

Dear Church Family,

What a blessing it was to gather together this past Sunday. Whether you were with us in person or joined us through the stream, we hope the Word of God spoke powerfully to your heart. Below is a brief recap of Sunday's message to help you continue reflecting on what was shared.

As you go through this week, take time to ask yourself honestly: Am I being led by the Spirit? Are my thoughts, my words, and my daily walk reflecting the mind of Christ? If you have wandered from the path, the call this morning was clear and gracious: turn around, repent, and press forward. The Lord is your shepherd, and he is still leading.

As always, if you have questions about anything shared in the service or would like to talk further about your relationship with Christ, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here for you.

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Union with Christ: Adopted, Led, and Glorified

Day 1: No Condemnation -- The Freedom of Being In Christ

Reading: Romans 8:1-4

Devotional: The most liberating truth a believer can grasp is that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. This is not merely a legal declaration -- it is a complete transformation of identity. The penalty of sin has been absorbed by Christ on the cross. You are not defined by your failures, your past, or the accusations of the enemy. You are defined by your position in Christ. As you read today, ask yourself honestly: do you live as someone who has been set free, or do you still carry the weight of a sentence that has already been served?

Day 2: Led by the Spirit -- Walking in the Mind of Christ

Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional: To be led by the Spirit is not a passive experience. It requires attentiveness, surrender, and a willingness to follow where He directs. The fruit listed in Galatians 5 -- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control -- is not produced by human effort alone. It is the natural outgrowth of a life that is yielded to the Spirit's leading. Examine the fruit visible in your daily life. Where do you

see the Spirit's work? Where do you see the flesh still asserting itself? Honest self-examination is not condemnation -- it is the beginning of growth.

Day 3: Adopted as Sons and Daughters -- Crying Abba Father

Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Devotional: Adoption in the ancient world was a profound and irrevocable act. A child who was adopted received the full legal rights of a natural-born heir. Nothing could undo it. When Paul declares that believers have received the spirit of adoption, he is saying that your place in God's family is permanent and full. You are not a servant living in fear. You are a child with access to the Father. You can cry out to Him in your darkest moments -- not as a stranger pleading at a gate, but as a child running to a Father who is already moving toward you.

Day 4: The Witness of the Spirit -- Assurance in the Midst of Doubt

Reading: 1 John 2:24-27; Romans 8:16

Devotional: There are seasons in the Christian life when doubt creeps in and whispers that perhaps you do not truly belong to God. The Spirit's witness is God's answer to that whisper. He bears witness with your spirit through the regeneration of your desires, through a growing hatred of sin, through a love for God's Word, and through the very cry of your heart toward the Father. As the sermon reminds us, the anointing of the Holy Spirit abides in the believer and teaches all things. When doubt comes, do not run from God -- run toward His Word and His presence, where assurance is found.

Day 5: Heirs with Christ -- Glory Through Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:17-18

Devotional: Paul does not hide the difficult reality that the path to glory runs through suffering. Fellow heirs with Christ means sharing not only in His resurrection and His inheritance, but also in His suffering. This is not a punishment -- it is a participation. The same Christ who endured the cross for the joy set before Him calls His people to walk a similar road with the same hope fixed on the same horizon. Whatever you are walking through today -- grief, hardship, uncertainty, or loss -- it is not the final chapter. The glory that awaits those who are in Christ renders every present suffering incomparable.