

# 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)

## Peace!

Often I wonder how so many people could refuse the peace and awesome power of knowing that their eternity is assured and they are free from the sin that holds them in bondage. Some people can't even admit when they've been wrong to their friends much less so someone they pretend doesn't exist. There are so many wonderful things that a relationship with Christ provides that I could spend a lifetime trying to tell you them all and I would not be able to list the wonderful blessings of God! The fact of the matter is that God doesn't just promise us eternal life through our relationship with Christ but Christ Himself promises us peace for our souls! How wonderful to know that we serve a God who loves us so much that He provides for our every need, that He listens when we pray, and that He wants us to be at peace with Him? The peace can only be found through Jesus the Christ! Friends today I want to ask you this question, what are you waiting for? Today God has blessed you to read this message and through this message you can choose to accept His free gift! Don't wait any longer for God alone knows the days of your life but know they are numbered! Please visit [www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/iamready.html) to start your relationship with Christ today!



## 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.

## What is the rapture?

Learn more about the rapture, the coming tribulation, mark of the beast and much more. Folks if you don't know or have never read this it is critical! Please visit [www.myemanuel.com/raptureroom.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/raptureroom.html) for more information and on links, discussion threads, and more! Make ready for the time is near!

**2The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. (Psalm Chapter 18 verse 2 KJV)**

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## Weekly Sermon

Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

### The darkness must flee

When you turn a light on, the shadows run quickly away as the light fills a room, when you turn your cars lights on at night, the light pierces through the darkness, when you see a fire in the dead of darkness the flames drive away darkness, where there is light darkness must flee for the two cannot be near one another! In this world the father of lies the devil has turned so many things to darkness that sometimes its hard to find the light and if you ever forget the true source of light the darkness will surround you, try and penetrate you, and if possible destroy you. **1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John Chapter 1 verse 1-5 KJV)** – the light of the world and the hope of all mankind is the Christ Jesus, Lord and savior of all! Faith in Christ does not mean that the darkness will not exist, it doesn't even mean that the darkness won't surround you and try to destroy you what it means that the light of Christ will shine through you and your faith, the darkness won't be able to consume you! The world won't understand you because the light that shines with-in you is not of the world but of God and the light will hurt those of darkness and those who hate the light!

Being apart of the light means being a child of the Most High through adoption in Jesus Christ for the Lord willingly laid down His life for you on the cross at Calvary and died that you may live! **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)** – once you accept Christ as your Lord and savior and confess your sins to Him the light is light with-in your soul and the Holy Spirit indwells with-in you as you are a holy temple for the Spirit of truth. The light with-in you should grow! The light should become a raging fire for the Lord and should grow each day, through prayer and Bible study the small fire the sways back and forth will become a raging fire that cannot be quenched and cannot be stopped, and as you resist the devil this promise is made: **7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James Chapter 4 verse 7 KJV)** – Resist the devil! Pray without ceasing! Don't give into temptation and eventually the devil will flee from you and try and destroy someone else! Never forget that the devil will never stop trying even if he leaves you for a good time rejoice in the Lord for the peace but know that he will always return to test you and to try an destroy you again and again!

Never let anyone fool you, people try and beat down Christians as “holier than thou” when Christians chose not to participate in crude conversations as we are commanded, when we chose not to humor things that are not glorifying to God, and when we run from things that try to extinguish or to take away kindling to that fire the world heaps abuse on us! **4Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you (1 Peter Chapter 4 verse 4 KJV)** – rejoice when the world attacks you this way! For truly the world hates the light! When people speak evil of you because the light that burns with-in you never forget that the servant is not greater than the master! As they hated Christ surely they will hate us! Never forget the truth that started at the creation of light: **3And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (Genesis Chapter 1 verse 3-4 KJV)** – God created both light and darkness but only says anything about the light which is to say “it was good” and doesn't say that He “liked the darkness too” but only that He created it. My point is simple, God created the light and the fire that burns with-in you, He loves you and desperately wants to provide the kindling for that fire to drive the darkness farther and farther away! He can only do that with prayer and with Bible study, with obedience and faith in His word! God wants to separate you farther and farther from the darkness just as He did at creation and wants to protect you from the darkness from trying to destroy you but you must remain faithful and kindle your fire every second of every day! Praise Him! Thank Him! Trust Him!

The darkness will come, just as at the end of each day the sun sets and the darkness begins to creep in so in our lives the darkness will creep in and we will be attacked. God must be our strong tower and our refuge the place that we seek safety or we will be destroyed. If we stand against the enemy under our own strength we

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will fall to the enemy for God is the only strength that helps us to resist and defeat the enemy for His glory! God is the only way to protect our fire from those rainy seasons and to protect it from the darkness as it screams towards us when the sun sets! Never forget that the "Son" is the light of this world and He dwells with-in every single believer on earth, we should always rejoice in the fact that the Spirit lives with-in us and help strengthen every brother and sister! Remind one another of the great joy and unending life that has been given to us freely out of the grace and love of God the Father through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus! As I go I beg of you to take joy in the Lord and remember this truth: **13But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18Wherefore comfort one another with these words.** (1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verse 13-18 KJV)

## Life impacting scripture

Timothy Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

### **Isaiah 55:8 (KJV)**

**8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**

Have you ever thought before “ hey this will turn out great!” or “this person needs to hear what they are doing wrong!” or “I need to do this for their good!”.

A mans ways are not Gods ways. Something we see as good might end horribly. A harsh word we think someone needs to hear. An action to provoke an emotion. Then it backfires!

You could have nothing but good intentions. You could even be confused by it backfiring. But something you say I might take as an attack on my character. You could have meant something in jest or against yourself and I might take it personally. Remember we have to be careful what we do and say. We must do everything as godly people. And remember a little can go a long way!

### **Galatians 5:9 (KJV)**

**9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**

Also as Christians we are told to be the salt of the earth! Now think about that. When you use salt in food you use just a pinch here or a spoonful there. You don't pour all your salt in one meal! That would taste horrible and be overpowering. But if you put in just enough you get a good flavor and maybe a little hunger for more.

We as Christians are called to action , there is no denying this. How ever we are to be like Jesus. Jesus was not a man of an excess of words, or outlandish amounts of work and actions. He didn't cause a fuss or start an uprising. He in fact was gentle, like a shepherd

### **Matthew 12:18-20 (KJV)**

**18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.**

**19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.**

**20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.**

Remember God is above all the universe. He can see things we cant see. Hear a plea we know nothing about. Hear a crying spirit. A thirsty heart. He knows every action , thought and meaning. He knows a mans heart. We can do works, but remember.

**Its Gods way, Not my way.**

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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!*

### **Blessings pour out**

It never ceases to amaze me that God loves me always, even when I've messed up! When I'm walking strong and being faithful to the Lord I know that He loves me but sometimes when I've committed a sin and I fill as if God could never love me He reminds me that not only does He love me but He loves me just as much through the good times and the bad! The devil does his very best to question the love of God for us but each time I am reminded through the blessings of God that His love is without end and without circumstance which is to say He loves all the time! I want to share this testimony to thank God and to glorify His wonderful love!

A few days ago after weeks of freedom and resisting the temptations of the coward of lies the devil I was pondering how the devil would be able to destroy or tempt me because I had been successful at resisting him through prayer and God had been faithful and removed the temptation, I had went weeks without giving in to old sins of the flesh and was begging to feel very strong in spirit as I resisted the coward. Something that seemed so simple which was a disagreement with my wife quickly became a disastrous screaming match where the devil penetrated my home, my marriage, and my walk and quickly used the situation to destroy the progress that I had made and after I gave in to temptation. As the devil always does he used this falling out and this argument with my wife to strike me when I was the weakest, now I want to thank God and glorify Him for being true to His word because even before I gave in to the temptation and sins of the flesh God provided a way out for me, I did not take it and I am sad knowing this sitting here but that is not the point of this testimony. The next day at work God poured out upon me blessing after blessing as He handed me sale after sale as I am in sales at work... how? Why? How could the Lord of creation still love me? Why would He continue to bless me even know I fell??

God is not like us, His love is eternal, His love is never ending, His love is greater than the worst mess up we could ever have in our lives. Through faith in Christ we are totally freed from the destruction of our sins and as prodigal children we return to our Father every time after we have messed up and instead of telling us how horrible and terrible we are God does what we would expect from the perfect Father: **20And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. (Luke Chapter 15 verse 20-24 KJV)**

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## Outreach

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### You bought him a burger too?

This week I had the blessing of God to be able to provide a cheeseburger as I was eating lunch to two men that are homeless and I praise and thank God for it. The men were not together and one had come in just before me to buy just a drink and preceded to sit on the outside patio of the restaurant and drink his coke, the other came in on his bike to wash his hands and as I sat there at the counter waiting for my food I thought to myself "I can't eat while my brothers starve"! A few minutes later I was blessed to give the first man who had got a coke a cheeseburger and only moments earlier I had asked him if he had had lunch that day only to be able to see he couldn't tell the last time he had ate. The second man who had washed his hands came out of the bathroom and I gave him the burger and he sat down to have lunch with me! "You bought him a burger too?" my friend asked, and I was surprised at the kindness and compassion in his voice for my help.

This is not the first time I have met or been blessed to help these men before and I am so thankful that God continues to use me to glorify His name and to share the blessings He has poured out on me with others. If you have never had the chance to help someone in need I challenge you to do so with this stern reminder:

**34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 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 34-40 KJV)** – never forget the things you do and say to the least of the kingdom of Christ and to the brothers and sisters of Christ you have done unto the King. Never refuse to help those in need and as you are blessed to help and to share with those in need, do so!

**31And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. (Luke Chapter 6 verse 31 KJV)**

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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.**

Please be in prayer for our sister in Christ Vickie who has pneumonia for the second time in less than a month, Father may you heal her lungs and her body and for your glory demonstrate your wonderful power in her life!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Rick that God would allow him to heal quickly and give him strength to continue to glorify his name through his continued healing from the hardships that have faced him. God be with this brother and this miracle of your wonderful love and strength and heal Rick's body quickly and allow him to continue to be bold for you!

Please be in prayer for our brother in Christ Timothy that God would reveal His wonderful will for his life and that God would keep a strong hand to guide Timmy, Father may you lead this brother to the wonderful life you have planned for him and may he have the strength to accept your will!

Please be in prayer for all the leaders and teachers of God's church, God may you be with us always with a strong hand and may you teach us to lead and teach as you would, may we lead by example and may the world see the light that shines with-in us.

Please be in prayer that God would touch the lost and use all the faithful followers of the only way to eternal life and to Him, God may you use the body of Christ for your glory and to bring all your children to you!

Please be in prayer for all those without homes and without a means to provide for themselves that God would bless them and keep them strong, God may you give warmth to the homeless, may you give food to the hungry and may you reveal yourself to all those in need that they may turn to you to fulfill their every need through faith.

Please be in continued prayer for all the husbands and wives that God would bless their marriage and that God would teach them to honor each other as we would honor Christ Jesus. Father may you reveal to men how to be the leaders of the family and to glorify you in all they do, may you teach the women to honor their husbands as they would you and bring families closer together!

Please be in prayer for the world as it begins to turn farther and farther away from God that those who are truly able to be saved would be saved that God would be as patient as His plan allows and that He would return for the body of Christ soon!

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## Reviews and newly found ministries

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