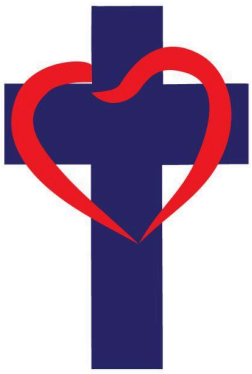

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Save the Lost · Grow the Saved

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Living Dead to the Flesh, Alive in the Spirit

Day 1: Sealed by the Holy Spirit
Reading: Ephesians 1:13-14

Devotional:
The moment you believed in Christ, God sealed you with His Holy Spirit—not as a distant promise, but as a present reality. This seal represents four profound truths: your security in God's hand, the authenticity of your salvation, His complete ownership of your life, and the authority you carry as His child. You are not partially saved or conditionally accepted. You are fully His. The Holy Spirit dwelling within you is God's guarantee that you belong to Him eternally. Today, rest in this security. You are not working toward acceptance; you are already sealed, protected, and claimed by the King of Kings. Let this truth silence every doubt and fear that whispers you're not enough.

Day 2: God's Temple Within You
Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:13

Devotional:
You are God's temple—His dwelling place. The same Spirit that hovered over creation, that raised Jesus from the dead, lives inside you. This isn't figurative language; it's literal truth. Every believer drinks from the same Spirit, making us equal before God regardless of status, gifting, or background. When anxiety grips you, remember: God Himself resides within you. When depression threatens, recall whose temple you are. You don't need more of the Holy Spirit; you need to surrender more of yourself to Him. Today, ask yourself: Am I treating my body, mind, and heart as God's sacred dwelling? What needs to change so His presence can flow freely through me? Honor the temple you've become.

Day 3: Guided by the Spirit
Reading: Acts 16:6-10; Nehemiah 9:20

Devotional:
The Holy Spirit isn't just a comforter; He's your divine guide. Paul and his companions had plans to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit redirected them, leading to the gospel spreading throughout Europe. God cares about your direction. He doesn't want you making plans and asking Him to bless them; He wants to lead your steps entirely. The Spirit instructs, teaches, and opens Scripture to your understanding. He speaks through conviction, peace, circumstances, and His Word. But here's the question: Are you listening? Are you willing to stop when He says stop, go when He says go, and wait when He prompts patience? Today, surrender your agenda. Ask God to guide you through His Spirit, then be courageous enough to obey when He redirects your path.

Day 4: Unity Over Division
Reading: Jude 17-19; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Devotional:
God takes unity seriously because division destroys what Christ died to build. Those who cause divisions are described as "worldly people, devoid of the Spirit." This is sobering. Every time you demand your way, nurse offense, or prioritize preferences over people, you choose division over unity. In marriage, church, and relationships, you face a daily choice: unite or divide. The Spirit always leads toward unity, patience, and love—even when you don't get your way, don't like the music, or disagree with decisions. Unity doesn't mean uniformity; it means laying down your pride for the sake of Christ's body. Today, examine your heart. Where are you causing division? What preference are you elevating above love? Choose unity. Suffer long. Extend grace. This is the Spirit's work in you.

Day 5: Dead to Flesh, Alive in Spirit
Reading: Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional:
Here's the ultimate question: Are you alive in the flesh and dead to the Spirit, or dead to the flesh and alive in the Spirit? There's no middle ground. If Christ's Spirit dwells in you, your mortal body is dead to sin's control. You're called to actively kill pride, offense, demands, and idols—anything that competes with God for first place in your heart. This isn't passive; it requires striving, vigilance, and surrender. What idol are you clinging to? What sin are you justifying? The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, giving you power to overcome. Stop trying to hide your flesh or pretend it's dead—actually crucify it. Today, ask God to reveal your heart. Confess what He shows you. Repent genuinely. Then walk in the Spirit's power, bearing His fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This is your new life.