

KeyVerses07 Jesus Pt2

Love follows knowledge. A new Believer needs to be fed, fed, fed until they can feed themselves. Here's the 7th of 11 KeyVerse series, each of them with 35 verses (7 weeks worth) to show care and content to a young Christian. This series features verses about Jesus. It's the second series on Jesus (#3 is the 1st.)

Examples:

Week 1 Day 1: A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

(Galatians 1.4-5)

We really admire someone who rescues another person, (name). Imagine if they lost their life while rescuing someone - they're even more a hero to us. That's what Jesus did, rescuing us from the culture that was ruining us. He got ruined instead, by taking our place. Take time today to thank him. Think about what it would mean to "give glory" to him.

Week 2 Day 2:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you're all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3.28)

Because of Jesus, all the barriers are gone now. All the walls that our culture raises, Jesus takes down. There's no first class, second class with Jesus. We're all equal, all accepted, all loved. There's never been anything like this, (name), ever! This is what God always planned, but we messed up. How great, because of Jesus, we're one.

Verses to use Choose any verses you feel give insights about God's Word.

Here's a sample list for your consideration (there are many more):

Week 1: Gal. 1.4-5; Gal. 1.15-16; Gal. 2.20; Gal 3.13; Gal. 3.22

Week 2: Gal. 3.26-27; Gal. 3.28; Gal. 3.29; Gal. 4.4-5; Gal. 4.19

Week 3: Gal. 5.1; Gal. 5.24; Gal. 6.14; 6.17; Eph. 1.10

Week 4: Eph.1.22-23; Eph .2.6; Eph. 2.14; Eph. 3.8; Eph. 3.12

Week 5: Eph. 3.19; Eph. 4.10; Eph. 4.15; Eph. 5.2; Eph. 5.10

Week 6: Eph. 6.10; 1 Peter 1.18-19; 1 Pet. 2.4; 1 Peter 2.21; 1 Peter 2.22-23

Week 7: 1 Peter 2.24; 1 Pet. 2.25; 1 Pet. 3.16; 1 Pet. 3.18; 1 Pet. 3.22

To do: Copy the verse from a website like biblegateway.com, add a comment, and email it to a new Believer, Monday – Friday. If you can, pick the same time each day – make it something they anticipate.

Or if you wish, use/modify the 35 KeyVerses below.

Small things done in great love will change the world, one person at a time...

* this is the 7th series of KeyVerses; see also 1st series: *Believer – 35 Basic KeyVerses*; 2nd series: *Believer – 35 God KeyVerses*; 3rd series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*; 4th series: *35 Spirit KeyVerses*; 5th series: *35 Good News KeyVerses*; 6th series: *35 God's Word KeyVerses*

7th KeyVerses Series about Jesus, part 2 – English&Chinese

Names of those getting the series (move name down one day at a time)

1. John Doe, started Jan 1/11
- 2.
- 3.

Week 1

Letter to begin:

Welcome to the next series of KeyVerses, (name)!

We'll explore more about Jesus, who he is, how we can connect with him.

The more we know him - intimately know him - the more our life changes so we can become like him.

That's one of God's Dreams for us, that we resemble Jesus more and more.

His life/character in our body, our circumstances, our time and space, through our personality.

It's like Jesus lives out our life, and we discover how he'd live, if he were us.

It's part of the adventure of the Christian life, and the mystery too.

Anyway, here goes!

Day 1: Gal. 1.4-5

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Day 2: Gal. 1.15-16

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. (Galatians 1.15-16)

It's true for you too, (name). Before you were born, God had already decided he would bring the Good News to you. He'd expose you to Jesus, so you could have the chance to know him. Soooo good! And better yet, he'd let you partner with him to tell others too. Such an amazing, amazing God! Tell him this is what you want to do, proclaim the Good News about Jesus in word and action.

Day 3: Gal 2.20

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It's no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2.20)

This is a famous verse, explaining what happened when you trusted in Christ. God took your "old ME" and did away with it. He gave you a "new ME", energized by Jesus. Why? Because he loves you, (name). That's deep, deep love, unlike any other. Open your "new Me" heart today to receive more and more to his love.

Day 4: Gal. 3.13

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." (Galatians 3.13)

You were under a curse before you met Jesus, (name). Me too. Not like someone swearing at us or like a witch's curse. No, the curse came because we'd broken God's law. It was the penalty, the judgment. No matter how we tried to escape, the curse will catch and capture us. Know what? This amazing Jesus we follow

decided to be cursed instead of us. How? By hanging on a cross and dying like a criminal. So shocking, so compassionate! Be in awe of your Rescuer Jesus today!

Day 5: Gal. 3.22

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

But the Scriptures declare that we're all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3.22)

No one taught us how to lie or steal or hate. We did these sins naturally. What we didn't know was that sin was a trap. It captures us and locked us in a prison with a life sentence, (name). Now there's a way to get liberated from that prison: faith! By depending on Jesus, you're set free from sin's power. Now you can live a new way, the Jesus-Way, with a new energy source, the Holy Spirit. Celebrate your freedom by saying No to sin today, and Yes to the thankful, loving, serving lifestyle of Jesus.

Week 2

Day 6: Gal 3.26-27

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For you're all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. (Galatians 3.26-27)

When you turn to Jesus and commit yourself to him, (name), you get adopted into God's family. It's like throwing old clothes away and putting on a new set of clothes. The Jesus-brand, we could say. It's like you're dressed in Jesus. You've got Jesus in you, surrounding you, energizing you, living his life out of you. It's all a gift! Take time to say thanks to God for the gifts that came when you started to depend on Jesus.

Day 7: Gal. 3.28

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you're all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3.28)

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Day 8: Gal 3.29

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

And now that you belong to Christ, you're the true children of Abraham. You're his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. (Galatians 3.29)

At first Abraham was chosen by God. Then Israel. They were God's people, we weren't. But now, because of Jesus, we are, (name). Every promise God put in the Bible belongs to us now. Even more, heirs! Meaning, we'll inherit all that belongs to Jesus. It's crazy, it's so great! Anyone who has Jesus, gets this. Know what? That's you!

Day 9: Gal. 4.4-5

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. (Galatians 4.4-5)

Is there anything better than adoption? I don't think so, (name). Imagine, we were outsiders, like orphans. We would have lived and died without God. Then we'd be forever alone! Except for Jesus, who wouldn't let that happen. He came, he gave us freedom, then adopted us. Be proud of him, and loyal to him today. He's worth it.

Day 10: Gal. 4.19

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they'll continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. (Galatians 4.19)

Someone had to work hard for you to bring the Good News to you. Same now, (name), for you to "get it" - to grow as a Christian. It's a long process - like labor in

childbirth! - for Jesus to become everything to you. Someone works hard to pray, mentor, care for you, like someone did for me. That's why I send KeyVerses, so you'll get it – get saturated with Jesus. What's ahead? soon you'll have the privilege to work hard - labor pains - so others can find Jesus and mature in him.

Week 3

Day 11: Gal 5.1

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. (Galatians 5.1)

Religion gives us advice, how to get close to God, how to live. It's full of rules, *Do this!* and *Don't do that!* None of us can keep all the rules, (name). Now Jesus set us free from these rules, so we could have a love relationship with God. Don't settle for following the rules - they'll control you like you're a slave. No, open your heart to God's love, and enjoy the freedom Jesus gives you.

Day 12: Gal 5.24

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. (Galatians 5.24)

Before we encountered Jesus, we were controlled by our passions and desires. It didn't matter what God thought, we followed our heart. Now we've changed, (name). We want the passions and desires of Jesus to control us - so we can become like him. It's a battle to stop living the way we used to! Ask God today for the power to crucify - kill off - the old way, so you can imitate Jesus.

Day 13: Gal 6.14

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Paul] As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. (Galatians 6.14)

Culture has a powerful influence on all of us, (name). Jesus has come to start a new culture, the Jesus-culture. We see it in his life: a humble servant, obedient to the Father. We see it in his death: unselfish love and sacrifice. Tell God you want to be this way, not the way of the culture around you.

Day 14: Gal. 6.17

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus. (Galatians 6.17)

The apostle Paul had been beaten and whipped because he was a Christian. He could point to his scars to show he belonged to God. It's a reminder to us, (name), that following Jesus can mean suffering. Some will hate you, because they hate God. Whatever scars you get, thank God you belong to Jesus.

Day 15: Eph. 1.10

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

And this is the plan: At the right time he [God] will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. (Ephesians 1.10)

We're in the middle of a spiritual struggle right now. It's a war, with lots of battles being fought. Sometimes it seems evil is winning, not goodness. Don't get discouraged, (name). God will pick the right time to end the war and judge evil. His goal is to bring every person, everything under Jesus' control. Tell God you want this control to happen in your life more and more, right now.

Week 4

Day 16 Eph 1.22-23

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it's made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. (Ephesians 1.22-23)

It's important to see life from God's perspective, (name). The most important

group on the planet is not the politicians or the bankers or the army. No, it's the church! God is directing history so that the church will inherit the earth. Not with money, no. Not with military force either. No, Jesus will accomplish it, his power and his love. Tell God you want to love his church and be involved in it.

Day 17: Eph. 2.6 A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2.6)

When you became a Christian, God invited you into the power centre of the whole universe, (name). That's what this KeyVerse means. You sit with Jesus, working with him to bring this rebellious planet back to God. I encourage you to take your role seriously. Ask God to let you serve him, let you make a difference in this world for him.

Day 18: Eph 2.14

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. (Ephesians 2.14)

Racial prejudice is part of the human experience. One group hates another. Nationalities are full of pride, feeling they're the best, others are losers. But pride and prejudice must go, (name), now that we're Christians because Jesus broke down all walls. Because of him we realize everyone is valuable to God. Plus every Christian is our brother, our sister. Tell God you want no pride and prejudice in your life, just love for others.

Day 19: Eph. 3.8

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Paul] Though I'm the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. (Ephesians 3.8)

The older the apostle Paul got, the more humble he was. He didn't deserve God's kindness to him at all - it was sheer gift. That was a strong motivation to tell others

about Jesus. God had been good to him, he wanted others to experience it too. It's a good lesson for us, (name), to be humble and obedient to God. Let's bring a crowd with us into heaven!

Day 20: Eph. 3.12

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. (Ephesians 3.12)

Don't be afraid to come to God, (name). Maybe you're ashamed of something? Remember, Jesus took your shame on the cross with him. Or perhaps you're afraid - don't be, God's your Father now. Maybe you feel guilty? Remember, Jesus paid for your guilt on the cross. If you feel dirty, don't forget Jesus cleaned you up by dying for you. Come boldly to God, ask for his forgiveness, tell him you love him, and ask whatever you want. He really loves you!

Week 5

Day 21: Eph 3.19

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

May you experience the love of Christ, though it's too great to understand fully. Then you'll be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. (Ephesians 3.19)

What pulls us to God, and holds us close? His love, (name). We can't really understand it, although we should try. Why does the God of the universe love these little specks of dust that are you and I? We don't know why - but he does! Ask God to help you love him back. And tell him you want more of his love and power.

Day 22: Eph 4.10

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

And the same one [Jesus] who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself. (Ephesians 4.10)

We know Jesus as the peasant teacher that walked the earth with a group of disciples, trained them, then died for them (and us). And came alive again. There's more to Jesus than that, (name). He's the Cosmic Christ. He fills the whole universe!!! There's no one like him! Take time to worship this humble Jesus, this incredible Christ. Tell him you want to be filled entirely with him.

Day 23: Eph. 4.15

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Instead, we'll speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (Ephesians 4.15)

It's hard to speak the truth in love, (name), but it's what Jesus did. He told us the truth about our situation. We were away from God, independent, rebellious. Lost. But he loved us enough to bring us the new way to live, and even die for us. Today watch your words - try to speak truth, not lies. Ask God to help you speak from a heart of love, not criticism.

Day 24: Eph 5.2

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. (Ephesians 5.2)

Imagine being like a perfume, your life leaving an impression on others, (name). That's what God wants to do in you. You'll have so much of Jesus in you, it will be like the scent of perfume to others. How? Live a life full of love. Today, make that your aim and prayer - a life full of love.

Day 25: Eph 5.10

A KeyVerse about Jesus, (name):

Carefully determine what pleases the Lord [Jesus]. (Ephesians 5.10)

We carefully determine our classes in university, our vacation plans, our spending, (name). Do we take the same time to determine what pleases God? Many times we don't. Today, ask God to help you evaluate your choices. Jesus, am I pleasing you when I do this?

Week 6

Day 26: Eph 6.10

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

A final word: Be strong in the Lord [Jesus] and in his mighty power. (Ephesians 6.10)

We're weak, (name), and at the same time strong. Weak, because we can't live like Jesus in our own strength. We'll fail. Strong, because we have the Spirit of Jesus in us. He gives us the power to be like Jesus and do God's work. We're not used to depending on Jesus, instead of ourselves! Tell God to teach you to rely on Jesus' power, not your own.

Day 27: 1 Peter 1.18-19

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (1 Peter 1.18-19)

It was very, very expensive for God to make a way back to him. It's like we were kidnapped by Satan, and God paid a ransom for us. Jesus died, so we could get free. For this reason, (name), we should really be thankful for Jesus, and willing to obey him.

Day 28: 1 Pet 2.4

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

You're coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. (1 Peter 2.4)

The culture and religion of Jesus' day rejected him, and threw him away to die. But not God the Father. He accepted Jesus' sacrifice, and is building a new culture around him. Now we can belong to God and be part of his new plan for the universe. Take it seriously, (name), not to reject Jesus, but welcome him into every area of your life.

Day 29: 1 Peter 2.21

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He's your example, and you must follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2.21)

It will cost something to live for Jesus. Time. Money. Energy. It might cost you more. In many parts of our world, believers suffer persecution, because there's so much hatred against Jesus. Tell God you want to be obey him, (name), no matter what others say. Even if it means suffering, you want to follow Jesus.

Day 30: 1 Peter 2.22-23

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

He [Jesus] never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He didn't retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. (1 Peter 2.22-23)

This is our goal, (name), to be pure and transparent, no darkness at all in us. And when someone hurts us, we want to absorb it, like Jesus did. His enemies couldn't make him hate. He refused to hurt them back, when they tortured him. Instead he depended on God to judge him. It takes great maturity to absorb evil, and not fight back, not get angry. Ask God to train you to have more self-control, like Jesus.

Week 7

Day 31: 1 Peter 2.24

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

He [Jesus] personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you're healed. (1 Peter 2.24)

It took the death of Jesus to break the power of sin in your life, (name). He paid all the penalty for your rebellion and independence from God. Because he did, you can now start living the way God planned, the right way. God healed you from sin! Thank him.

Day 32: 1 Peter 2.25

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Once you were like sheep who wandered away.

But now you've turned to your Shepherd [Jesus], the Guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2.25)

This is true of all of us. You and I wandered far from God and got lost. We would have been lost forever, a wasted life, (name), if Jesus hadn't come. He's like a shepherd, searching till he found us. When we heard his call, we responded - we wanted to belong to him! I'm so glad you did, and so glad he guards your life now. You're completely safe, because Jesus is watching over you.

Day 33: 1 Peter 3.16

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they'll be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. (1 Peter 3.15-16)

For sure, others are going to ask you questions about God, (name). Maybe it will be friendly, maybe it will be hostile. Still, they'll ask, if they know you're a Christian. What to do? Don't be afraid! It can be the way they start seeking God, because you give them good answers. Tell God you want Jesus to be real in your life. He's in charge - the Lord - not you. And try to live like him more and more. Your life will influence people around you, as you do this.

Day 34: 1 Peter 3.18

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3.18)

What an encouraging phrase, bring you home to God. That's where you are now, (name), because of Jesus' suffering. He brought you back to God, so you could be in his family. And he gave you a new life, powered by the Spirit. Enjoy God today! And tell him you want more and more of his Spirit, so you can live the new life.

Letter to send for Day 5:

This is the last KeyVerse about Jesus, (name)! We've used 35 of them to teach us more and more about him. I hope you've learned to love and respect him - he is so amazing!

Tomorrow we'll start a new series of KeyVerses, about prayer. You'll learn what Jesus taught about prayer, and how he prayed himself. But if you're too busy to keep reading the KeyVerses, just let me know. I'll not send anymore...

Day 35: 1 Peter 3.22

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Peter] Now Christ has gone to heaven. He's seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority. (1 Peter 3.22)

Peter was very close to Jesus. He got to walk and talk with him day by day, for three years. Jesus was his Rabbi, his Teacher. Then Jesus left, after the resurrection. Where is he now? In the place of power and authority over the whole universe. This is why you can be so confident, (name). Jesus is in control! This is why you can pray about everything. Jesus is listening, and has the power to do whatever he wants. How great, you belong to the One who's in charge!