

Daily Growth

Use these 4-C questions below to help you study each day's scripture.

CELEBRATE: What can you praise God for from this passage?

CONFESS: Are you convicted of something you need to confess to God?

COMMIT: What commitment does this passage challenge you to make?

COMMUNICATE: What did you learn that you can share with someone?

Day 1: Read Ezekiel 18:30-32 and 36:24-27. What does chapter 18 call us to do and why? How is God described? Following through on what God is calling us to do is not easy. What do these passages say God will do to empower us? How does faith in Jesus relate to this? What is God saying to you?

Day 2: Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. If you want background you can read Exodus 34:29-35. Paul says that the Jews have a veil over their heart that keeps them from seeing God's glory in Jesus. What happens when they turn to Jesus? What role does the Holy Spirit play? How does this relate to the Ezekiel passages from yesterday? What does it mean to be transformed? What is God saying to you?

Day 3: Read Ephesians 4:17-32. What are the differences between the "old self" and the "new self"? What are believers told to do and why? How would this improve your life? How does what you have learned the first two days help you practice today's teaching? What is God saying to you?

Day 4: Read Colossians 3:1-17. How is the "new self" described? Why have we taken off (notice past tense) the "old self"? What actions are we told to take to participate in this change? What are you doing and not doing compared to this list of actions? What is God saying to you?

Day 5: Read Galatians 5:13-26. What are we free *for* and free *from*? What is the contrast in lifestyles presented in Gal. 5? What role does the Spirit play? What action are we to take and what will you do to take this action? What is God saying to you?

Day 6: Read Revelation 21:1-8. What is God saying to you?

all things new

What shall we say, then?

Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

²By no means!

*We are those who **have died to sin**; how can we live in it any longer?*

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

*⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.***

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

*⁷because **anyone who has died has been set free from sin.***

Romans 6:1-7