Bible Teaching Program Daily verses February 2013

February 1

We grow in truth through obedience.

John 8:32 'And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'

Truth is more than doctrine or theology.

Truth is found in a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

It is by faith in Christ alone that we enter into truth.

We grow in truth through obedience to Christ and His word.

When Christ is our life then truth is our experience.

Truth sets us free from the bondage of hypocritical and legalistic religion,

and brings us into the glorious freedom of new life in Christ.

When Christ is everything to us then His word will be in our heart;

His love will be in control of our actions;

and freedom will be our experience

as we learn to worship in spirit and in truth.

February 2

The Lord is with us.

Acts 7:9 '...But God was with him'.

In Christ all the promises of God are ours.

His presence with us is enough.

We are not like the world. We are never alone.

His hand is upon His people; His grace is sufficient; His way is perfect.

He does not lead us the easy way.

He prepares us so that His will can be fulfilled in our life.

We can trust in His leading.

We can depend on His guidance.

He gives strength to face every circumstance

and wisdom to know how to act.

His love is everlasting.

He will not withhold any good thing from us.

We can rest in His care. We can rely on His provision.

We have nothing to fear when the Lord is with us.

February 3

Follow that which is good.

3 John 11 'Beloved, do not follow what is evil, but that which is good.'

The evidence of new life in Jesus is seen by the things we seek after.

Our heart will be drawn towards that which satisfies its desires.

In Christ we have received a new heart that desires righteousness;

that loves His word;

and is sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Legalism condemns others but is filled with hypocrisy.

The freedom we have in Christ is the freedom of new life.

It is by our love that people will see the life of Christ in us.

It is by our life that our faith is shown to be genuine.

We are to follow after that which is good because we have new life.

February 4

Speaking to one another and singing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19 'Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;'

The Christian life is a disciplined life.

We must take care so the actions of others are not able

to fill our heart with criticism and fault finding.

We have a wonderful Saviour.

We need always to lift one another up

by speaking together of all that we have in Christ;

keeping our mind on His word;

and walking daily in His love.

When our heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving

then we will be aware of His presence;

we will be strong in faith;

we will find strength to do His will;

and we will have joy that will attract others to Christ.

February 5

Our citizenship was bought at great cost

Ephesians 2:19 'Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;'

The rights and privileges of citizenship come with responsibilities and obligations.

Our citizenship was bought at great cost; Christ died for us.

The demands of citizenship are also costly.

We can only fulfil the responsibilities of citizenship by our love for Christ.

We can only keep the obligations of citizenship by our desire for His kingdom.

The evidence of citizenship is allegiance to Christ and His word.

The evidence of being part of the household of God is the love of Christ in us.

We are citizens, united together in Christ.

We live for His glory; we look for His coming; we are His people.

February 6

Cleansed; holy; and glorious.

Hebrews 9:28 'Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who look for Him He will appear a second time without sin unto salvation.'

Jesus will return.

We know because Christ is our life;

His word is upon our heart;

and His Spirit dwells within us.

We are His people.

We love Him because of His great love for us.

He died for us; He took our sin; and gave us new life.

We shall see Him in all of His glory;

no longer the humble servant but King of kings and Lord of lords.

He came the first time to make His people righteous.

He will return for a people cleansed, holy, and glorious.

All who love Him are waiting for His appearing.

February 7

The Lord seeks for workers.

2 Timothy 2:15 'Be diligent to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

The Lord seeks for workers.

He looks for people who will faithfully serve Him;

those who desire His approval more than the praise and recognition of others; and those who will truly love and obey His word.

February 8

Abundant grace.

1 Timothy 1:14 'And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.'

The abundant grace of the Lord Jesus Christ reaches out to all.

He will give new life to all who trust in Him, even to the worst of sinners.

In Christ we are lifted from the depths of our sin

to the heights of faith and love.

When we know His grace then it will be seen in our life.

It is revealed by the joy we have in being united with Christ;

by the peace we experience in knowing His forgiveness;

by the faith in our heart that trusts in His word;

and by His love dwelling in us so we can walk in His ways.

February 9

Purity is the life of Christ in us being given control of our life.

1 Corinthians 6:20 'For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.'

We were bought at great cost.

We belong to the Lord.

When Christ is our life
then our body is the temple where His Spirit dwells;
our mind is the holy place where Christ alone must reign as King;
and our life is the offering that glorifies the Lord.

It is because we are His people
we cannot live according to the standards of the world.

Purity is not a legal demand;
it is the life of Christ in us being given control of our life
so that the fruit of His Spirit
becomes our offering of thanksgiving,
joyfully presented to the One we love.

February 10

Unfailing love; sacrificial, patient, unchanging.

1 Corinthians 13:8 'Love never fails:'

His love never fails.

It is sacrificial;

He gave Himself as an offering for sin so we can be righteous in Him.

It is patient; He drew us to Himself,

even when we were far off and ignorant of His great love towards us.

It is unchanging;

He loves us because of who He is and not because of what we have done.

His love remains constant watching over us as we grow in Him.

The same love dwells within all who receive Christ.

His love leads us to surrender all to Jesus;

to patiently endure so others can come to know Him;

and to love others with an unchanging love

knowing there is none worthy of His great love for us.

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