

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)

Prepared, not worried!

A very close friend of mine and I where talking today and talking with him as I am blessed often to do the subject turned to our thoughts on the of days of the rapture and following tribulation, as we talked he had a wonderful point, his point was where Christ reminds us not to worry for God is in control and as our Father in heaven loves us and will provide for us! **31Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (Matthew Chapter 6 verse 31-32 KJV)** – his point is wonderfully correct! We should never worry about anything if we are faithful and obedient, walking with Christ daily and born again unto the only way to eternal life! My salvation is absolutely assured by the sacrifice of Christ BUT and please understand “worrying” and “preparing” are to separate but important distinctions: **15Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (Revelation Chapter 16 verse 15 KJV)** – therefore I say... prepare! Prepare through prayer and Bible study! Always be ready as if this second is the last!



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 is critical! Please visit www.myemanuel.com/raptureroom.html for more information and on links, discussion threads, and more! Make ready for the time is near!

34Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (John Chapter 8 verse 34-36 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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The awesome power of words

In an instant someone can be scarred for life, pushed into depression, knocked of into an abyss to never return. On the other side they can be stopped from suicide, pushed to continue the good fight, or to repentance. In a world of fast paced action, flaring tempers, no thought for consequences people forget one of the most important things in the world. Words.

Our words are so very powerful and we as people take them too lightly! Our words can be used to praise God, to build someone up, to express love, to give a brother or sister the courage they need to do what is right. Or you can crush someones hope, turn someone away from God, or offend someone for a long time. If we aren't careful we can do a lot of harm to people. Everyone cant always hear what you *feel*, or what you *meant* to say. But they can always hear your words.

As servants of God, followers of Jesus we must listen to what the Bible tells us!

James 1:19 (KJV)

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

When you think before you speak, you can save a lot of grief, hurt, and anger in your life. You can turn a hostile situation into a calm one. You can help a person in need of someone to pull them up, or you can make someones self confidence a little better. Or you can cut someones heart into two to never be repaired. A few words can mean more then you can imagine.

Proverbs 12:18 (KJV)

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Think about a time you realized a little to late you said something you shouldn't have. It didn't turn out well did it? Or even a time you said something just a little different from what you really meant, and everything changed? You cant truly know someone until you talk to them.

The Bible tells us the tongue is so important if a man can control it he can be perfect! But that also it being a very small part of the body can cause ravaging havoc and fire.

James 3:2-10 (KJV)

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

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If anyone thinks that the tongue doesn't matter, and they are still religious, godly and righteous they are wrong.

James 1:26 (KJV)

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Think about this for a moment, everyone you know has a certain way of speaking. Your parents might talk like sailors, or your brother. Your pastor most likely doesn't cuss much and tends to talk differently than some of your closest friends. You might have a quiet friend but when he talks everyone listens, or the friend that talks so much that no one listens.

Words matter. They can define us. They can support us. Or they can defile us.

Matthew 15:11 (KJV)

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Know that every word matters. Even idle words that you thought didn't matter, or no one heard. Or you were just kidding, or you were just trying to help.

Matthew 12:36 (KJV)

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Control your tongues friends and you can control your world.

Life impacting scripture

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8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter Chapter 5 verse 8 KJV)

Friends the devil wants to destroy you, he wants to see you suffer, he wants to lie to you and to see you turn your back on the only way you can possibly be saved. The devil is called many things in the Word of God, devil, lucifer, liar, father of lies, angel of light, satan, evil, and many other things that we associate with terrible evil and yet he is worse than all of those descriptions. The devil seeks only to harm and to destroy for he knows that his fate has been sealed from his war against God in which he knows he will lose! The best example of how the devil thinks can be summed up as the person who says "if I'm going down for this your all going with me", he has destroyed the perfection of the beloved which is mankind and has fought and lost again and again against God and the time is drawing nearer for his evil reign as king of this world to end!

I am surprised at the tricks that the devil uses sometimes and its pretty scary and amazing to know how determined this coward is, his hands have found themselves in all things corrupting and destroying them. From marriage and friendships to marriages and family the devil has infiltrated all things and he is by no means done, the end result of his evil? Eventually in an event the Bible details as the "mark of the beast" satan will demand and require every man, woman, and child have a mark of some sort (chip, tattoo, implant, etc.) in the right hand or forehead and it will be required by everyone, it will be required to buy anything, to sell anything, basically to function in anyway in society: 9And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (Revelation Chapter 14 verse 9-10 KJV) – friends the culmination of the evil of satan is in this mark, for this mark is required to buy, to sell, to earn a living and without it you will either die of starvation or you will be killed for refusing to take it. If you take it? You will face eternal damnation which is assured by taking it, the devil will then force the world to worship a man he has appointed as God...

The devil is still roaring around just as he was in the days when Peter wrote the letter in which he said it, he has been roaring around since creation wishing to be God and never being even close, he is no closer to being God than I am to being a NFL superstar, it is impossible because God is God alone and the enemy must now realize it as he roars around trying to destroy, kill, torture, and harm the beloved of God anyway he can. There is only one way to resist the lion, only one way to resist the devouring mouth of this coward... a personal relationship with Christ! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through Him and all believers are indwelt with the Holy Spirit! You must accept Christ as your Lord and savior! You must pray and walk faithfully with God! You must study to understand the traps the coward sets! The Bible is more than a big book! Its the Word of God, the truth of life, the undeniable, unchangeable, perfect, holy, eternal word of God! Friends today I challenge you to slay the lion, slay the lion as God blessed our brother King David to do! God will bless you to slay this coward with the Word which is sharper than any double edge sword! Swing the word through the darkness and it will flee in the name of Christ Jesus! 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@myemaneul.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Never be quiet or stop

Friends I want to remind you of why I am never going to stop praising God and sharing His love and the Gospel of Christ with anyone with-in hearing distance: 34Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke Chapter 23 verse 34 KJV) – on one hand you have Christ the Son of God, the holy lamb who was slain, willingly Christ gave His life for us that we may have eternal life if we would only call on Him as Lord and savior. On the other you have the father of lies, the coward devil who constantly accuses us day and night, constantly he tries to tempt God to destroy us, constantly he tries to push God into hurting His beloved, he accuses us before the Holy God. I will never be quiet because Christ cries out on my behalf! Christ is my advocate to the Father! Christ is the only way to eternal life! The only way to be hidden from the coming wrath of the Almighty! Christ is the love and peace that we all seek! Christ is the only true voice that never ceases day or night asking God to forgive us for our transgressions!

Friends not to long ago the closest person to me told me they didn't know who I was anymore... they told me that if I didn't stop talking about God all the time and stop preaching at them they would never have anything else to do with me... satan was trying to destroy the second most important relationship besides that of mine with the savior! I was hurt and it was so very hard not to give in or give up but God brought me through that trial and now that person and I are closer than I ever thought we could be and I am blessed and praise God for it! The person is actively seeking God more and more and even while she still thinks I'm a little crazy she loves me for me! God I sing of your praises for my wife is the most wonderful blessing besides my salvation I could have ever asked for!

Never deny Christ before men! For know this, if you deny Christ before men Christ will deny you before the angels of God! Never turn your back on God! Never stop praising His Holy wonderful right! He is God and God alone! You may lose friends! You may not have a wonderful relationship with everyone but as long as you have God you will never be alone!!! Amen.

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Outreach

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Bible tracts

Praise the Lord! Recently Timothy and I were blessed both with a box full of Bible tracts! A ministry named World Missionary Press sent us these boxes of Bible tracts with about 500 tracts! These tracts are wonderful and powerful, good for both the non-believer and those who are backsliding and need a helping reminder that God is in control and always there to defend, protect, lead, and love us! Please visit them at <http://www.wmpress.org/index.shtml> for more information about the ministry.

This was the first time I was ever blessed to go out and hand out tracts and as I got started I was not sure what people would say, what people would think, or how exactly the experience would go. I decided that I would go and put them on the windshield of cars and that I would go to a local Kroger and put out as many as I could. After stopping and parking at the Kroger and grabbed as many as I could hold and I begin to put them under the wiper blades of cars and I could feel the piercing eyes of someone upon me, while I am sure that people saw me handing them out I was able to put out several dozen without anyone asking me to stop or to get off the property! Later I was blessed to also put out quite a few in the neighborhood that I live in! This experience was exhilarating even know I didn't talk to anyone directly because I know that if even one person picked it up, read it, and called on the name of Christ Jesus that the effort was worth it! Even if no one read it the obedience to share the Gospel was a thrill!

I challenge you! Talk to someone about God, it doesn't have to be a complete stranger but start with someone you love and know who doesn't have a relationship with Christ! Who knows? You could be the one person with the courage to stand up and proclaim the Good News that Christ is risen and He is the only way to the Father! His love and forgiveness are free and the grace is amazing!!

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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 be in prayer that God would allow everyone who has forgotten or never known His great love and is out trying to fill their hearts with alcohol, drugs, and sins of the flesh instead of knowing the only thing that can fill them up is the Holy Spirit of God Almighty!

Please be in prayer for our brother Christian and his marriage. May God heal this brother and return him strongly unto God, Father may you protect his marriage and his family, for your glory God may you allow me to touch this brother and bring him back to you!

Please be in prayer for the body of Christ, God may you touch the church and all the leaders, preachers, and members of the body of Christ and remind them of the urgency of the current state of the world. God may your reveal unto us how to act most effectively and to cry out unto the world!

Please be in prayer for a child that was hurt by the one who should have loved them most, God for your glory may you restore this child to complete health and may the child have no long term damage due to this cowards actions.

God may you be with all the children in need around the world, may you comfort them and feed them, may you love them and remind us of our great duty to all our brothers and sisters.

Please be in continued prayer for all those unspoken prayers. God you know every need and hear every plea and see every tear, may you remind us of Your great love and strength, may you return for us soon!

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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.

Books:

The Message of Galatians by Stott – I have been blessed to begin reading this book recently for seminary. So far this is a wonderful blessing about the message of the Apostle Paul and the Gospel he was blessed by revelation to preach unto the gentiles at Galatia.

Movies:

Jerusalem countdown – This movie is about the rapture and the ushering in of the tribulation. The movie is fiction but based on Biblical fact.

The Isaiah 9 judgment – This documentary is about how America is currently under the same judgment as ancient Israel and because of the same refusal to accept judgment, repent, and turn back unto God.

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