

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 3, 2024
THEME: "John"

NEW BIRTH

Sunday..... Read John 3:10-17

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." The basic theme of the Gospel of John is the family of God. One must be born into God's family to have an eternal home in heaven. That is the clear teaching of John 3:3: *"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* Because all people at birth are born sinners, spiritually they are in Satan's family. That is the teaching of Jesus in John 8:44: *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* God sent His Son into the world to pay the penalty of eternal death. That birth into God's family when a person does as instructed in John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* Praying to accept Jesus puts a person into God's family.

FREEDOM

Monday.....Read Romans 6:10-14

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." This verse clarifies the difference between the Old and New Testament. In brief, that difference could be described as the difference between law and grace. The demands of the law result in all people being correctly labeled as sinners, or law breakers. That is clearly stated in Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* By taking on a human body by means of a virgin birth, Jesus was able to be the Savior because He was sinless. All those who confess their sins and receive Jesus as personal Savior are immediately pardoned from the penalty of sin. They are eternally free!

STRENGTH

Tuesday.....Read John 15:1-5

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." In this passage of Scripture, Jesus compares our relationship with Him to a vine with branches. The branches, to bear fruit must be connected to the vine. That provides the necessary nourishment to bear fruit. If not connected to the vine, the branch dies. A believer's connection to Jesus results in the person displaying the fruits of the Spirit detailed in Galatians 5:22-23: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

The person displaying those fruits is truly a spiritually strong person prepared for the challenges of life! It results in daily victories for the glory of our Lord.

POWER OF PRAYER

Wednesday Read Acts 3:1-5

"Peter and John went up into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour." It may well be that the highest privilege and greatest responsibility of true Christians is to pray! Prayer brings God into the picture with His Divine omnipotence. Nothing is too hard for God! We read this in James 4:2: *"Ye have not because ye ask not."* And Jesus gives this promise in Matthew 7:7: *"Ask and ye shall receive."* It is important to note that after Jesus gave the command to ask, He then said to take action: *"Seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."* Asking God to move in our prayers is important; it is equally important to do things after we ask as God directs!

SENT BY JESUS

Thursday Read John 20:17-21

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The greatest act of love in the history of the world is that expressed in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* God sent His Son Jesus to go to the cross to suffer the penalty of sin on our behalf. In today's Bible reading, we are told by Jesus that He is sending us into our world to share the good news of salvation and the way to go to heaven. Our neighborhoods and our workplaces are our mission field. There is no more important thing for people to know than knowing Jesus is their Savior if they ask Him into their hearts!

AMBASSADORS

Friday Read II Corinthians 5:17-20

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Ambassador is a very important responsibility, because those who serve in that capacity for any nation are critical for that nation's standing in the world. These people leave their homeland to serve in a foreign land. This is what Christians are for the Kingdom of Heaven. That is our eternal citizenship: heaven. While on earth, we are serving as ambassadors of the Kingdom of heaven. We are here to share what God is offering to the world. That is primarily what we read in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* The ambassador's job is to share that message!

SOLDIERS

Saturday Read II Timothy 2:1-3

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." The Christian life is serving as a soldier in the army of Christ. It is a fight against the forces of evil in the world, and there are plenty of enemies. Unsaved people are actually serving the devil,

God's enemy, without their even realizing that. Any teaching contradicting Biblical truth is promoting Satan's lies! It is what Jesus calls darkness in Matthew 15:14: *"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* The words of Jesus in John 8:44 point that out: *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*