

**Friday**, October 19: Read [Romans 2](#)

Go back over the four chapters you read this week in Colossians. Is there something specific God is leading you to do from what you read there? Write it down and take steps to act on it today.

Let's re-read Romans 2 as a preview for this Sunday's sermon. Notice there that the Apostle Paul is continuing a theme on God's righteousness, starting with "the Immoral Man" in [Romans 1:18-32](#). Chapter two introduces us to "the Moral Man" (2:1-16). This guy judges himself based on all the bad things others do. "I'm not as bad as the other guy". God says that he also is a sinner who falls short of his righteous standard. The third person is "the Religious Man", a Jew who relies on the law to be right with God (2:17-29). Circumcision does not save either. The only hope is the gospel ([Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-26](#)).

Notes:

### **Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert and Kailey Newkirk** (South Sudan), **Mike and Fran VanBruggen**, (Word of Life), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia)

# *Thru the New!*

(Reading through the New Testament in 2018)

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  - 1. How does this apply to me?*
  - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
  - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

**Monday**, October 15 Read [Colossians 1](#)

We pick up in our reading this week with the New Testament book of Colossians. The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians of Colosse to assure them of the supremacy of Christ. Read chapter one carefully. Outline the ways Paul describes Jesus -- The Image of God, Head of the Church, Creator of all, etc. Great reminders of who we serve! Pray Paul's prayer for yourself in verses 9-12 asking God to solidify his work in your life as well.

Notes:

**Pray for:** ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

## Tuesday, October 16: Read [\*Colossians 2\*](#)

Chapter two extols the mystery of Christ in whom are unimaginable treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Paul goes on to give four warnings to the Colossian believers, four things that may apply to you today. Search them out in this chapter and take them to heart in your own life and circumstances. Ask God to sharpen your focus on who Jesus actually is and on what exactly he has done for you.

**Pray for family and friends by name.**

## Wednesday October 17: Read [\*Colossians 3\*](#)

The Apostle Paul calls the Colossian churches to do some “house cleaning” in chapter three. Note the things they are told to “put to death”. Any of these need to be crucified in your own self? Next note the things we are to “put on”. Which of this list do you need to wear today? Verses 16-17 are outstanding admonitions for all of us. Good memory verses from this potent letter of Paul!

### **Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church**

1. **Leadership:** Pray for God’s grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David’s ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders.
2. **Worship:** Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship:** Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
4. **Discipleship:** Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Pray for our small group ministry.
5. **Outreach:** Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others.
6. **Future Faith Goals:** Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for our upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. Ask God to use our church anniversary as a testimony to Branch County. Pray for God’s clear leading in our upcoming 2020 plan.

## Thursday, October 18: Read [\*Colossians 4\*](#)

If you back up to verse 18 in chapter three and read forward from there, you get the practical applications of Paul’s teaching as it applies to family relationships, then economic (master-slave, employer-employee) relations and finally, civic relationships with people in society; “outsiders”. He closes out the letter with some final instructions and greetings, writing from his prison cell in Rome.

### **Notes:**

### **Thursday Pray for “My World”**

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.