever even had a second of impatient with this brother and sister in Christ but I praise God for allowing me to meet them and get to know them more!

Reverend David Henderson is a wonderful man and I pray you would reach out and view His monthly devotional called "Angels Food" on the Daily Citizen website, you can view one such article here: <http://daltondailycitizen.com/local/x234180352/Column-G-David-Henderson-Do-humans-really-become-angels-after-death>

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Prayer and praise request!

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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 be in prayer for our sister in Christ Chelsea that God may touch her heart and remind her of His grace and love. Lord may you touch this sister and convict her of anything that is keeping her from you and the wonderful life you have in-store for her.

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Timothy that God may continue to restore and heal this brother totally. God may you continue to use this brother for your glory and continue to give him strength and patience while your plan is put in place.

Please be in prayer for the leaders, the preachers, the Evangelist, the deacons, the layman, and all those of the body of Christ that God would pour out the Holy Spirit, open the eyes of even the hardest hearts in the church and remind us all of His wonderful promise: He will return for His people.

Please be in prayer for all of the marriages around the world as I can see the horrible pressure that is mounting on the institution of the family that God has created, the perfectness of the family, God may you be with all the marriages around the world and may they honor you with their lives. Lord may you continue to remind the world that marriage is in fact one man married to one woman as defined by your eternal world.

Please be in prayer for our brothers Brian, Christian, and Alex that God would heal their hearts and continue to keep these brothers strong. Lord its not over until you say its over, may you heal these marriages and give them strong conviction to fall on their knees and seek you more!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Derek, our sisters in Christ Vickie and Courtney that God would remind them of their wonderful gift that He has given them, may they boldly seek Him and honor Him with their lips, hearts, and lives. God may you heal these brothers and sisters and bring them back to you strongly.

May God open the eyes of the "body of Christ" that we may see the things that grieve the Holy Spirit in our lives that we may eliminate them and seek to know Him more.

Please continue to be in prayer for the United States of America that God would heal this country, that God would rid us of the ungodly leaders and replace them with men and women of God who will be obedient and lead this country closer to the only hope we have: Christ.

Please be in prayer that God would soon return and drive away the darkness and evil that has begun to encircle the earth.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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