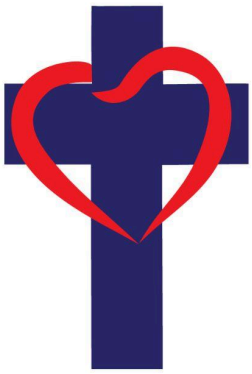

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Save the Lost · Grow the Saved

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Living as Heirs with Christ

Day 1: Death to the Flesh, Life in the Spirit

Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Devotional:

You owe the flesh nothing. Jesus paid your debt in full, freeing you from slavery to sin and selfish desires. Today, recognize that living according to the flesh leads to death, but putting to death the deeds of the body through the Spirit brings true life. This isn't about trying harder in your own strength—it's about surrendering daily to Holy Spirit's power within you. The Spirit testifies that you are God's child, an heir with Christ. This identity should transform how you view temptation and worldly pursuits. What areas of your life are you still living as a debtor to the flesh? Confess them today and allow the Spirit to lead you into freedom and abundant life.

Day 2: Taking Up Your Cross Daily

Reading: Luke 9:23-24

Devotional:

The cross wasn't a piece of jewelry in Jesus' day—it represented violent, degrading death. When Jesus commands you to take up your cross daily, He's calling you to total surrender, even unto death of your selfish desires. This flies in the face of a culture demanding instant gratification and self-fulfillment. Dying to self means your plans, comfort, reputation, and desires take second place to God's will. It means killing sin before it kills you. Yet this death leads to life—true, eternal, abundant life. Saving your worldly life means losing everything; losing your life for Christ's sake means gaining everything. What part of your "self" is God asking you to nail to the cross today? Don't hesitate—what you gain is infinitely greater than what you surrender.

Day 3: Putting Sin to Death

Reading: Colossians 3:5-6

Devotional:

God's command is clear: put to death what is earthly in you. Sexual immorality, impurity, evil desires, covetousness—these aren't small issues to manage but cancers to eradicate. When you indulge these sins, you worship yourself instead of God, making idols of your desires. The wrath of God is coming upon such things. This isn't harsh—it's truth spoken in love to save you. You cannot claim Christ while clinging to sin. Examine your thought life, your entertainment choices, your secret struggles. What are you tolerating that God calls you to kill? Confession brings these sins into the light where they lose their power. Through Holy Spirit's strength, nail them to the cross and leave them there to rot. Freedom awaits on the other side of obedience.

Day 4: Your Glorious Inheritance

Reading: Revelation 21:3-4; Romans 5:2; Hebrews 1:2

Devotional:

As an heir with Christ, your inheritance is beyond comprehension. You inherit eternal salvation, God Himself as your portion, glory in His presence, and the entire universe. God will dwell with you, wiping away every tear. Death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. This isn't your glory—it's His glory that you'll experience forever. This inheritance is why you can endure suffering now, why you can die to self and sin, why you don't need the world's instant gratification. You have something infinitely better coming. Let this truth reshape your priorities today. When temptation whispers, remember what awaits you. When suffering weighs heavy, remember your inheritance. Holy Spirit living within you is the down payment, the preview of glory to come. Live today as the heir you are.

Day 5: No One is Good But God

Reading: Mark 10:17-18; Lamentations 3:24

Devotional:

Even Jesus, in His humanity, pointed away from human goodness to God alone. Your morality, generosity, ministry, and good works cannot make you good. Only God is good, and the only good in you is God Himself through Holy Spirit. This truth should humble and liberate you simultaneously. Stop trying to earn your salvation or prove your worthiness—you cannot. Instead, surrender completely to the One who is good. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." God Himself is your inheritance and your hope. He is with you now and forever. Let this sink deep: you don't need to be good enough because Jesus already was. Your hope rests entirely in Him, not in yourself. Where are you still trying to earn God's favor? Release that burden today and rest in His goodness alone.