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

Building pressure

Lately I have noticed that an abundance of my brothers and sisters find themselves struggling in their walk, including myself, as if some mysterious wall was being built between us and the goal we seek: to share the Gospel with all we are blessed to interact with. I have seen many things posted on facebook, heard many things, seen many things, and felt many things that I believe to be the forces of darkness working against all those who faithfully serve the Lord. I want you to understand this truth and treasure it in your heart, the devil knows the time is drawing near where he will be totally defeated and cast into the void during the millennium kingdom of Christ and just as the scripture warns he is trying to destroy and lead as many astray as he possibly can before the glorious second coming of Christ: **12**Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (Revelation Chapter 12 verse 12 KJV) – take heart brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord for the victory is assured! Know that the wall, the enemy, the darkness must flee from the light! Pray without ceasing!



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.

Ready yourself!

Friends the time is quickly approaching where all will know the glory of the Lord God Jehovah and tremble before His awesome power. Far too often we forget the God we serve has the power over all things and is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – there is nothing without Him and all things are made through and for Him. The time to know Him more is now! I pray you would visit www.myemanuel.com/raptureroom.html for the great time of sorrows is almost upon us!

39And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40**And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? **41**And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (Mark Chapter 4 verse 39-41 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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The Hunger

John 4:14 (KJV)

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Have you ever felt a need for something, a hunger, a desire, so strong it ached? Yet you didn't know what it was? You may have found that special person in your life, that great job with awesome pay, you have the house of your dreams, kids, a boat. You go on vacations. You have everything you ever wanted. So why aren't you happy you ask? Because your looking in the wrong place.

No man no women, no thing ,no pet, no place, nothing can replace our need, our souls want, our hearts one true desire. God.

People wonder why they are so empty. They have all they could imagine but still cannot seem to be happy, to be pleased or to be filled. They always want more!

Now there are plenty of times when people say "Hey! I AM happy! I like my life just like it is!" But their not, they are DISTRACTED. You can ignore what you want or truly desire when your distracted by other things. You might use work to distract you. You could use friends and parties. You could use school, you could even use drugs and alcohol. Yet there's always something missing!

You can run from him. From his love. But you will never find what your looking for. You will never be happy without him. Only God can fill us, can teach us, can heal us, can bring us through any trial, through any fire. Only when you have found God will you have found peace, peace beyond all understanding.

Allot of things in life are good. But they become evil when they consume you or replace God. Nothing is ever more important then God, nothing can ever replace him (an idol).

You don't have to be ashamed. You don't have to keep running. No matter what you think you've done, God loves you unconditionally. He will take you back! All he asks is that you humble yourself! Repent of your wrong!

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

Before the beginning of time, before you were even born God knew your sins you would commit. But he loved you anyway, he sent his Son Jesus, to die in your place! Remember he came to save sinners!

Luke 5:32 (KJV)

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

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Life impacting scripture

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1And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation Chapter 21 verse 1-4 KJV)

Its often hard to imagine the fulfillment of this scripture and it makes my soul jump for joy simply knowing that not only is there an end to the terrible, evil, sinful life that we face each day but also that the creator of the universe will one day soon descend from heaven to spend eternity with the people that He created in His image! This scripture is so wonderful because not only do we forever dwell with the creator of all things but we will no longer face death, no more tears, no crying, pain, or anything that we hate about this life. Can you think about it? Close your eyes and think of the happiest time in your life and multiply it be a billion, then we are just a fraction of what this time in history will actually be!

I need you to understand tho the hard truth... not everyone will see this wonderful scripture come to fulfillment. The scripture is very specific about those who will forever dwell with the God of creation, those who are redeemed by the blood of the holy lamb Jesus Christ will be the only ones who dwell for eternity! I need you to understand the same God of this wonderful scripture is the God who said: **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. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John Chapter 3 verse 16-18 KJV)** – if you don't have a personal relationship with Christ I promise you that just as scripture promises wonderful things to those who will be there the things it promises for those who won't be there are the exact opposite and the most horrific things you could ever imagine. I want to ask you this simple question today, do you have a relationship with Christ? Will you experience the wonderful things promised for those who are sanctified by the blood of Christ? Will the promises for the faithful pour out upon you? Or will you be condemned to the hell prepared for the devil and his followers? If you aren't sure, its time to get on your knees and find out!

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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!

What do you believe?

This weekend I had an experience that was both humbling and eye opening. As I sat and begin to talk about the recent passing of the obamacare health law with an family member the conversation begin to have many twist and turns as we discussed politics, the lack of leadership, the lack of team work, the injection of partisan politics into ever facet of government, religion, and so on and so forth... during this conversation I was caught many times without the proper information at hand to backup what I was saying and I was both disheartened, humiliated, and even a little frustrated that I had let myself be overcome in a debate not having the scripture and things that I needed memorized to talk about what I was talking about... I wasn't prepared...

As I look back on this conversation now I know that if I could I would do it over again, and that I would spend much more time thinking before I spoke, much more time praying before I begun to quote beliefs based off scripture, and that I would pray entirely for the Holy Spirit to use the opportunity to reveal through the scripture the things that I was speaking of. In essence I learned that I should not only be much more careful when I speak but also I should be much more careful of what I speak about until I am absolutely sure I am doing what the Lord would have me do and that He is with me. The old saying "think before you speak" has never rang truer and I genuinely believe that God used this experience to humble me to the point where I know that I don't know nearly enough about scripture, and that some people even with the best intentions can misunderstand scripture and even appear knowledgeable about what they are talking about.

This brother in Christ taught me a lesson that I will not forget and I thank God for it now even know then I was angry because the Holy Spirit did not fill me up. I also know now more than ever that the Holy Spirit is not going to burst forward for a "I know more than you" match for He will come forth when we are accused by those who deliver us up to murder us.

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Outreach

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25 years

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting a brother in Christ named John, I met John at a Hardee's restaurant as I was getting lunch and as God always demonstrates nothing is by mere chance! As John and I begun to talk about the weather soon we were both sharing our testimony with one another and it was both refreshing and powerful to remember that God doesn't use the "perfect" or "righteous" people, God uses the people who are broken, defeated, dumb, ignorant, uneducated, drug addicts, alcoholics, adulterers, blasphemers, murderers, God uses the broken to demonstrate as the scripture plainly states: **17When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Mark Chapter 2 verse 17 KJV).**

John's testimony is powerful and came as bit of a surprise as he is an older black man who seems a bit quirky to me as he wanted lemon with his tea! As we spoke John told me that at one point he was a drug addict, alcoholic running lose and fast with women and gambling, that was 25 years ago before the Lord got a hold of him! Now John is getting ready to celebrate a quarter century with his wife, he has been working for the Lord as an evangelist for just as long and I can tell his love and passion for the Lord are burning hot with-in him! What a refreshing thing to meet a brother who is proud to share his faith with someone who may be a complete strangers to some but like looking into a mirror for we both know how it is to be lost, broken, and totally in need of a complete change... the change that only God can and has provided!

Today I pray that you will understand how wonderful it is to share your testimony, to share the Gospel, to get to know a "complete stranger" as you will find time and time again you can help refresh a brother or sister with your testimony, you can allow the light to rage forward as you speak of the Lord Jesus Christ and people can hear and see the joy and even know they may not yet understand they will absolutely seek the dumb joy that can only be found in a relationship with our savior! I pray you will proudly proclaim and boldly speak of Jesus every time you have the opportunity, that your words would glorify the Lord, and that you would be proud to be saved and redeemed by the God of creation!

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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.

Please pray for the leaders and government of America that God would intercede and would allow both believers and the lost and dying to understand the powerful judgment currently coming against America due to turning away from the One True God.

Please pray that God would move in American churches and provide a revival of epic proportions that the body of Christ would be flaming hot and bold for His holy name, may we spread the Gospel to all those desperately in need.

Please continue to be in prayer for our brother in Christ Timmy, myself, and the My Emanuel ministry that God would continue to be active and use us to share the wonderful news of Christ, that He would continue to allow us to draw closer to Him, and to glorify His name in all that we do.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Kim and our brother in Christ Jason that God would touch this marriage, that God would totally restore and heal the wounds caused by the powers of darkness, may the light shine with this family and totally restore and heal all the wounds and hurt.

Please be in prayer for our sister Deborah that God would totally heal her body and for His glory reveal Himself to her that she may know He is God, He is all powerful, capable of everything and anything!

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Brandy and Mike that God would continue to work a miracle in this family and heal the pain and suffering. May Christ burn hot with-in them both and may they feel Him always.

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Cassie that God would continue to heal her marriage and God would continue to do a miracle with-in her family and bring them closer to God.

Please continue to be in prayer for all our brothers and sisters who are afflicted and murdered around the world, God may you be with your people and be zealous for them and their safety!

Please be in prayer that God would be merciful with this world as He prepares to rage forth and reveal His glory!

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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.

Movies:

The Passion – Perhaps one of the most powerful works reflecting the capture, torture, and crucifixion of Jesus this movie brings me to tears from start to finish, how wonderful that this movie is in the native tongue of Jesus which is believed to be Aramaic which was considered a dying language. With not needed English sub-titles you can watch and truly begin to understand just how horrific the death for our sins truly was.

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