

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Romans 10:9-10 and the Theme of True Salvation

****Day 1: Delivered From Lostness****

Reading: Luke 19:10; Romans 3:23; Psalm 51:1-5

Devotional: Every person enters this world carrying the weight of sin, destined by that sin for destruction. The Greek word translated "lost" in Luke 19:10 does not merely mean misplaced. It means to perish, to be destroyed. This is the condition every human soul is born into. Jesus did not come simply to improve your circumstances or make your life more comfortable. He came on a rescue mission. You were not slightly off course. You were perishing. Reflect today on the gravity of what you have been rescued from, and let that reality deepen your gratitude and sharpen your witness.

Practical Application: Write down one specific way your life before Christ reflected spiritual lostness. Then write one way salvation has redirected that area. Use both as fuel for prayer and worship today.

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****Day 2: Rescued From Wrath****

Reading: Romans 5:9; Romans 1:18; Nahum 1:2-3

Devotional: God's wrath is not a topic most people enjoy sitting with, but it is essential to understanding the full weight of salvation. Pastor Josh Smith noted that the Greek word for wrath carries the meaning of God's very character, not merely His anger. Because God is perfectly holy, His character demands that sin be confronted and paid for in full. You either receive that payment through the blood of Jesus, or you bear it yourself. Salvation is not simply a transaction. It is deliverance from a holy God's righteous judgment. The cross was not a suggestion. It was the only answer.

Practical Application: Spend time today meditating on the holiness of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a reverent and healthy fear of God that produces genuine worship rather than casual familiarity.

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****Day 3: Belief That Goes Beyond the Head****

Reading: James 2:19; Matthew 8:29; Romans 10:9-10

Devotional: Demons believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They acknowledged it aloud in the presence of Christ Himself. Yet no demon is saved. This exposes one of the most dangerous deceptions present in the church today, the idea that head knowledge equals salvation. Pastor Smith drew a sharp and necessary line here. Knowing facts about Jesus is not the same as entering covenant with Jesus. The Greek word translated "believe" in Romans 10 carries the meaning of entrust and commit. True saving faith is not what you know. It is what you have surrendered to. Examine where your belief actually lives.

Practical Application: Ask yourself honestly whether your faith is primarily intellectual or genuinely covenantal. Identify one area of your life where you have held back full surrender to the Lordship of Christ, and bring it before God in prayer today.

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****Day 4: Confessing Christ as Lord****

Reading: Romans 10:9-10; Colossians 1:13; Luke 14:26

Devotional: The Greek word translated "confess" in Romans 10:9 means to acknowledge, to assent, and to covenant. This is not a casual declaration. It is not spiritual enthusiasm at a church event. It is a binding, life-altering covenant in which you declare Jesus as Lord, meaning He holds complete authority over your life. Pastor Smith described this as a 180-degree turn, walking away from yourself, from sin, and from the world, to follow Christ. Salvation is not a prayer formula. It is a decisive moment of surrender, led by the Holy Spirit, that produces immediate and lasting transformation. Covenant is not temporary.

Practical Application: Reflect on the moment you confessed Christ as Lord. Was it a genuine covenant or an emotional response? If you are uncertain, speak honestly with God today. Covenant with Him now, not out of fear, but out of the understanding of what He has done for you.

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Practical Application: Identify one person in your life who remains in spiritual darkness. Commit to praying for them daily this week. Ask God to open a door for you to share, with clarity and boldness, what salvation truly is and what it has rescued you from.