






## DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our May 2023 reading plan! We will be diving deeply into the book of Ephesians this year and as we navigate it we will also explore different passages of the Bible that increase our understanding of the Gospel and how it's truth affects how we live day to day. Before you read each day meditate on Ephesians 2:4-6 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved...” – Ephesians 2:4-6*

- [May 1] Ephesians 2:4-6 | Make a list of ways you have personally experienced “the riches of his grace in kindness toward us” in your walk with God.
- [2] Titus 3:4-7 | What similarities and differences do you see in this passage versus yesterday’s passage?
- [3] Ephesians 2:8-10 | Why is it important to understand that salvation is a gift from God and not something we can earn?
- [4] Psalm 139:13-16 | We truly are God’s workmanship, created with great intention by God. How does it make you feel to know that God created you for a purpose and with loving attention to detail?
- [5] John 15:4-5 | Just as we cannot create our own salvation, we need to be connected to Jesus to do the work He has for us! What are some things you do that help you remain connected to Him?
- [6] Spend some time praying and asking the Lord to remind your heart that you truly are His workmanship. Ask Him to reveal His purposes in this season of your life.

### Sunday, May 7th

- [8] Ephesians 2:8-10 | Write down any new insight that you have about what it means to be God’s workmanship/masterpiece.
- [9] Matthew 5:13-16 | What does being the light of the world have to do with being God’s workmanship as we’ve been studying in Ephesians?
- [10] Psalm 37:3-6 | Just as God gives us good works to do when we enter salvation, he also transforms our hearts and gives us new desires! How have you seen your heart and desires change as you have walked with Jesus?
- [11] 3 John 1:4 | John is talking about his spiritual children here. Are there any people in your life, whether children, siblings, parents, friends, who you would like to see walking in the truth of the Gospel? Spend some time praying for them today.
- [12] Proverbs 6:20-22 | What teaching from your parents, grandparents, or any other spiritual parents in your life has been influential in your walk with God?
- [13] Spend some time praying for the mothers in your life today and ask the Lord to bless them.

### Sunday, May 14th

- [15] Ephesians 2:11-12 | What benefit does it bring for us to reflect on our lives before Jesus – that we were separated from Him and without hope (v.12)?
- [16] Ephesians 2:13-16 | How have you seen the Gospel break down dividing walls?
- [17] Galatians 2:25-28 | Why is unity in the body of Christ so important to Jesus?

- [18] Colossians 3:12-14 | What do you think the modern-day church would look like if we as believers truly lived this out every day? Is there any one trait here that you struggle with more than the others?
- [19] Ephesians 2:17-22 | What stands out to you in this passage?
- [20] Spend time in prayer for the “big C” Church – believers around the world. Ask God to knit our hearts together in love!

### Sunday, May 21st

- [22] Ephesians 2:11-16 | How has Jesus reconciled us to both God and each other?
- [23] Ephesians 2:17-19 | Do you have any defining traits in your household? Like, “The Jones family works hard!” What would you say are some defining traits of the household of God?
- [24] Galatians 6:9-10 | How does this verse tie together the first and second halves of Ephesians 2?
- [25] Acts 4:32-37 | How does this picture of unity in the early church compare to the way we operate as believers today? What could we learn from them?
- [26] Ephesians 2:20-22 | What stands out to you in these verses?
- [27] Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord to show you how you can love the believers around you well. Ask Him to show you any areas of growth He may have for you.

### Sunday, May 28th

- [29] Ephesians 1 | Having spent so much time in Ephesians 2 this month, what stands out to you now that you are re-reading Ephesians 1?
- [30] Ephesians 2 | What is one of the most significant things you learned in Ephesians 2 this month?
- [31] Ephesians 3 | What stands out to you in this chapter? Write down any questions you may have and save them.



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