

Bible Teaching Program
Daily verses

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October 1

If we are faithful in prayer, the Lord will be faithful to answer.

Colossians 4:12 'Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.'

If we are faithful in prayer, the Lord will be faithful to answer.
Prayer links our responsibility with the sovereign work of God.
We are in a spiritual warfare.
It is only through prayer
that the power of God will be seen working in our life
and in the lives of others.
It is the love of Christ in us that will lead us to pray for one another.
If we desire to see others built up in Christ
then we need to ensure that we pray fervently for them.

October 2

God can never condone sin; He is holy and He must judge sin.

Hebrews 13:4 'Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.'

Standards are not determined by political correctness.
There is right and wrong.
Marriage is the union of one man and one woman.
The Lord will not allow sin to go unpunished.
Sexual immorality will be judged.
But God is gracious and with open arms He longs for all to come to Him.
God can never condone sin; He is holy and He must judge sin.
But Jesus faced the wrath of God for us.
He died and rose again for us so that we can pass from judgment to life.
His love gave all for us.
But His love must be received through repentance from sin and faith in Christ.

October 3

The Holy Spirit brings life through the implanted word.

John 6:63 'It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.'

The words of Jesus must dwell in us.

The gospel is more than doctrine; it is life.
The Holy Spirit will cause the implanted word to bring forth life within us.
If we are doing works to find life then it will profit us nothing.
All the good works in the world cannot bring peace to the heart;
no sacrificial act can bring the joy of forgiveness;
and no act of penitence can bring us into new life.
The Holy Spirit is able to bring a person into new life
when the word of God is implanted in his or her heart.

October 4

Our faith in Christ must be tested.

2 Corinthians 8:2 'How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.'

It is when we are under pressure from difficult circumstances
that who we are in Christ is most clearly seen.
Our faith in Christ must be tested.
If we desire the comforts of the world more than Christ
then we will not stand in hard times.
The amount we love Christ will be evident
when we worship Him in all circumstances.
In difficult times we can worship
with the joy He has given us because Christ is our life.
In times of financial hardship we can worship
because our riches are in Christ and not in the prosperity of the world.

October 5

We do not fight with the weapons of the world.

2 Corinthians 10:3 'For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:'

We do not fight with the weapons of the world.
The hatred of the world is overcome by the love of Christ in us.
Our weaknesses become strengths
when we depend upon Christ and not in ourselves.
We break down barriers by the love of Christ working through us.
We overcome wrongs done against us with forgiveness.
We overcome evil when we lay aside the armoury of self-exaltation
and take up the armour of God.
We overcome anxiety by depending upon the promises of God.
We do not fret as the world because our God answers prayer.
We overcome sin by putting on Christ and walking in His righteousness.

October 6

We can depend upon His resources.

Philippians 4:19 'But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'

We can depend upon His resources.
In Christ we have everything.
We are united with His life
and brought into family relationship with the living God.
Our riches are not the temporal possessions of the world
but the life of Christ dwelling in us.
We can stand when others fall because His character works in us.
We need fear no circumstance
because the Holy Spirit leads and strengthens us in every situation.
There is nothing the Lord will not do for His people.
Our inheritance is in Christ;
our assurance is in His word;
our security is in His provision,
and our riches are the greatness of His love towards us.

October 7

Another Jesus; another spirit; another gospel.

2 Corinthians 11:4 'For if he that comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might well bear with him.'

Another Jesus cannot bring life;
another spirit will never change the heart;
and another gospel cannot give an assurance of salvation.
Truth is found in Jesus Christ alone.
We know we are in the truth because Christ is our life;
the Holy Spirit dwells in us; and we have experienced personally
that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
Truth must by nature separate us from error.
If we love truth then we must let go of pretence
and trust in Jesus Christ alone.

October 8

The peace that only Jesus gives.

John 14:27 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'

The world can never understand the peace we have in Jesus.
The peace that Jesus gives
is the peace of knowing that we are in right relationship with God;
we are righteous in Him.
It is the peace of knowing He is always with us;

He has promised He will never leave us.
It is the peace of knowing we belong to Him;
we are one with Christ and part of the family of God.
It is the peace of knowing our future is secure;
we shall see Jesus face to face.

October 9

The mystery of godliness.

1 Timothy 3:16 'And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.'

The Son of God became Man in order to reach us;
sinless yet He died for us.
He was crucified in weakness but raised in power;
we are justified in Him.
The angels did not understand the plan and purpose of God
until they saw Him conquer death and the grave for us.
The offer of salvation is given to all through the gospel.
Everyone who trusts in Him will have eternal life.
He ascended far above all powers for us
so we in Him are blessed with all spiritual blessings.

October 10

Faith never lets go.

Matthew 7:7 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.'

Faith never lets go.
We are to ask and keep on asking until we receive;
we are to seek and keep on seeking until we find;
we are to knock and keep on knocking
until the door is opened unto us.
The Holy Spirit leads us to ask in prayer;
love for Jesus puts in us the desire to seek Him with all our heart;
and it is because we are sons and daughters of the living God
that we can boldly enter the throne room of God.
It is with the promises of God
that we knock with great confidence on the door of answered prayer.

October 11

It is in Christ alone that we find rest.

Matthew 11:28 'Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

The call is to come to Jesus.
It is in Christ alone that we find rest.
He has done all for us.
His provision for us is all we need.
He removes our weariness
when we rely upon His strength and not our own.
He removes our burdens
by bringing us into the freedom of new life in Him.
He unites us with others who have new life in Jesus
so that His love, His joy, His peace can be seen in us.
When we who represent Him, present a living Jesus to the world,
then many who need to come to Him
will be drawn to Him because they see Jesus in us.

October 12

All of scripture is the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:27 'And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.'

All of scripture is the revelation of Jesus Christ.
He is the promised Redeemer of the Old Testament;
our wonderful Saviour and glorious Lord in the New Testament.
All who love Jesus will love His word.
We feed upon Christ through His word;
He is our food and drink.
We know His life dwells in us
because the more His word fills our heart and mind,
the more we desire His presence in our life.
When we see Jesus in His word
then His word will be like a fire within us.
His word brings great joy because Christ is alive in us.

October 13

The light of the gospel must shine through the scriptures.

2 Corinthians 3:15-16 'But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.'

The light of the gospel will be blocked
if we put the law in the forefront.
The beautiful colours of the light of the gospel are only revealed
when we allow the light of the gospel
to shine through all the scriptures.
There is a gravitational pull of the Old Testament.
It seeks to pull us away from the freedom of new life in Christ

into a legalistic form of religion that can never produce righteousness.
When the light of the gospel shines in the scriptures
then freedom, joy, and peace can be found in Jesus Christ.

October 14

Our response to His love must be to give Him our all.

James 4:5 'Do you think that the scripture says in vain, The Spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy?'

The Lord is a jealous God.
His great love towards us cannot be received half-heartedly.
He gave Himself for us so that He can also give Himself to us.
We are one with Christ; His Spirit dwells within us.
If we love the Lord then we will keep ourselves pure.
Union with Christ means separation from the mind-set of the world.
In Christ we are lifted to heights of glory.
We are His people; chosen in Him;
loved with an everlasting love; bought at great cost.
There is nothing He will not do for us.
Our response to His love must be to give Him our all.

October 15

Truth is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Titus 3:9 'But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.'

The gospel is to be experienced.
We do not argue over foolish questions;
truth is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
We experience Him through salvation;
through growth in His word;
through fellowship with His people;
and through His Spirit dwelling in us.
Genealogies have no importance.
We are who we are because Christ lives in us.
If we are contentious then we are no different from the world.
It is with the love of Christ that we show the reality of His life in us.
We do not argue over the law because in Christ
we have been brought into the freedom of new life.

October 16

The god of this world seeks to keep many from receiving new life in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:4 'In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.'

The gospel of Christ brings life; freedom; joy; and peace.
The god of this world seeks to keep many from receiving new life in Jesus.
He will blind the minds of those who follow him;
he will lead to destruction those who trust in him;
he deceives with enticing words those who worship him;
he enslaves those who serve him;
and all who listen to him will be led far from the truth of the gospel of Christ.
Even so there is no chain of bondage the gospel of Christ cannot break.

October 17

Rooted; built up; established; and abounding.

Colossians 2:7 'Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.'

When we are rooted in Christ then His life will be seen in us;
we will be strong even in hard times.
We can face the storm without fear
because our roots are not in the prosperity of the world
but in Christ and His word.
We are built up in Him by His word filling our heart and mind.
We encourage one another in the scriptures
so that His word abides in us at all times.
We will abound in fruit as we grow in His love
being thankful for His goodness to us.

October 18

Only thirst will lead us to drink.

John 7:37 'Jesus stood and cried, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink.'

Thirst is a precious gift.
The words of Jesus can open our heart;
the Holy Spirit can open our eyes;
but only thirst will lead us to drink.
The thirst for life is more than a thirst for existence.
It is the thirst for truth, purpose, meaning, peace, joy and assurance.
The thirst for truth may lead us to religion, philosophy, or politics
but these are dry places.
The thirst for life may lead us to seek prosperity or pleasure
but they are empty wells.
Living water is found in Jesus Christ alone.
The more we desire Him,
the more He is able to fill us to overflowing with living water.

October 19

Being faithful and fruitful.

2 Peter 1:8 'For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

The Christian life is to be characterised by faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Faithfulness is the mark of discipleship;

fruitfulness is the evidence of new life in Christ.

A faithful person will be obedient to Christ and His word;

a fruitful person is known by the love of Christ working in his or her life.

An idle person will be unfaithful in serving Christ;

an unfruitful person is not growing in Christ.

When Jesus returns faithfulness and fruitfulness

will be the most precious treasures

we can present back to the One who gave all for us.

October 20

The Christian life is not a religion to follow; it is a life to put on.

Colossians 3:12 'Put on therefore, as the chosen of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;'

The Christian life is not a religion to follow; it is a life to put on.

We must possess new life in Christ

before we can put on the attributes of new life.

The life of Christ is the garment of the Christian.

We do not try to be a Christian; we let Christ live His life in us.

It is a new birth; a new life; a new creation.

We must always remember to put on the new life.

It is good to spend time with the Lord;

to think on the scripture;

and begin the day by putting on the life of Christ.

October 21

Not looking back

Luke 9:62 'And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The farmer had to keep his eyes fixed upon the plough as he worked.

We cannot serve Christ in a half-hearted way.

Our eyes need to remain focused upon Christ;

to set our heart upon living for Him;

to keep His word in our heart and mind;
to seek His righteousness regardless of who will stand with us;
to desire always that our life will count for His glory.
Our love for Him can never be compared to His great love for us.
The things we lose in serving Christ
are worth nothing in comparison to the things we gain.

October 22

There is no halfway house.

2 Corinthians 4:14 'Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.'

We know that we have eternal life because Christ lives in us.
There is no halfway house.
It is not my acceptance of the gospel message that makes me a Christian;
it is the life of Christ dwelling in me.
If we do not have His life then we are not His.
It is because we are united with His life through faith in Him;
that we know He will raise us up on the day of His appearing.
His life in us gives freedom to live for Him;
joy that can never be taken away;
and peace that will never leave us.

October 23

In Christ alone we can boast

Romans 3:27 'Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No: but by the law of faith.'

In Christ alone we can boast.
No work can change our sinful nature.
No act of penance can make a sinner righteous.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone.
Our hopelessness is the doorway to His provision.
Our helplessness is the place of His greatness.
Faith yields full control to Christ.
Faith has no thought to improve a life that is hopeless and helpless;
it stands secure in all that Christ has done for us.
We boast in Him because His death took all that could condemn us.
We boast in Him because His life dwells in us and all that we are is in Him.

October 24

In Christ we are the place of His worship

Ephesians 2:21-22 'In whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a holy temple in the Lord: In whom you also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.'

The gospel is far more than forgiveness.
In Christ we are lifted from the depths of sin to the heights of holiness.
We are not only righteous in Christ; we are the dwelling place of God.
We are created in Christ Jesus to be living stones of His temple;
fitted together by the work of the Holy Spirit;
united together by the life of Christ in us;
joined together by His love working through us;
and growing together as we abide in His word.
In Christ we are the place of His worship.

October 25

His purpose is the life of Christ in us.

Romans 8:28 'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.'

In Christ we are brought into the eternal plan and purpose of God.
His calling is to all who will trust in Him.
We enter into His purpose through faith in Christ alone.
His purpose is that His life will be in us.
We grow in the knowledge of His purpose through the scriptures
which help us understand who we are in Christ
and all He has done for us.
We grow in this purpose through obedience to His word;
faith in His promises;
and love for one another.
The good is the fruit of His Spirit produced in us.

October 26

Seeking His kingdom and righteousness.

Matthew 6:33 'But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'

Our faith in Christ is known by the desire for His kingdom and righteousness.
When we seek first the kingdom of God then His word will be in our mind;
His love will be in our heart; and His Spirit will lead us in truth.
Our love for Christ is known by the extent we seek His righteousness.
If we have no desire for righteousness
then the love of Christ is not in our heart.
When we seek His righteousness then we will walk in His ways;
trust in His promises; and rest in His provision.
His kingdom and righteousness will fill us with love; joy; and peace.

October 27

Unity does not begin with discussion; it begins with new life.

John 17:21 'That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us.'

Unity does not begin with discussion; it begins with new life.

The prayer of Jesus for unity could only be answered through His death.

Unity must be preceded by separation.

He died for us so we can be separated from sin

and united together by His resurrected life.

His life unites us with one another.

We do not produce unity; we are one body in Christ.

We are to keep the unity we already have.

Unity in Christ will produce in us the desire for fellowship;

the desire to be built up together in His word;

and the desire to serve Him more.

October 28

The promises of God are our inheritance in Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20 'For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.'

The promises of God are our inheritance in Christ.

They are the children's bread.

His word will never fail us because it is upheld by the fortress of His character.

His promises are certain because they were bought for us at great cost.

They are our security in every situation.

Because of His promises we know that we are kept by His power;

we can depend on His love; we can rely upon His provision;

and we can rest in His care.

His hand leads us; His arm protects us; His eye watches over us;

and His ear is always ready to hear us.

October 29

Hospitality will open doors for the gospel; the love of Christ will open hearts.

Romans 12:13 'Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.'

The Christian life is a life of giving.

The more we grow in Christ, the more His love will be expressed through us.

If we give Him our life then He will use us to bless others.

When we care for one another then our words are confirmed by our actions.

We are one body in Christ; His life is in us.

Our love for Christ is seen by our love for one another.
There is great joy in giving.
There is freedom in giving.
There is power in giving.
Hospitality will open doors for the gospel; the love of Christ will open hearts.
Giving brings the reality of knowing Jesus into the lives of others.

October 30

The blood of Jesus does more than cover sin; it wipes it away completely.

Romans 3:28 'Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.'

A justified person is someone who is found to be free from all guilt.
God declares the sinner righteous on the basis of faith in Christ alone;
the death of Christ declares God to be just in doing so.
But justification is more than a declaration.
The blood of Jesus does more than cover sin;
it wipes it away completely.
We are made new in Him; a new creation.
It is our responsibility right now to consider ourselves dead to sin
because the old is gone, crucified with Christ.
We are justified because we have new life.
When Jesus returns even the memory of our sin will be taken away.

October 31

Our thoughts have power with God.

Philippians 4:8 'Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'

When Christ is our life then our mind is the place where His Spirit dwells.
It is His holy place.
We must guard our thought life
so that we are never ashamed of His presence within us.
Our thoughts have power with God.
It is through our thoughts
that we can bring our prayer into the very throne room of God.
The meditation of our heart is able to bring us into realms of worship
that only those who truly know Jesus can ever experience.

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