# Bring God's Word Unto the Very Life

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. John 6:53. {UL 213.1}

The Lord Jesus is your Redeemer. Will you not appreciate the great sacrifice He has made for you? No one has any justification for departing from Bible principles.... {UL 213.2}

He who is sensitive to the admonitions of the Lord will work out his own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God who is working in him, to will and to do of His good pleasure. The truth of God, abiding in the heart, brings the principles of the law of God into daily practice. {UL 213.3}

The man who consents to be deceived is the man in whose heart the truth is not abiding. To be occasionally a Christian, to be occasionally devout, is a great deception. It is living a lie. An occasional glance at the Word of God is not enough. An occasional petition to the throne of grace, a form of words, does not bring a supply of grace for the soul's need. In order for the truth of God to regulate the life, it must be implanted in the heart. It must be brought into the inmost life. {UL 213.4}

The day will come when you will see that it does not pay to trifle with the interests of your soul, allowing it to become diseased, so inefficient that Christ declares, "Thou art neither cold nor hot.... So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16). What does this mean? That He will no longer present the name of such a one to His Father. {UL 213.5}

Christ clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this world to live a life free from spot or stain of sin, that human beings, by laying hold of divinity, might become partakers of the divine nature, thus escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. To those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour, the veil that conceals the glory of God from human discernment is drawn aside. With the eye of faith they behold eternal realities. {UL 213.6}

The Word of God is to be brought into the very life. "I am that bread of life," Christ declares. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:48, 53, 54, 63). Study the whole of the sixth chapter of John. Strive for your soul's sake to understand it. —Letter 253, July 18, 1904, to a longtime Adventist in business in Battle Creek, Michigan. {UL 213.7}

## "(We Are Climbing) Jacob's Ladder"

We are climbing Jacob's ladder We are climbing Jacob's ladder We are climbing Jacob's ladder Soldiers of the Cross.

Every rung goes higher and higher Every rung goes higher and higher Every rung goes higher and higher Soldiers of the Cross.

Rise, shine, give God the glory Rise, shine, give God the glory Rise, shine, give God the glory Soldiers of the Cross.

Keep on climbing, we will make it Keep on climbing, we will make it Keep on climbing, we will make it Soldiers of the Cross.

> Do you want your freedom Do you want your freedom Do you want your freedom Soldiers of the Cross.

# Biblical Reasons to Be Thankful

There are over a thousand reasons to <u>thank God daily</u>. The first thing you should do when you wake up is <u>get quiet with God</u> and thank Him. Sometimes we lose sight of what is in front of us. How many times a week do you thank Jesus Christ for saving you? Be content with what you have. We have friends, family, food, clothes, water, jobs, cars, a place to put our head at night

We live life sometimes like these things are nothing. My fellow Christians these are blessings. Sometimes we want more or better, but there is someone who will sleep on dirt today. There are people who will starve. There are people who will die without knowing the Lord. When you see how blessed we truly are that a holy God will love vile people like us and crush His Son for us that makes you more thankful.

When we're appreciative of all He has done for us that makes us want to love Him more, obey more, give more, pray more, sacrifice more, and share the faith more. Read your prayer life today. Step away from the world and go be alone with the Lord. Say, "Lord I love you and I thank you for all you have done for me. I ask that you help me to be more grateful for the things I take advantage of and neglect. Help me enjoy the little things in life."

Be thankful that <u>Jesus Christ died for your sins</u>. He willfully suffered the full extent of God's wrath that you and I may live. We give Him nothing and all we do is take, but He gave His life for ours. That is true love. Thank God for our only claim to Heaven our beloved Savior Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:6-11 For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now

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justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Gods by death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, *which is* by one man, hath abounded unto many.

#### 2. Be thankful that God's love endures forever.

**Psalm 136:6-10** To Him that stretched out the above the waters: for His mercy *endureth* forever. To Hi that made great lights: for Hi mercy *endureth* forever: The sun to rule by day: for His mercy *endureth* forever. The moon and the stars to rule by night: for His mercy *endureth* forever. To Him that smote the Egypt in their firstborn: for His mercy *endureth* forever.

**Psalm 106:1-2** Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endureth forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can shew forth all His praise?

3. If you are a Christian be thankful that your sins even your deepest darkest sins are forgiven. Your chains are broken you are free!

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walked not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

Colossians 1:20-23 And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him, I *say*, whether *they* be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:

#### 4. Be thankful for the Bible.

Psalm 119:47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved

**Psalm 119:97-98** Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation, all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

**Psalm 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do Hi commandments: His praise endureth forever.

**1 Peter 1:23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

#### 5. Be thankful for community.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembly or ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting on another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

#### 6. Be thankful that God has provided you with food.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

#### 7. God promises to provide for your needs.

**Philippians 4:19** But my God will meet all your needs according to the riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 23:1 A psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Matthew 6:31-34 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or drink? or, Wherewithal we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seel:) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

#### 8. Be thankful that your true home is waiting for you.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be more pain; for the former things are passed away.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

#### 9. Thank God you do not have to work your way into Heaven.

Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

#### 10. Be thankful God is working in your life.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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**Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

#### 11. Be thankful that God woke you up this morning.

**Psalm 3:5** I lay me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

**Proverbs 3:24** When you liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep will be sweet.

**Psalm 4:8** I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

#### 12. Be thankful that God hears your prayers.

Psalm 3:4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah.

**Psalm 4:3** Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

**1 John 5:14-15** This is the confidence that we have in Him: that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him.

## 13. Thank God for the trials that make you stronger.

**1 Peter 1:6-7** Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience, But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing,

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Romans 8:28-29 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called, according to His purpose.

who have been called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren.

# 14. Being thankful gives you joy and will give you peace when you face obstacles.

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you,
- **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 liberty.

## 15. Be thankful God is faithful.

- 1 Corinthians 1:9-10 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment,
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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**Psalm 31:5** Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

#### 16. Be thankful God convicts you of sin.

**John 16:8** And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment.

#### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

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