COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Save the Lost · Grow the Saved

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: The Seriousness of Sin and the Abundance of Grace

Day 1: The Reality of Our Sinful Nature
Reading: Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 5:12

Devotional:
We often excuse ourselves or others by saying, "Deep down, they have a good heart." Yet Scripture confronts us with uncomfortable truth: our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked. Sin entered through Adam, but if we're honest, we would have made the same choice. This isn't about fairness—it's about reality. Recognizing our sinful nature isn't meant to discourage us but to drive us toward our desperate need for a Savior. Today, resist the temptation to justify sin in yourself or others. Instead, acknowledge your true condition before God. Only when we see ourselves as we truly are can we appreciate the magnitude of God's grace. Confession begins with honesty about who we are without Christ.

Day 2: None Good But God Alone
Reading: Mark 10:18; Romans 3:10-18

Devotional:
When someone called Jesus "good," He redirected their focus: only God is good. This statement demolishes our cultural belief that people are fundamentally good. Without Christ, there are no "good people"—only sinners in need of redemption. This truth should transform how we view salvation. We cannot earn our way to heaven through good deeds or kind hearts. Our best efforts are tainted by sin. But here's the hope: God doesn't require us to be good on our own. He offers righteousness through Jesus Christ. Stop measuring yourself or others by human standards. Embrace the humbling truth that apart from God, none of us measures up. This realization opens the door to receiving the gift of salvation we could never earn.

Day 3: The Law Points to Our Need
Reading: Romans 5:13-14; Galatians 3:19-25

Devotional:
The Law never saved anyone—it revealed our desperate need for saving. From Adam to Moses, people died because of sin, not because they broke written commandments. The Law simply made sin obvious, exposing the seriousness of our condition. Think of the Law as a mirror showing us our spiritual state, not as a ladder to climb toward heaven. Many today still try to earn salvation through rule-keeping, missing the Law's true purpose: to point us to Jesus. Are you relying on your own goodness, your church attendance, or your moral behavior? The Law says that's not enough. Let it drive you to the only One who can save. Jesus fulfilled what the Law demanded, offering you righteousness you could never achieve alone.

Day 4: Judgment Awaits Us All
Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12

Devotional:
Every person will stand before Christ in judgment—both the saved and the lost. For believers, this isn't about salvation but about how we lived in obedience. Did we take God's call seriously? Did we reject sin and pursue holiness? This truth confronts our comfortable Christianity that tolerates sin and avoids sacrifice. An all-accepting Jesus who overlooks disobedience is a false Jesus. Love doesn't cover our ongoing rebellion; it calls us to repentance and transformation. How you live matters eternally. Examine your life today: Are there areas of compromise? Are you justifying sin rather than fighting it? The judgment seat of Christ awaits. Live now with that reality in mind, pursuing obedience not from fear but from love for the One who saved you.

Day 5: Where Sin Abounds, Grace Abounds More
Reading: Romans 5:18-20; Ephesians 2:4-9

Devotional:
Here is the glorious conclusion: God's grace is greater than all our sin. One man's disobedience brought death; one Man's obedience brings life. Jesus Christ offers justification freely to all who believe. Grace doesn't excuse sin—it conquers it. God's limitless grace should never lead us to take sin lightly but should overwhelm us with gratitude that transforms how we live. Where are you today? Standing in Christ against sin, or living comfortably with compromise? Grace isn't permission to continue in rebellion; it's power to overcome it. Accept God's gift of salvation if you haven't. If you have, let grace fuel your pursuit of holiness. The choice is eternally significant: Jesus or hell, obedience or rebellion, life or death. Choose life today.