



READ the BIBLE
in ONE YEAR
Study & Devotional

Log on daily to participate in our “Read the Bible in One Year Study & Devotional”. This study and devotional will consist of a few chapters of Bible reading each day with a short quiz to stimulate spiritual thought. The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no rights or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse and answer some very simple questions from the text. These are simple Bible meditations in daily doses with electronic certificates upon completion. My goal is to only use one-half hour each day to stimulate our spirit.

Reading the Bible daily is not only a good thing to do, but it is a command (see Joshua 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:15; Isaiah 34:16; and Deuteronomy 32). In Deuteronomy 32, “Moses’ Song”, Moses reminds us to pass God’s law on to our children (verse 46); what better way than to pass God’s Word than reading it daily with our families.

The kings during the Old Testament times were to write their own copy of the Law (the first five books of our Bible) and meditate on it day and night. There’re many benefits to knowing God’s Word. This study is recommended to your family as a group but may be done individually as well. Our goal is to get people reading the Bible daily to strengthen character, and build morals. If you are old enough to read or be read to, you are old enough for God’s Word and this study.

No matter how old you are this will be good to refresh and maintain spiritual growth. Great things often come in small doses; may each day add to your blessings.

Words of Growth

On two days a week we will share a short word for spiritual growth along with our daily study. This will not be a sermon but more of a word to trigger thought. I will try to keep these thoughts close to our weekly text.

Non-Denominational

This is a Christian site. This means we claim no religious group. We believe the Bible, we believe God and what He has said in His Word. The Bible is our authority – no other belief system. Being a Christian is not a religious preference; religion is a man-made belief. Being a Christian is a command directly from God. Are we not told in the Bible to believe in Christ, believe His is the Son of God, believe He died for us and in turn only He is our saving grace?

1 John 5:11-12 “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

God gives us life through His Son. The Bible tells us to know Jesus, to know He is the Son of God, to accept Him and be like Him. This is to be in Christ, to be one with Him, like-minded. In Christ, Christ-in – Christian!

Acts 11:25-16 “Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. So it was for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Antioch was the capital of Rome, Saul whom later became Paul, and Barnabas journeyed there between sixty-three and sixty-seven A.D., well this being when the book of Acts was written so before these dates. This, “people being called “Christians” began before this and our goal is to remain Christians well following God’s Word. Life in all aspects is better when following God’s Word.

January

1	Read Matthew 1 – 4
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January Day One: Read Matthew 1 – 4

- 1) 1:1 The book of the _____ of _____ the _____ the Son of Abraham.
- 2) 1:6 and _____ begot _____ the king.
- 3) 1:16 And Jacob begot _____ the _____ of _____, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.
- 4) 1:23 _____ the _____ shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name _____, which is translated, “God with us.”
- 5) 2:1 Now after Jesus was _____ in _____ of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.
- 6) 2:16 Then _____, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to _____ all the _____ who were in Bethlehem and all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.
- 7) 3:4 Now John himself was clothed in _____, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was _____.
- 8) 3:8 Write out this verse: _____

- 9) 4:4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘_____ shall not live by _____ alone, but by every _____ that proceeds from the mouth of God’.
- 10) 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the _____ of heaven is _____.”

Daily Thought

How does it feel to know God is always with us? How does it feel to know He is beside you in all you do, good or bad? Whether you are with Him or not, He is with you – watching and waiting to receive you. Even His name assures this, Immanuel – “God with us.” Let us live

daily aware of His presence. Let us live in awareness of His company, honoring Him in all our ways. Immanuel – “God with us”: He is watching.

Word of Growth

King Herod:

King Herod was an evil man! This is put lightly. In Matthew 2:8 Herod asked the wise men to find the child (Jesus) so he could go and worship Him. Herod in no way intended to worship Jesus. He was only concerned for his own well-being. He was concerned Jesus would take his throne. He was in fear of losing his kingdom, his wealth, and authority. Herod planned from the very second he heard of Jesus, the “King of the Jews”, to kill Him. Herod was the king and was not going to allow one born “King of the Jews” to take his kingdom. At all cost, willing even to kill to keep his place, with his only concern for himself and his best interests.

I’m sure we all know someone close to this – sparing no expense to have things his own way. Verse 2:16 shows King Herod’s plan of action, to save his own skin. He sent his servants to kill all the male children under two years of age. Kill them all! What an evil man.

In verse 2:18 we find the prophecy from Jeremiah 31:15: “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” Herod had these children put to death to ensure his well-being, to save his kingdom. King Herod was so evil, he was said to have one hundred of his servants put to death on the day of his own funeral to ensure there would be weeping and mourning. What a monster of a man – evil all the way through and yet God saved His Only Son and our Salvation from this man so set on killing Jesus.

- 1) 5:3-11 How many times did Jesus use the word “blessed” in this passage? _____
- 2) 5:13 You are the salt of the _____; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- 3) 5:48 There you shall be _____, just as your _____ is perfect.
- 4) 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: _____ in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- 5) 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the _____ and the _____. Amen.
- 6) 6:33 But _____ the kingdom of _____ and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- 7) 7:7 _____ and it will be given to you; _____ and you will find; _____ and it will be _____ to you.
- 8) 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your _____, how much more will your Father who is in heaven _____ to those who ask Him!
- 9) 7:20 Write out this verse: _____

Daily Thought

If we seek God we will not only find Him, but He will be waiting with an open door – arms spread wide waiting to receive us as the good Father He is, knowing each of His children by their fruits.

- 1) 8:2-3 And behold a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, “_____, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus put His hand out and touched him, saying “_____.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
- 2) 8:7 And Jesus said to him, “_____ come and _____ him.”
- 3) 9:2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their _____, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of _____; your sins are _____ you.”
- 4) 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “_____.” So he arose and followed Him.
- 5) 9:22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw here He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your _____ has _____ you _____.” And the woman was made well from that hour.
- 6) 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “_____.”
- 7) 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. _____ you have _____.
- 8) 10:32 Write out this verse: _____

Daily Thought

Jesus is willing – He will cleanse (forgive) us for our sins. It is what He came to do. John 3:17 “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” He will only forgive and save the willing, “those who have faith (trust) in Him.” He is ready and willing to help, but He will not force Himself upon you. It is up to us each individually to receive Him. Jesus is willing as long as we believe.

“Believe – receive; doubt and go without.”

January Day Four: Read Matthew 11 – 13

- 1) 11:4 Jesus answered and said to them, “__ and tell ___ the things which you hear and see.”
- 2) 11:5 The blind ___ and the lame ___; the lepers are _____ and the deaf ___; the dead are _____ up and the poor have the gospel _____ to them.
- 3) 11:6 Write out this verse: _____

- 4) 11:10 For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send ___ _____ before Your face, who will _____ before You.
- 5) 12:5 Or _____ not _____ that on the Sabbath the priest in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?
- 6) 12:8 For the ___ ___ is _____ even of the _____.
- 7) 12:13 Then He said to the man “_____.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.
- 8) 13:44 Again, the _____ of _____ is like _____ hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- 9) 13:55 Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers, _____, _____, _____ and _____ ?

Daily Thought

Jesus told John in Chapter 11:5 He had healed every kind of sickness or condition known to man. “Even death in itself!” Have you ever really realized, felt, or known, this greatness in the Lord? Have you as the man from Chapter 12 reached your hand to the Lord in trusting obedience, knowing your need of Him?

“He is waiting.”

January Day Five: Read Matthew 14 – 16

- 1) 14:3 For _____ had laid hold of _____ and bound him in _____ for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.
- 2) 14:17 And they said to Him, “We have here only _____ and _____.”
- 3) 14:20 So they all ___ and were _____ and they took up twelve baskets full of the _____ that _____.
- 4) 15:4 For ___ commanded, saying “_____ your _____ and your _____; and he who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.”
- 5) 15:8 Write out this verse: _____

- 6) 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, _____
_____! Let it be to you _____.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
- 7) 16:19 And I will _____ you the _____ of the _____ of _____, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- 8) 16:26 For what _____ is it to a man if he _____ the whole _____, and _____ his own _____? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Daily Thought

Jesus can give us the keys to heaven, though we shall be sure of our intentions in life. We should ask ourselves if we are living in a manner that leads us to righteousness. Are we trusting our Lord and following His Will to receive this blessing? Often we may praise our Lord with our mouths, but then lack in action. If a person receives Jesus the result is more than just a little praise. Let us live a Christian life of action. Though one could never earn salvation, we surely can show to whom we belong. As long as we belong to Jesus He will surely provide us those keys.

Word of Growth

The Promise:

To begin, I want to share God's promise to His people – us: God has made a promise to us all and yet this promise is so old many do not know it. Many know of God, but not all know God. To know God one must study His Word, the Bible. Studying is not only reading but it is seeking understanding in what we read. If and when we don't understand a word, we need to seek its meaning. This is studying – to understand something as a whole is the goal of studying. Yes, it will take time, but just reading may not be enough. For instance, do you know the meaning of the word “testament”? This one word titles the two halves of our Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The word “testament” goes hand in hand with the word “covenant” and both can with one with the word “promise”. Then we have the old promise and the new promise; the Bible is then the promise of God to His people – us.

Now if anyone has made time or taken time to make a promise with me, I want to know their promise. God has given us many promises. He not only keeps these promises but every time we fail to meet the terms of these promise He gives us new ways or promises to help us and meet our needs.

One of my favorite promises is the promise found in Genesis 15. In this chapter God makes a promise to Abraham. He promised to make Abraham's descendants as numerous as the stars as well as a great land, the “Promised Land”. He promised to Abraham's God, his great shield (protection) and his very great reward. All believers in Christ (us) are descendants of Abraham. Our faith (trust in Christ) makes us Abraham's seed. We are offspring of Abraham which makes us heir to his promise from God. God is then our protection and our reward, our God! Let's get to the promise. God commended Abraham to take a heifer, a goat, and a ram all three years' of age, along with a dove and pigeon and cut them in two. During those times people would cut animals in two and then walk between the two halves to signify the seriousness of their promise. If one of the promise makers broke their promise they were saying they would be as the animal, “cut in half”. This was the agreement made by walking between the halves. So Abraham cut all those animals in half except the birds and as he waited he fell asleep (15:12). Now while sleeping he saw God as a firepot and a torch walk between these halves (15:17-18). I did not understand this right away, but as man did his usual (nothingness) God provided. He walked between the halves, taking this promise alone while Abraham was asleep. God gave us this promise and we did nothing to receive it. He didn't need us, He knew we could not keep this promise so He our God will keep it for us. He still requires our love, but He knows our weaknesses. God does not want His children to fail, what father would?

This promise is very much the same as the new promise! In Matthew 26:27-28 we find Jesus once again taking the promise. “Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out

for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Jesus took the cup (death). He made this new promise in His blood! Again, man was not needed for this promise. God knew our needs. And His Son took this cup alone, as His Father took the first promise “without man”.

This is God’s promise to us throughout the whole Bible. God has this, it is His gift to us. The Bible confirms this, the law of Moses as God had given was intended to make us aware of our need for salvation.

Salvation is God saving us from our infirmities. We should do our best to follow the law, but know for sure God has us. Turn to Him in need, He is there, always has been and always will be.

Matthew 27:50 “And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.” He died a horrible death at the hands of men, out of His love for man. Let’s not take this love for granted, but let us love Him back. I’ve never had anyone die for me; Jesus did. I will trust and love Him for all He has done. Trust Him – He is our God – our protection and our reward. He has this! It’s under control as long as we trust Him – He will provide for us. And if we live with love for Him “as He taught” are we not going to live righteous lives?

I wanted to be reasonable with limiting my time, and I may have run a little long today. Please know I just wanted our first week to be memorable. Trust God – He will take care of you. Love Him as He loves you.

January Day Six: Read Matthew 17 – 19

- 1) 17:1 Now after six days Jesus took _____, _____, and _____ his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves.
- 2) 17:2 ...and He was _____ before them. His _____ shone _____, _____, and His clothes became as white as the light.
- 3) 17:27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hood, and _____ that comes up first. And when you have _____, you will find a piece of _____; take that and give it to them for Me and you.
- 4) 18:3 ...and “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as _____ you will be no means _____ the kingdom of _____.
- 5) 18:11 For the _____ of Man has _____ to save that which was _____.
- 6) 18:21-22 How often are we to forgive? _____
- 7) 19:14 Write out this verse: _____

Daily Thought

From verses 18:3 and 190:13-14, do we believe Jesus loves children? Unless we become as children we will not enter heaven. We are not to act childish but have the faith of a child. Children don't doubt when told they believe. They are also obedient in their great faith. This is the trusting faith Jesus wants. Trust in our Lord with great faith as children trusting their parents.

He will never fail us.

- 1) 20:1 For the _____ of _____ is like a _____ who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2) 20:16 So the _____ will be _____, and the _____. For many are called, but few chosen.
- 3) 20:19 ...and delivered Him to the Gentiles to _____ and to _____ and to _____. And the third day He will rise again.
- 4) 21:5 Write out this verse: _____

- 5) 21:21 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have _____ and do _____, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this _____, ‘Be removed and be cast into the _____’ it will be done.
- 6) 21:42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures ‘the _____ which the builders _____ has become the chief cornerstone. This was the _____ doing. And it is marvelous in our eyes’?”
- 7) 22:16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and _____ the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone for You do not _____.”
- 8) 22:32 _____ of _____, the God of _____, and the god of _____. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
- 9) 22:37 Jesus said to him, “You shall _____ your God with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____.”

Daily Thought

In verse 21:5 Jesus sent for a donkey to ride. He had already walked from Jerusalem to the mount and was now on His way back. Why did He need a donkey? He could have just continued walking as was the normal means of transportation in His day. Jesus did this to fulfill the scriptures and please His Father.

If Jesus our Lord would so humble Himself to please God, His Father, perhaps we should take some time to evaluate our responsible duties as Christians. Maybe just lower ourselves just a little? Lend a helping hand, a word of encouragement - in such small things we can bring honor to our Lord. Take time to notice those around you. Notice their needs, try to meet them in a loving, brotherly nature.

Love covers a multitude of sins.

- 1) 23:11 But he who is the _____ among you shall be your _____.
- 2) 23:24 Write out this verse _____

- 3) 23:39 Who is blessed? _____
- 4) 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “_____ .
_____ .”
- 5) 24: 12-13 And because lawlessness will abound, the _____ of many will _____ . But he who _____ to the end shall be _____ .
- 6) 25:12 But he answered and said, “_____ , I say to you, _____ .”
- 7) 25:21 His lord said to him, “_____ , good and _____ ; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.”
- 8) 25/26 But his lord answered and said to him, “You _____ and _____ , you know that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.”

Daily Thought

We are not sure when the end will be, but we know it is coming. We need to be ready. We need to humbly trust our Lord and follow His Word in obedience. I do not wish to be found as a wicked and lazy servant. I'm waiting to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant! Welcome home!" Let us work on our preparation, let us look to know the Lord's Will for each of us. Let us meet Him in service.

Word of Growth

We read in Chapter 15:4 “For God commanded, saying, Honor your father and your mother; and , He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.”

The Family Unit: Parents, love your children! We are to be good to them. Love them and care for them; God has blessed you with them. Psalm 127:3 “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”

Psalm 53:2 “God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand who seek God.”

Children are an inheritance of the Lord. Not all who have children know God, but God knows and loves all those who have children. God loves children. He watches you little ones from His home in heaven. That’s right! He is watching you! He knows and loves you! He is watching to see if we love Him. Let’s show Him how much we do. Just remember even if you’ve acted badly He still loves you; just be honest. Tell Him, He already knows. He knows everything. Just as your mom and dad want to know, He wants to know if you are sorry. He’s waiting to hear it from you.

Just close your eyes and tell Him; He is listening and yes, He still loves you and always will. Parents, remember Jesus loves them. Matthew 18:3 tells us to be as children to enter the kingdom. Verse 18:6 tells us it would be better for us to drown than corrupt a child, and in 19:13-14 Jesus corrects His disciples for not allowing children to come to Him. “Jesus loves the little ones.” Children are spoken of many times in the Bible. The word “children” is used 1803 times in the NKJV Bible. Children: you had better listen to your parents – God said so! “Honor your father and your mother” (Matt. 15). “He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death” (Matthew 15).

Wow, I pray you’ve been listening to your parents! If not, you better get to listening! Never curse your parents; you are to be lovingly obedient. God’s punishment for disobedience is death. Wow! That adds meaning to listen to your parents! No, you will not die the very second you don’t listen. God is patient; He will give you a chance to learn. He loves you, but disobedience makes Him very sad. So if we’ve been a little bad, say you’re sorry and start fresh listening. Just let God or whomever you have wronged know you have made a mistake, you are sorry, and you are going to try harder. Know for sure that disobedience leads to death. You have a chance to learn but if we don’t learn we will never reach heaven – that is the death that is spoken of here. The disobedient will not see heaven – “life eternal”. Let us love our family. God only gave us one, along with our Christian family, of course. Children love and follow the instructions of your parents. Parents - love and meet the needs of your children. Take time to appreciate the gift of family. This is a blessing from God.

January Day Nine: Read Matthew 26-28

- 1) 26:2 You know that after two days is the Passover, and the _____ will be delivered up to be _____.
- 2) 26:13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this _____ has done will also be told as a _____.
- 3) 27:2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to _____ the governor.
- 4) 27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said to him, “_____.”
- 5) 27:22 Pilate said to them, “What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “_____!”
- 6) 27:33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha that is to say, _____ .
- 7) 27:54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying “_____!”
- 8) 27:62-63 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priest and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive how that deceiver said, “_____ .”
- 9) 28:3 His countenance was light _____ , and his clothing _____ .
- 10) 28:6 _____ ; for He is risen, as He said. _____ , _____ the place where the Lord lay.

Daily Thought

What can be said? How could they? This is beyond wrong, and brings me to speechlessness. As Jesus called Peter from His defense against the servant of the high priest (Matthew 26: 51-51; John 18: 10-11), so God allowed Jesus to die for us all. This was the plan from the beginning through the blood of our Lord's Son, Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed, saving us from our sins. Saved from the sinfulness of this world. Jesus paid the price! He bought us back from sin. He covers them all in His death, for us! Out of His love He bought us, paid with His life! We belong to Him. Our Lord created us, made our very being and then bought us back after we had sinner against Him! Let's acknowledge this, let's show Him the honor and love He so deserves. He is worthy of our love, read His word, study it, then apply it to your lives. Live in a way that honors God, and when we fail call Him. He cares. He loves you!

January Day Ten: Read Romans 1-3

- 1) 1:1 _____, a _____ of _____, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God.
- 2) 1:4 ...and declared to be the _____ with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection _____.
- 3) 1:16 For I am _____ of the gospel of _____, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- 4) 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who _____, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge _____.
- 5) 2:6 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 2:11 For there is _____.
- 7) 3:4 Certainly not! Indeed, let _____ but every _____. As it is written: "That you may be justified in your words, and may overcome when you are judged."
- 8) 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the _____.
- 9) 3:23 ...for _____ and fall short of the glory of God.
- 10) 3:24 ...being _____ freely by His grace _____ the redemption that is in _____.

Daily Thought

Paul has just said a lot. In Chapter 1:1 Paul states he is a slave (bondservant) of Jesus Christ. In Chapter 1:16 Paul says he is not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ. Chapter 3:23 all have sinned and in 3:24 we are justified through Jesus Christ. Our Lord

works miracles. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, and taught the Word thoroughly. Paul was known as Saul and he was against the Gospel of Christ. He was in the business of killing Christians! (See Acts 7:58 and 9:1-6). Jesus can cover all sin, and He will use anyone to proclaim His Word. Even the worst of sinners (1 Timothy 1). If you change in your ways, if any will receive the Lord Jesus Christ and His guidance . . . they will receive His amazing grace and mercy!

January Day Eleven: Read Matthew 20 – 22

- 1) 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham _____ and it was accounted to him for _____.”
- 2) 4:7 _____ are those whose lawless deeds are _____, and whose sins are covered.
- 3) 4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief but was strengthened in _____, giving _____ God.
- 4) 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by _____, we have _____ with God through our Lord _____.
- 5) 5:8 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 5:19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, by _____
_____ many will be made _____.
- 7) 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we _____ that grace may abound?
- 8) 6:2 _____! How shall we who _____ live any longer in it?
- 9) 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were _____
_____ were baptized into _____?
- 10) 6:11 Likewise you also reckon yourselves to be _____ to _____, but _____ to _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Daily Thought

In Chapter 6:21, Paul wants to know what fruit (good) we have gained from sin? Any good, pleasure from sin is temporary and it bites back in the end. I’ve found many regrets in sin. The regretful memories from sin are a hard way to learn and very effective. It would be easier

to just follow instruction, the instruction of God's Word. Let's pray we find our way before our ends. Sin only leads to death. God's instruction leads us to life. We should do our best to live a controlled life allowing God to set our paths.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

January Day Twelve: Read Romans 7-9

- 1) 7:6 But now we have been _____ from the _____, having _____ to what we were held by, so that we should _____ in the newness of _____ and not in the oldness of the letter.
- 2) 7:12 Therefore the _____ and the commandment holy and _____
- 3) 7:15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For _____, that _____ practice; but what I hate, that I do.
- 4) 8:1 For as many as are led by _____ of God, these are _____.
- 5) 8:14 For as many as are led by _____ of God, these are _____.
- 6) 8:24 For we _____ in this _____, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?
- 7) 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? _____, _____
- 8) 9:8 That's is, those who are the _____, those are not the _____' but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Daily Thought

In Chapter 8:35-39, Paul questions what may separate us from the love of Christ. Can any force other than self-will remove us from the love of Christ? No, not trouble, distress, powers, law, or even death can remove this love. As long as we come to Jesus in our needs not even our own sins can make Him not love us. Christ loves even the sinner, He died for them! Our Lord endured crucifixion for us, what could drive Him away? Not even death. Never doubt the love of Jesus. He loves you.

Word of Growth

Our Lord's compassionate love: our Lord is beyond our understandings. As we look back to the gospel of Matthew, in His final weeks looking forward and being aware of His coming death, Jesus rewarded a sinful woman who poured a bottle of perfume on His head (Matthew 26: 6-13). Such a small thing, though her perfume was very expensive, Jesus was about to die. He knew He was to be crucified, yet remained calm. He honored this woman for this small act of love and here almost two-thousand years later we still read this story in our Bible and right along with our Lord's death.

Matthew 26:13 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

The book of Matthew was written in the 60's A.D. and even all over the world to this day this woman's story has been told. Our Lord is truly a rewarder of the just. Love and honor Him He died for you. We all will find our reward in Him.

January Day Thirteen: Read Romans 10 – 12

- 1) 10:9 ...that _____ with your mouth the _____ and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 2) 10:11 Write out this verse _____

- 3) 10:17 So then _____ comes by _____, and hearing by the _____ of God.
- 4) 11:29 For the _____ and the _____ of _____ are _____.
- 5) 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How _____ are His _____ and _____
_____!
- 6) 11:36 For _____ Him and _____ Him and _____ Him are _____, to whom be
_____. Amen
- 7) 12:5 ...so we, being _____ are _____, and individually members of one another.
- 8) 12:10 Be kindly _____ to one another with _____ in honor giving preference to one another.
- 9) 12:21 Do not _____ but overcome _____.

Daily Thought

God is willing to accept all willing to receive Him and turn from evil. Everyone! No matter how bad a person may seem, do your best to be considerate of them and their needs. If not at that moment, some day they may be our brother or sister in Christ. Treating them poorly or without compassion will not lead them to Christ. Evil can never create good. We are to treat even the sinner with love. Though difficult this is God's desire. Not to enable, but to lead. Showing the good love which God has shown you and me can and will save many lost souls. Lead the lost with the love of our Lord, the love which He has supplied you and me.

- 1) 13:1 Let _____ be _____ to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the _____ that exist are appointed _____.
- 2) 13:8 Owe no one anything except to _____, for he who loves another has _____.
- 3) 13:14 But put on the _____, and make _____ for the flesh _____.
- 4) 14:1 _____ one who is _____ in the _____, but not to dispute over doubtful things.
- 5) 14:1 For if we _____, we live to the Lord; and if we _____, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, _____.
- 6) 14:11 For it is written: "As I live", _____, "Every knee shall _____ to Me, and every _____ shall _____."
- 7) 14:12 Write out this verse _____

- 8) 15:1 We then _____ are _____ ought to _____ with the scruples of the _____, and not to please ourselves.
- 9) 16:19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be _____ in what is _____, and _____ concerning _____.

Daily Thought

I enjoy reading God's Word through His servant, Paul. Paul get so into this teaching, he never holds back what the Spirit has given him to say. This man met our Lord Jesus Christ face to face during his trip to Damascus, on the Damascus Road. Before this point Paul had

been a persecutor of Christians – he killed them. Our Lord with His love changed this man in unbelievable ways. Paul now loves and teaches that which he once hated with such passion and commitment. This to me is a great and unbelievable show of our Lord's ability to use and save anybody He chooses. Our Lord is beyond all, His authority allows Him to do anything. Anything! And He will.

- 1) 1:1 _____, called to be an _____ of Jesus Christ through the _____
_____, and Sosthenes our brother.
- 2) 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you
will speak the _____ thing, and that there be _____ among you, but
that you be perfectly joined together in the _____ and in the same
judgment.
- 3) 1:13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were _____
the name of _____?
- 4) 2:5 ...that your _____ should not be in the _____ but in the
_____.
- 5) 2:9 But as it is written, “Eye has _____, nor ear _____, nor have entered
into the heart of man the things which God has _____ for those who
_____.”
- 6) 2:14 But the _____ does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for
_____, or can he know them, because they
are spiritually discerned.
- 7) 3:3 ...for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and _____
among you, are you not carnal and _____?
- 8) 3:16 Do you not know that you are the _____ and that the Spirit of
God _____?
- 9) 3:19 For the _____ of this world is _____ with God. For it is written,
“He catches the wise in their own craftiness.”
- 10) 3:23 And _____ are _____ and _____ is _____.

Daily Thought

If we look back at 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31, we see God uses the lowly to teach the wise and the weak to teach the strong. Let us never doubt God's ability to use each of us, though we may seem unequipped. God has made the provisions and He is willing to use those willing to receive Him for His glory. Wherever He takes us we need to remember it is His doing – not ours. Give glory where it is due. Honor God, He loves you!

Word of Growth

The Lord's:

Rather we know it or accept we all belong to God. This is a fact! God made us and gave us all we have. There is no option in this for us. We do have free will, we can accept this or reject it but this only changes what relationship we have with God. Regardless we belong to God. Parents, if your children don't obey are they still your children? Children, if your parents upset you are they still your parents? Yes, they are still your parents and you their children, but your relationship is altered depending on your actions. This is the same with God; He will always be your God and you His children. We cannot just get rid of God. We can make Him very unhappy. This, of course, would be a poor decision considering we can never escape the Lord's reach. Rather here in this life or after death we still must answer to God. We can spend our eternity with a happy, loving God in heaven or with an unhappy but still loving God in Hell. Let us make the right choices not to determine our eternity.

As C.S. Lewis said: "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done'. And those to whom God says in the end 'Thy will be done.'"

Rather we start following now or just wait and see. God will still be in charge.

January Day Sixteen: Read 1 Corinthians 4 – 6

- 1) 4:7 For who makes you differ from another? And _____ that you did not _____? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
- 2) 4:20 For the kingdom of _____ is not in _____ but in _____.
- 3) 5:6 _____ Do you now know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
- 4) 5:13 But those who are outside _____ therefore _____ from yourselves the _____.
- 5) 6:9-10 _____? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 6) 6:14 And _____ both _____ up the Lord and will also raise _____ by His power.
- 7) 6:15 Do you not know that _____? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!
- 8) 6:20 For _____; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Daily Thought

Again these two chapters have covered a good deal. Paul reminds us we've been paid for . . . yes, purchased as another property, the property of Jesus! Our Lord paid a high price for us, we were bought with His blood! His life for ours.

We are then Christians, in Christ, Christ-in – we carry the name and mark of our owner. We are to obey our Lord and master, we are to keep from sin and evil. If we encourage or praise evil it will only cause its growth. We need to build righteousness. If know encouraging or praising evil seems ridiculous – “I don’t praise evil”. Just think of the things you watch on television; maybe a movie about a bank robber. When you see this type of movie who are you hoping to win – the law or the robber? Sadly, usually the robber. Well, they were good guys without an option, of course, a “one time deal”. They had to do it, they get away, and everyone lives happy ever after – right? Wrong. Evil is evil and even this small amount of encouragement enlarges its reach. Any form of evil even the smallest form leaves us open for more. Stop it before it spreads; we’ve already let it in – just look at society.

January Day Seventeen: Read 1 Corinthians 7 – 9

- 1) 7:10 Now to the _____ I command yet not I but the Lord: a wife is ___ to _____ from her husband.
- 2) 7:14 For the _____ husband is sanctified by the ___ and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the _____, otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.
- 3) 7:22 For he who is called in the Lord while a _____ is the _____ . Likewise he who is called while ___ is _____ .
- 4) 8:3 But if anyone _____, this one is _____ .
- 5) 8:6 ...yet for us there is ___ ____, the Father, of whom are all things; and we for Him; and _____ through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
- 6) 8:12 But _____ thus _____ the _____, and wound their weak conscience, you _____ .
- 7) 9:14 Even so, the Lord commanded that those who preacher the _____ should _____ from the _____ .
- 8) 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all fun, but one receives the prize? ___ in such _____ that ___ may _____ .

Daily Thought

In chapter 7, Paul speaks of marriage. This chapter can tend to offend people. Paul is not saying marriage is a bad thing, he is saying it takes from one's time with God. This is a simple thing to understand, all the time spend with a spouse is taking from time with God. But remember not all were made for the same purpose. Each person has their responsibility in the Lord. Families are needed in the world, they are our future. God made man and woman for each other. Love your spouse, love your family. God is responsible for them. If it was not meant to be, God would not have made it so. "Adam and Eve." If you have a family, a spouse, or if you are set apart for God as a single being, this is your blessing! Enjoy it in the best way possible to honor God.

- 1) 10:4 ...and all drank the same _____ . For they drank of that _____ that followed them and that Rock was _____.
- 2) 10:13 _____ has overtaken you _____ such as is _____ ; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- 3) 10:17 For ____, though many, are one bread and _____; for we all partake of the one bread.
- 4) 11:3 But I want you to know that the _____ is _____; the head of woman is man, and the head of _____.
- 5) 11:28 But let a man _____, and so let him eat of the bread and _____.
- 6) 12:12 For as the _____ is _____ and has many members, but _____ the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is _____.
- 7) 12:20 But now indeed there are _____, yet _____.
- 8) 12:27 Write out this verse _____

Daily Thought

1 Corinthians 10: 13, a favorite for me – “No temptation has overcome you except that which is common to man.” Though we’ve all had our days, living in the temporary pleasures of sin. We’ve done nothing uncommon to man. Others too have made these choices and God can and will forgive our sins if we bring our sins to Him. God is amazing! Trust Him, He cares and loves us.

Ecclesiastes 1:9, "That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun." Nothing new under the sun! God has seen it all and each of us are still His children. He knows . . . He still loves us . . . though sin saddens God, He awaits our return as a father awaits his child. he is still waiting in love. Love Him.

- 1) 13:11 When I was a _____, I spoke as a _____, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away _____.
- 2) 14:15 What is the conclusion then? I will _____ with the _____, and I will also pray with the _____. I will sing with the spirit and I will also _____ with the understanding.
- 3) 14:33 For _____ is _____ the _____ of _____ but of peace, as in the churches of the saints.
- 4) 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for _____ according to the Scriptures, and that _____ was buried, and that _____ again the _____ according to the Scriptures.
- 5) 15:9-10 For _____ of the apostles, who am _____ to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But _____ and His grace toward me was not in vain but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
- 6) 15:57 But _____ be to _____, who gives us the _____ our Lord _____.

Daily Thought

In Chapter 15: 9-10 we have a mouthful. Paul has the perfect Christian attitude. He says – I am the least! I am unworthy! I am what I am only through the grace (unmerited favor, gift) of God!

In James 4:6 we read “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” I would say Paul has humbled himself here. We shall come to our Lord lowly and humble knowing our weaknesses and our need of Him, this is being humble. This is what He wishes to see. God raises the humble but lowers the proud. What a wonderful Father we have, though we are so undeserving. He will raise us in His glory, only if we are willing to glory in Him.

World of Growth

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul speaks of one body. I enjoy this chapter simply because people often get ahead of themselves in self-pride. “I am more spiritual, I know more, I work at a church, I write books, I preach at my church.” This is wrong thinking and Paul breaks this down for us here in Chapter 12. Though it often seems a person may have more responsibility or purpose in this life for Christ, we are all of equal importance in Christ. Each individual believer has an individual responsibility, none better than the other for all work together for one, “Christ”. Our Lord is responsible for our ability He gave to us, without Him we could do nothing. Though my responsibilities in our Lord may seem less than yours we are equal in Christ our Lord. Even if you teach and I listen. To learn and listen to you may be my Christian responsibility for the time, as it is yours to teach. We are equal to Christ, both being obedient and following His Will. You could not teach if no one would listen. I could not learn if no one could teach. Is this not working together in Christ, don’t both of us receive blessings from our Lord in our obedience? Of course we do, God is a rewarder of the just, He awards obedience. Let us follow the Lord and not count our own ability but be thankful for what He has done for you and me. Honor Him for these gifts. As long as we give credit to our Lord and follow instruction, without bragging of self we will be prosperous in Him. As one body working together, not you or I, but us as Christians. In Christ we have a great ability as a group not one.

- 1) 16:13-14 _____, stand fast in the _____, _____, be _____. Let _____ that you ____ be done _____.
- 2) 16:23-24 The _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ _____. My _____ be with you all _____. Amen.
- 3) 1:1-2 _____, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and _____ our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia: _____ to you and _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4) 1:20 For all the _____ in Him _____ and Him _____, to the glory of God through us.
- 5) 1:22 ...who also has _____ and _____ us the Spirit in our _____.
- 6) 2:14 Now thanks be to _____ who always _____ us in _____ in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
- 7) 2:17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we _____ in the _____ of _____.

Daily Thought

I have in the last few days with Paul's letter spoken a lot of good about Paul. We need to remember he is the Lord's servant and all he does comes through the Lord. The Lord did many great things through this servant, who was led in Spirit. Paul's actions were literally fed him from the Holy Spirit. When I brag of Paul, I brag of our Lord. As I am struck in amazement of all the Lord had done through this single sinner. When we see good come from Paul it is coming directly from our Lord through him.

All good comes from our Father above. James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is not variation or shadow of turning."

All good is of God and He is without change! The same all the time. What He has done for others He can and will do for you. Just trust Him, give control to Him and He will lead you.

- 1) 3:3 Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the _____ on _____ of _____ but on tablets of _____, that is, of the heart.
- 2) 3:17 Now that the Lord is the Spirit; and _____ the _____ of the _____, _____.
- 3) 4:6 For it is the _____ who _____ light to shine out of darkness, who has _____ in our _____ to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 4) 4:8-10 We are _____ on every side, yet _____; we are _____, but not in _____; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body of the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of _____ also may be _____ in our body.
- 5) 4:17 For our light _____, which is _____, is working for us a far more exceeding and _____ weight of _____.
- 6) 5:7 Write out this verse _____

- 7) 5:10 For _____ must _____ appear before the _____ seat of Christ, that _____ one may _____ the things done in the body, _____ to what he has _____, whether _____ or _____.
- 8) 5:17 Therefore, if _____ is in _____, he is a new _____; _____ things have _____ away; behold, all things have _____.

Daily Thought

2 Corinthians 5:17 states if we are in Christ, we are new and have new life. New creations, our old foul, sinful ways have gone. Don't live in sin another second, and don't let evil give you doubt. You are new! This morning I found myself in a small trial. I even found some anger in this situation. I know we all can relate to these times in life. I almost let the old sinful nature come out, then I remembered "This is no longer me, find patience in this issue and keep self-control". We are new! In Christ we find new abilities, we are filled with peace and love. This new person is then peaceful, patient, and self-controlled. This person no longer reacts in fast, rash anger-filled moments, but is controlled. If we trust in Jesus and accept this gift we will find peace in our trials.

Remember peace and controlled actions in life. Think to yourself, "Would Jesus react this way?"

- 1) 6:2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, _____; behold _____.
- 2) 6:14 _____ unequally _____ together _____. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?
- 3) 6:17-18 Therefore, “Come out from among them and _____” says the Lord. “Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a _____, and you shall be _____,” says the Lord Almighty.
- 4) 7:8 For even if I make you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle _____, though _____.
- 5) 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though _____, yet for your sakes _____ that _____ through His poverty might _____.
- 6) 8:15 As it is written, “_____”
- 7) 8:21 ...providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the _____, but also _____.

Daily Thought

In verse 6:2 we find now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Don't wait until tomorrow, now is the time! Let us be prepared, readily awaiting our Lord's return. What a terrible thing it would be to be caught in sin. Be prepared, be clean in spirit. And what is

not clean in you give it over to our Lord. Don't hold on to sin; let Jesus cleanse you from it. This is so simple. He has already paid the price. Give it over to Him, He is waiting to receive all who know their need of Him. Now is the time, don't wait any longer.

Word of Growth

I planned to write of 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter. Love is by far the main theme of our Bible. The word alone in its many forms is used 555 times in the New King James Bible. Love is commanded to the Christian, so let us do all things in love.

I was moved to speak on 2 Corinthians 6:17-8 and also 7:8-10. In these verses we are reminded to be a separate people, set apart by God for His use (sanctified). We are not to mingle amongst the sinful. Not only are we to keep ourselves from sin, but we are to keep from those who live in sin. This also means we may need to speak up when others sin. As Paul mentions in his epistle (letter) to Corinth, Chapter 7:8-10 he said things that hurt and were upsetting to the people. Things which made them sorrowful. "Correction to sin." Though we don't wish to upset anyone it is a process that is needed at times. Verse 8 states "even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it."

Wow! Paul is right. Though correction hurts, the pain or sorrow is temporary. The penalty for sin may last forever if not removed. Sin leads to death, correction brings life. Too often we witness sin in quietness, this action may leave a brother or sister condemned. Even though they've made their choices, our words could save them. Biting lips can lead to us failing a friend, a father, a mother, brother or sister. Our words may not work, they may not listen to us. I'm sure a word is better than none.. What if my one word, or your one word, brings another to eternity! What if a word could have saved a soul and we said nothing? I would rather upset my friend and lose a friendship than happily watch one be condemned. God has commanded us to be separate from the sinful. This separation could be just the tool they need. Separation is painful and through it many lessons are taught. I know this lesson by experience. "Hey! Come on, guys, it's not that serious! It was only a small sin! Hummm... Maybe I should not have acted so, maybe that sin WAS serious? Lord, Father in heaven help me!"

Yes, even small sin is serious and leads to death. And separation hurts and will leave you searching your heart. Prayerfully this leads to God.

January Day Twenty-Three: Read 2 Corinthians 9-11

- 1) 9:6 But this I say: he who sows _____ will also _____ sparingly, and he who _____ bountifully will also _____.
- 2) 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for _____.
- 3) 10:7 Do you _____ at things according to the _____? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, _____ we are Christ's.
- 4) 10:17 But "_____."
- 5) 10:18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom _____.
- 6) 11:14 And no wonder! For _____ himself _____ himself _____.
- 7) 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if _____ also _____ themselves into _____ of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Daily Thought

Never doubt the Gospel (good news); it is God's Word. Many will try to alter God's Word. Evil does not concern itself with being righteous. Those who are evil or maybe lost in ignorance do what seems right and good to them. If the Word of God offends them they change or ignore the Word. Believe God's Word, we can see its truth through the life of Paul. Paul knew the truth; Jesus revealed it to him on the road to Damascus. What was revealed only Paul and our Lord knows. We can see by Paul's change (Christian-killer to preacher of the Word) and all he suffered to proclaim the Word (2 Corinthians 11:22-31) he had no doubt of the truth. Paul, as well as many others, died for their faith. Paul was executed by the Roman emperor, Nero, for being a Christian.

Never doubt this Word; many have died getting it to you and me. God delivered this Word and preserved it. Though many wish to destroy it, it still stands.

- 1) 12:9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for _____
_____.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast
in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 2) 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches in needs, in persecutions,
in distress, for Christ’s sake. For _____,
_____.
- 3) 13:1 This will be the _____ I am coming to you. By the mouth of two or
three witnesses every word shall be established.
- 4) 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of _____, be of
_____, live _____; and the _____ of _____ will be
with you.
- 5) 13:14 The _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the _____ of God, and the
_____ of the _____ be with you all. Amen
- 6) 1:1 _____, an apostle (not from men nor through men but _____
_____ and God the Father who raise Him from the dead)
- 7) 1:6 I _____ that you are _____ away so soon _____
_____ in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel.
- 8) 1:23-24 But they were _____ “He who formerly persecuted us now
_____ which he once tried to destroy”. And they
_____.

Daily Thought

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 we find our Lord’s grace (favor) is sufficient for our every need. Paul’s thorn was a trial in his life. A difficult circumstance which he requested the Lord to take away. We’ve all had circumstances like these. How do we get through these difficult

times? One way to handle hard times is faith in God. This is far better than trusting ourselves and personal ability. When we trust and rely on Jesus He will show us the way. His grace is sufficient even for our troubles today. Once we realize this we, like Paul, may say “When I am weak, then I am strong!” Lean on that Rock, trust Him; He is our strength.

January Day Twenty-Five: Read Galatians 2-4

- 1) 2:6 But from those who seemed to be something – whatever they were, it makes no difference to me: _____
_____ - for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.
- 2) 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ _____.
- 3) 3:2 This only I want to learn from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the _____.
- 4) 3:6-7 ...just as _____ believed _____ and it was _____ to him for _____ . Therefore know that only _____ who are of faith _____ sons _____.
- 5) 3:18 For if the inheritance is of _____ it is no longer of _____; but _____ it to _____ by _____.
- 6) 3:24 Therefore _____ , that we might be justified by faith.
- 7) 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and _____ , than an _____ .
- 8) 4:28 Now _____ was, _____ .

Daily Thought

Remember, salvation is a gift from God through His Son Jesus Christ. No work or law could ever earn this. Thankfully receive this gift that so many are blind to being lost in their love the sinful living. I pray all will receive this promise – this great gift. If only we could open their minds to God. Whatever we do, let us not take this gift for granted. We should do our best to share and love our Lord. Be grateful, not shy or embarrassed, but grateful to know, love and share our Lord, our Father in heaven. “Our Salvation.”

January Day Twenty-Six: Read Galatians 5 – Ephesians 1

- 1) 5:5 For we through the _____ eagerly wait for the _____ of _____
_____.
- 2) 5:9 Write out this verse _____

- 3) 5:14 For all the law is _____, even in this “You shall
_____ your neighbor as yourself.”
- 4) 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____ against such there is no law.
- 5) 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh _____, but he
who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit _____.
- 6) 6:18 Brethren, the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ _____
Amen.
- 7) 1:1-2 _____, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in
_____, and faithful in Christ Jesus: _____ to you and _____ from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8) 1:7 In Him we have _____, the forgiveness of
sins, according to the riches of His _____.

Daily Thought

As we finish Galatians we find the fruit (goodness) of the Spirit. If one is in Christ we will know them by their fruits. There should be a noticeable change in the life of the individual whom truly receives Christ into their live. “Nine noticeable changes.” Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Without these

nine characteristics being evident in one's life, I would have doubts of them being fully having Christ in their live and heart. Let us ask ourselves, who and I for?

Matthew 12:30, "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."

The devil will try to interfere; stay focused – don't live by the flesh but by the Spirit. Live in love; focus on your spiritual needs; watch for the signs of the Spirit in your life.

Be for and work for Christ, live by the Spirit – not of self. Live and love in God.

Word of Growth

In the Book of Galatians we find the church having a problem which is still common today. There are many today who have become confused in their faith. They had some men of high standing in their society corrupt the Gospel of Christ. Paul had taught the Gospel of grace through Christ. This is the Gospel of Christianity. Our Savior Jesus Christ dying on the cross to pay for the sins of those who believe in Him. Our salvation is based on what Jesus has done for us. Jesus gave His life for ours – this is grace – the free gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord. We've done nothing to earn this gift, nor could we ever earn salvation. During the time Paul wrote this epistle (48 A.D.) the Galatians had been misled by these men of high report. They once again had been led to try to earn their salvation by their works. They condemned themselves to following the law – and no one ever could. If one loses his salvation on works or the law, or on one missed law, sin condemns them. You can never pay for your own sin without Jesus; there is no return from your sins. Now, if we put our faith in Jesus paying for our sins, as He did, we are covered by grace for eternity. We need to be very careful who we listen to. It can be easy to listen to or to follow a person of high respect. Even Peter was led astray by these men (Galatians 2:11). Peter was sharing a table with his brothers who were not Jewish, which was against the law for him, when these men came to them and he stopped joining his brethren at meals. Do not be misled, do not follow men, follow our Lord. We are Christians; we are in Christ; we will be delivered by Him and His grace – nothing else. Put your trust in the Lord.

- 1) 2:4-5 But ____, who is rich in _____, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were ____ in _____, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).
- 2) 2:8-9 For by _____ have been _____ through _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the _____ of ____, not of _____, lest anyone should boast.
- 3) 3:17-19 ...that Christ may dwell in _____ through _____; that you, being _____ and grounded in _____, may be able to _____ with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the _____.
- 4) 4:21-24 ...if indeed you have _____ Him and have been _____, as the truth is in Jesus: that you _____, concerning your former conduct, the _____ which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
- 5) 4:26 Be _____, and _____: do not let the sun go down on your wrath.
- 6) 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, _____, even as God in Christ _____.

Daily Thought

In Chapter 4:26 we are told to “Be angry and do not sin.” What is the idea here? Angry doesn’t sound like the Christian way. Christians are to be full of love – where does anger fit into love? But yet we are told to be angry and without sin. I believe we are to be angered in our spirit with zeal for our faith – loving righteousness and angered against sin. We are not to show wrath but loving correction in controlled conduct, but in no way can sin be accepted. We are to do our best to proclaim God’s Word, giving instruction based solely on His Word.

Our Father's Word will do the work, it will reach and change many. However, we must speak it and believe it trusting in our Lord wholeheartedly. If we truly follow our Lord and love His ways one cannot help but to be angry toward sin; stirred in spirit to speak the truth (God's Word.)

- 1) 5:1-2 Therefore be _____ of ___ as dear children. And _____, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma.
- 2) 5:6 Let no one _____ you with _____, for because of these things the _____ of God comes upon the _____.
- 3) 5:20 ..._____ for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4) 6:2 _____ your _____, which is the first commandment with promise.
- 5) 6:7-8 ...with _____ doing service, as _____, and _____, knowing that whatever good anyone does _____ the same from the _____, whether he is a slave or free.
- 6) 6:24 _____ Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.
- 7) 1:1-2 _____ and _____, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in _____, with the bishops and deacons: _____ to you and _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8) 1:6 ..._____ of this very thing, that _____ until the day of Jesus Christ.
- 9) 1:21 For me to _____ and _____.

Daily Thought

Ephesians 6:13-18 speak of the armor of God. We are not to battle or go to war as men, but we are in spiritual warfare. Our tools are listed in this portion of Scripture. Our armor is of God, He has supplied us the proper tools. We are to gird our waist with the truth, put on our breastplate of righteousness, shod our feet with the gospel of peace, taking our shield of faith, our helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit – which is God’s Word.

These six things God has supplied for us are sufficient for all our needs and trials. Learn His Word, study diligently, and you can be so well-equipped in Him, having complete confidence in life. Trust our Mighty Supplier; He has equipped us for all things!

- 1) 2:3-4 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in _____
_____ let each esteem _____ than himself. Let each one of
you _____ not only for his ___ interests, but also for the interests of
_____.
- 2) 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name
which is _____, that at the name of Jesus _____
_____, of those _____ and of those _____, and those
_____, and that _____
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 3) 3:2-3 _____, beware of _____, beware of the
_____! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit,
rejoice in Christ Jesus, and _____.
- 4) 3:14 I _____ for the prize of the _____ of
_____ in Christ Jesus.
- 5) 3:20 For _____ is in _____, from which we also eagerly wait for
the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 6) 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and
_____, with _____, let your requests be made known
to God.
- 7) 4:8 Finally, brethren, _____, whatever things are
_____, whatever things are _____, whatever things are _____, whatever
things are _____, whatever things are of _____, if there is any
_____ and if there is anything _____
_____ things.

- 8) 4:13 Write out this verse _____

- 9) 4:23 The _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ will be with you all. Amen.

Daily Thought

In 3:2-7, Paul tells us to beware of the dogs – the false teachers. The Pharisees were a strict group who believed in many man-made traditions as well as following the whole law for salvation. Jesus is our only way to reach salvation. Paul in verse 5 states some big facts. He was a Pharisee, he was circumcised on the eighth day as commanded, he was of the blood of Israel, of the selected tribe of Benjamin. A Hebrew of the Hebrews, meaning he was more. Paul was of high repute among his people. But he understood through revelation only Jesus can save us – nothing else. In verse 7 Paul says “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.” Paul was ahead of the game as a man but realized those things are of no value next to our Lord Jesus Christ. Trust in Him, He will provide for you.

Word of Growth

Ephesians 5:1-2: “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma.”

Revelation 8:3-4 “Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand.”

I’m not sure why this verse in Ephesians triggered me to think of the verses in Revelation. Sometimes God leads us subconsciously in His Word like this to teach and guide us. This is a great reason for us to read our Bible daily.

In the Old Testament times men offered sacrifices to God. Animal sacrifices or even incense burned on the altar. Since Jesus fulfilled this need of sacrifice, what does God now seek? I believe one of the biggest apart from loving Him and doing our best to obey His instructions (the Bible) is praise. How do we praise God? We find instruction in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

We are to rejoice – be happy, joyful, and in all things praise God. We are to pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all things. We praise our Lord by talking to Him, thanking Him and praising Him in prayer. Build a relationship with Him. In Revelation 8:3-4 we see the Lord breathes the prayers of the saints (us). A saint is a believer, a follower of the Lord. The Lord is breathing your prayers as a sweet smelling aroma. This is one of our only ways of sacrifice since our Salvation put Himself on the cross for us and our sins.

Our Lord receives our prayers as a sweet smelling aroma, a sacrifice, through more of a reasonable thanksgiving than a sacrifice. I believe we owe Him this praise. I know we do. Our Lord longs to hear from us. Pray without ceasing, this is to keep your mind on the Lord and things above. Thinking spiritually can and will only lead to good.

As you pray, do so with thanksgiving, not always in requests. Say thank you! Pray in thanksgiving. As we continue this week let us put on our armor, let us meditate on heavenly things, let us pray in a loving way full of praise so we may honor our Father. May each of us be blessed accordingly. Amen.

January Day Thirty: Read Colossians 1-3

- 1) 1:1-2 _____, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and _____ our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in _____.
- 2) 1:13-14 He has _____ us from the power of _____ and conveyed us into the _____ of the _____ of _____ in whom we have _____ through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- 3) 1:18 And _____ is the _____ of the body, the _____, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- 4) 1:27 To them God willed to make _____ what are _____ of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles which is Christ in you, the _____ _____.
- 5) 2:6 _____ therefore have _____ the Lord, so _____.
- 6) 2:10 ...and you re _____, who is the _____ of all _____ and _____.
- 7) 2:12 ..._____ with Him in _____, in which you also were _____ with Him through _____ in the working of God, who raise Him from the dead.
- 8) 3:1-2 If then you were _____, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. _____ _____, not on things on the earth.
- 9) 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: _____, _____, _____, _____ out of your mouth.
- 10) 3:14 But above all these things _____; which is the _____.

11) 3:24 ... _____ that from the Lord you will _____ the _____ of the inheritance; for _____.

Daily Thought

Colossians 2:15-17: “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. So let no one judge you in food or drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

We are to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, not a man-made belief or ritual. Jesus paid for all of these. Eat and drink what the Lord has given you. Don't allow anyone to talk you into earning salvation. No festival or food could give us what Jesus has given us. Join together and eat as you feel the need, out of love for our Lord. It is a good thing for us to meet together with our brethren to build up and strengthen one another in Christ. It is good to praise our Lord in a group. Just remember these things don't save. Jesus saves, He cleanses our sins; only our faith in Him may deliver us, not some act of man.

January Day Thirty-One: Read Colossians 4 – 1 Thessalonians 2

- 1) 4:2 Continue _____, being vigilant in it _____.
- 2) 4:18 This salutation by my own hand - _____. Remembering my chains. _____ Amen.
- 3) 1:1 _____, _____, and _____, to the church of _____ in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: _____ to you and _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
- 4) 1:3 ...remembering without ceasing your work of faith, _____, and _____ of _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.
- 5) 2:4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we _____, _____, _____.
- 6) 2:14-16 For you, brethren, become imitators of the church of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, _____ the Lord _____ and _____ own _____, and have _____; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, _____ us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Daily Thought

Once again in 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 we see how God's people along with His own Son have been accepted by men. The Judeans, people in love with their earthly desires, had

killed Jesus and all the prophets God had sent to them. Now they even persecuted those who spoke of God as Paul states, “and have persecuted us”.

People in love with self and worldly desires have tried to stop or corrupt God’s Word since the very beginning of time. Why? From their standpoint the Word of God condemns them and all those things they enjoy. The truth hurts when it is against you. Don’t find yourself sidetracked in life or discouraged by those who live for self. Concentrate on things above – don’t fall into corruption, but trust in the Lord.