



5-Day Bible Reading Plan: The Power of Water and New Life in Christ

Day 1: The Life-Giving Power of God's Spirit

Reading: John 7:37-39; Ezekiel 47:1-12

Devotional: Just as physical water sustains our bodies, the Holy Spirit is the living water that sustains our souls. Jesus cried out at the feast, inviting all who thirst to come and drink. When you believe in Him, rivers of living water flow from within you—this is the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, regenerating and empowering you for kingdom work.

Consider how desperately your body needs water to survive. Your spirit has the same desperate need for God's presence. Without the Holy Spirit, our efforts are empty, no matter how hard we work. Today, ask yourself: Am I trying to serve God in my own strength, or am I allowing the rivers of living water to flow through me? Spend time in prayer, asking God to fill you afresh with His Spirit, that you might overflow with His life-giving presence to a thirsty world.

Day 2: Buried with Christ, Raised to New Life

Reading: Romans 6:3-11; Colossians 2:12-14

Devotional: Baptism is a powerful declaration that your old life has been buried with Christ. Just as Jesus died, was buried, and rose again, you symbolically participate in His death and resurrection. The person you were—bound by sin and separated from God—has been laid to rest. You have been raised to walk in newness of life.

This isn't merely symbolic; it's spiritually transformative. Your sins aren't just covered—they're cast as far as the east is from the west, thrown into the depths of the sea, never to be remembered again. The old you stays buried; the new creation emerges.

What "old self" habits or thought patterns are you still carrying around? Today, acknowledge that those things died with Christ. You are not who you used to be. Walk in the freedom and power of your resurrection life, knowing that the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you.

Day 3: Obedience Opens the Door to God's Power

Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15; John 9:1-11

Devotional: Naaman almost missed his healing because of pride. The Jordan River didn't look impressive, yet God's power resided in obedience, not in appearances. When Naaman humbled himself and obeyed the prophet's instruction, his flesh became like that of a child. Similarly, the blind man received sight when he obeyed Jesus' unusual command to wash in the pool of Siloam.

God's ways often don't make sense to our natural minds. We want prestigious solutions, but He calls us to simple obedience. Baptism might seem like a simple act—just water—but it carries profound spiritual significance when done in obedience to God's command.

Is there an area where God is calling you to simple obedience, but you're resisting because it doesn't seem significant enough? Perhaps it's reconciling with a family member, serving in an unglamorous role, or taking a step of faith that feels small. Remember: there is power in the water of obedience. Don't let pride rob you of God's blessing.

Day 4: From Remission to Regeneration

Reading: Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:37-41

Devotional: John's baptism prepared hearts for the Messiah, offering repentance and remission of sins. But after Jesus' resurrection, baptism became something more—a gateway to regeneration through the Holy Spirit. The disciples in Ephesus had been baptized by John, but when they heard about Jesus and were baptized in His name, the Holy Spirit came upon them with power.

This reveals a beautiful truth: God is always moving us forward in our relationship with Him. What was sufficient for one season becomes the foundation for the next. The Holy Spirit doesn't just forgive; He transforms, regenerates, and empowers.

Have you experienced the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, or are you living on yesterday's experience with God? The same Spirit that filled the early church is available to you today. Don't settle for mere forgiveness when God offers complete transformation. Ask Him to fill you afresh, to regenerate areas of your life that feel stagnant, and to empower you for effective witness.

Day 5: Peace That Passes Understanding

Reading: John 20:19-23; Philippians 4:6-7

Devotional: The disciples huddled in fear behind locked doors, but Jesus came and spoke one word: "Peace." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. This was the birth of the church—not at Pentecost, but in this intimate moment when Jesus imparted His Spirit to fearful followers and transformed them into bold witnesses.

Peace isn't the absence of storms; it's the presence of Jesus in the midst of them. The same breath that created Adam in the garden was breathed into the disciples in the upper room. That same Spirit lives in you, bringing peace that transcends circumstances and understanding.

What fear is keeping you locked behind closed doors today? Financial worry? Relational conflict? Health concerns? Jesus speaks the same word to you: "Peace." He has already overcome the world. His Spirit within you is greater than any challenge you face. Breathe deeply today, remembering that the breath of God sustains you. Let His peace guard your heart and mind, and step out from behind your locked doors to live the resurrected life He has given you.

As you complete this reading plan, remember that baptism is your public declaration of an inward transformation. You have been buried with Christ and raised to new life. The rivers of living water flow from within you. Walk in obedience, experience regeneration, and live in the peace that only Jesus can give.