

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, Nov. 4th – John 14:1-3

This week following All Saints Sunday, we take a break from the Old Testament, so that we may be reminded again of the glorious promises of life we have been given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we begin with Jesus speaking to his disciples just prior to his death. He is trying to give them reassuring comments for them to remember, following what will happen over the next 24 hours. What is the first key to not giving up (vs. 1)? How does this apply to us as we face trials in our life and death? What evidence does Jesus give, so that we can trust and believe (vs. 2)? Finally, what is the promise made to all believers (vs. 3)? It is a natural thing to fear death. It is instinct that we strive to live. That is good. But there will be a time for each of us to die. Imagine remembering this passage as we approach our death. It gives us reasons and hope, so fear of death does not take over. How can practicing this trust and belief now prepare you to face your death? How can being prepared be a ministry to those who walk the death journey with you? Where do you struggle with fear and a troubled heart? Begin praying today, asking God to send that blessed assurance and Holy Spirit, so you may fully live into this trust and belief. After all, look at the cool things that happened after Jesus' death. Remember? Resurrection!

Tuesday, Nov. 5th – 1 Peter 1:3-12

We move today to 1 Peter, with a description of the hope we cling to. Peter begins with praising God. What is bringing on this deep praise and adoration (vs. 3)? And because of this wonderful thing, what is being held for us (vss. 3b-4)? What is this inheritance (vs. 5)? What is required of us and what does it provide (vs. 5)? We know now that we have also inherited salvation, because God raised Jesus from the dead. How should this affect the way we live (vss. 6-7)? In verse 8, how have the readers responded to the Good News of Jesus? What is the reward for this (vs. 9)? How are you like the readers Peter is writing to? Do you rejoice with inexpressible joy and glory? Who wants to know about this salvation we have inherited (vss. 10-11)? But who was the message for and who else is rejoicing over it (vs. 12)? Wow, there is a lot of rejoicing in this text! Are you living with this much joy in your life, even when faced with trials and testings of your faith? What would your life look like, if you lived this way? How much angst might be put to rest? How much peace might you feel? Spend some time today looking at your life in the past year. How much time has been spent in inexpressible joy? How much in despair and frustration? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pass the test of faith by providing you the faith you need to pass the test and persevere the trials in joy.

Wednesday, Nov. 6th – Romans 2:1-11

Today is an eye-opening text from Paul's letter to the Romans. It is not the warm and fuzzy texts of the last two days. But in this culture in which we live, we need this reminder. What is the issue at hand (vss. 1-2)? To know what wicked things Paul is writing about and accusing us of doing, go back to 1:28-32. It is the passage just before this one's today. What things on that list are you still guilty of doing? What does Paul say about this (vss. 3-4)? What happens to us, when we get stubborn and do not turn from our sin (vss. 5-6 and 8-9)? But if we do turn from our sin, what happens (vss. 7 and 10-11)? Remember, Paul is addressing this to the believers, folks like us. How does this hold a mirror up to your lifestyle? Do you continue to sin, because you just think God will forget, since you claim Jesus and His righteousness? While Jesus does present us as cleansed because of His blood, what does this say about us and our faith when we continue to sin as though it doesn't matter? Paul points out judging others for the things we do is not right and might have serious consequences! On the other hand, there is a reward when we die to our sins and allow the Holy Spirit to move us away from what is wrong. Spend time today repenting and asking forgiveness for the sins you still cling to. Then ask the Holy Spirit to guide your life out of sinful behavior. It won't be easy, but it will be worth it, both now and in the future.

Thursday, Nov. 7th – Titus 1:1-3

We move to Paul's letter to Titus today. It begins with Paul's greeting to Titus, which is pretty straight forward. What is Paul called to do (vs. 1)? What does this truth do (vs. 2)? So, eternal life granted by God is tied to what in verse 1? Note that living a godly life is not what secures our eternal life. It is, however, a product of eternal life. And how long has this truth been in effect (vs. 2b)? When should this truth be announced and to whom (vs 3)? What things do these short three verses teach us about eternal life with God? When does it start? Now? Or only after death? If it is only after death, what does living a godly life now have to do with anything? Spend time in prayer asking God about these things. Give Him thanks for the truth that has been revealed and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Friday, Nov. 8th – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We bring our study on everlasting life to a close with Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica. There is a problem that needs to be addressed before Paul closes his letter. What is the issue in the Thessalonian church (vs. 13)? People were dying before Jesus came back and they did not know how to interpret this situation. After all, they were believers and followers of Jesus Christ. So, what does Paul remind them of, concerning this matter (vs. 14)? When will this resurrection take place (vs. 14)? This must have been an issue for Paul, too, because where does he get His information (vs. 15)? And what did the Lord tell Paul (vs. 15)? How exactly will this work (vss. 16-17)? Note that being resurrected in the presence of God in this text is not until Jesus returns. In other words, the dead will sleep until Jesus returns. This is one of Paul's earliest letters. He begins to shape a different view in later letters. The question today is, "Does it matter when the resurrection occurs, before or after Jesus returns?" and "Can you do anything about it?" What would be the main take-away of this text? Perhaps that resurrection is a given, no matter what? If we cling to this good news, then what should we do for each other (vs. 18)? So may you be encouraged this week, to live a godly life out of gratitude to Jesus, and into the righteousness which he has accomplished for you, Know that this will all be accomplished when you are resurrected. And know that you will be resurrected! There is no sting to death any longer. It is simply a passageway into the full presence of God when you are resurrected. Praise be to God for his wonderful gift and truth!

Saturday, Nov. 9th – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Judges 1:19-26.