

Day 1 – The Urgency of the Hour

Verse: Romans 13:11–12 – *“The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand.”*

Reflection:

We live in a world where evil feels loud—violence, division, and tragedy surround us. Yet Paul reminds us that these dark moments are not the end of the story. The day is at hand. Christ has risen, and His return is closer than ever. The call is urgent: wake up. Don’t delay obedience, repentance, or faith. Tomorrow isn’t promised, but today is filled with the hope of Christ.

Questions:

1. What “spiritual sleep” might you be in right now?
2. How can you remind yourself daily that Christ’s return is closer than ever?
3. Where do you see light breaking into the darkness in your own life?

Prayer:

Lord, wake me up. Help me not to drift in distraction or delay obedience. Remind me that salvation is near, and fill me with hope that You are not finished with this world. Give me urgency to live each day in light of eternity. Amen.

Day 2 – Washed and Made New

Verse: Acts 22:16 – *“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.”*

Reflection:

Paul knew shame, guilt, and sin deeply. He hunted down Christians before Jesus met him. But in that moment of brokenness, God gave him a new beginning. Ananias didn’t tell Paul to prove himself first—he said, “Why wait? Be washed.” Baptism is the declaration that our stains are gone because Christ has cleansed us. In Him, your past no longer defines you—He does.

Questions:

1. What sins or regrets make you feel unworthy before God?

2. Do you see baptism (or your faith in Christ) as a finish line or a fresh start?
3. What does it mean to you personally to be “washed” in Jesus’ name?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for washing me clean. Help me to believe that I am not defined by my past but by Your work on the cross. Silence the voice of shame, and replace it with Your declaration that I am new, forgiven, and covered in You. Amen.

Day 3 – Clothed in Christ

Verse: Romans 13:14 – *“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”*

Reflection:

Paul doesn’t just say “take off the old life”—he says to put on Christ Himself. To wear Jesus like a garment, like armor, like your very identity. It’s not a burden but a blessing: protection, belonging, and strength. Like the Roman boy who traded his child’s toga for the toga virilis of adulthood, we too put on Christ as a sign of new life and new citizenship in His kingdom.

Questions:

1. What “old clothes” of sin or shame do you still find yourself wearing?
2. In what ways can you “put on Christ” practically each day?
3. How does viewing Christ as your covering change the way you see yourself?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for clothing me in Christ. Help me to walk each day dressed in Your grace, not in my old ways. Cover my shame, protect me from temptation, and let others see Jesus in the way I live. Amen.

Day 4 – No Condemnation, Only Christ

Verse: Romans 3:23–24 – *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”*

Reflection:

We've all sinned. None of us can stand before God as innocent. But the story doesn't end there—God has given us grace as a gift. You can't clean yourself up enough, work hard enough, or earn your way into His presence. Christ's sacrifice paid it all, and His righteousness clothes you now. Where shame says "you are dirty," the gospel declares "you are redeemed."

Questions:

1. Do you struggle more with admitting your sin or accepting God's grace?
2. Where do you see yourself still trying to "earn" God's approval?
3. How does knowing you're clothed in Christ free you from condemnation?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You that while I fall short, You never did. Thank You for redeeming me by Your grace and covering me in Your righteousness. Teach me to stop striving for approval and rest in the truth that I am already loved and accepted in You. Amen.

Day 5 – Belonging to the King

Verse: Romans 1:6 – *"You are called to belong to Jesus Christ."*

Reflection:

At the heart of Paul's message is belonging. In a world fractured by fear, violence, and shame, Christ calls us to Himself. To belong to Jesus means you're no longer defined by what you've done, what's been done to you, or what the world says. You are His. Baptism and faith are declarations that your life, your identity, your future—all belong to Him. That belonging gives you strength, courage, and hope, even in the darkest days.

Questions:

1. What voices make you doubt that you truly belong to Jesus?
2. How does belonging to Christ shape the way you handle trials or tragedy?
3. Where is God calling you to live more boldly as one who belongs to Him?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that I belong to You. When the world feels unstable and broken, remind me that I am safe in You. Let my life reflect the hope of belonging to Christ, and use me to invite others into that same belonging. Amen.