COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Save the Lost · Grow the Saved

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Freedom from Sin and Living in Unity

Day 1: United with Christ in Death and Life
Reading: Romans 6:5-7

Devotional:
When you accepted Christ, you didn't just receive forgiveness—you became united with Him. The Greek word for "united" means closely joined, born together with, kindred. You share in both His death and resurrection. This isn't symbolic language; it's spiritual reality. Your old self was crucified with Christ so that sin's power over you would be broken. You are no longer enslaved to sin because one who has died has been set free. This means sin no longer has authority to dictate your choices. Today, reflect on this truth: you are family with Jesus, born together with Him. Let this reality transform how you see yourself and your freedom in Christ.

Day 2: The Call to Daily Surrender
Reading: Luke 9:23-26

Devotional:
Jesus doesn't ask for occasional commitment—He calls for daily death to self. Taking up your cross isn't about trying harder; it's about surrendering completely through the Holy Spirit's power. As a Christian, you no longer have the right to be offended, to nurse hurt feelings, or to harbor anger. This sounds extreme because it is. Jesus, beaten beyond recognition, said "Father, forgive them." Stephen, as stones crushed his body, prayed "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." You are not being asked to do anything Christ hasn't already modeled. Denying yourself means your feelings, preferences, and pride die daily so Christ can live through you. What area of your life needs surrendering today?

Day 3: Choosing Unity Over Self
Reading: Matthew 18:15-17

Devotional:
Satan's primary weapon against the church is disunity. He knows that true Christians united in Christ draw others to Jesus, so he attacks our unity relentlessly. When you speak negatively about another believer, complain behind their back, or harbor bitterness, you choose satan over Jesus. God's Word is clear: go directly to your brother or sister in humility and love. The goal isn't winning an argument—it's protecting unity and gaining your brother. Just because something is right doesn't mean it's the right thing to say or do. Unity requires humility, and humility requires Jesus. Before you speak about someone, ask yourself: Am I choosing unity or division? Am I protecting what Christ died to create?

Day 4: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ
Reading: Colossians 2:12-23

Devotional:
Through baptism you were buried with Christ; through faith you were raised with Him. God didn't just forgive your sins—He canceled the entire record of debt against you, nailing it to the cross. You were dead in your trespasses, but God made you alive together with Christ. This means you are completely free to live FROM Christ, not FOR yourself. When someone wrongs you, who cares? When someone offends you, so what? You are spiritually safe, eternally secure. Therefore, you are free to love as Christ loves you. Stop submitting to worldly regulations about what you can handle or how you should respond to offense. You died to those things. Live by God's wisdom, not the world's.

Day 5: Setting Your Mind on Things Above
Reading: Colossians 3:1-3

Devotional:
If you've been raised with Christ, seek the things above where Christ sits. Set your affections there. This isn't passive wishful thinking—it's active pursuit. What do you love? What captures your time, money, and attention? Do you love social media more than Jesus? Your job? Your family? Your comfort? You are dead to sin and the world, so set your affections on things above because that is where your life truly is—hidden with Christ in God. Every moment presents a choice: will you be alive to sin and the world, or dead to it and alive in Christ? Will you do things your way or God's way? Every choice either honors God and chooses life, or rejects Jesus and chooses death. Today, make thousands of small choices for Christ.

This week, examine your heart daily. Are you truly living free from sin's power? Is Christian unity your top priority? If not, now is the time to come and deal with that before God.