

Friday, August 30 Read [1 John 5:1-15](#)

John is writing to give assurance of salvation to his readers. God wants you to know for certain that your sins are forgiven and that you have (now and forever) eternal life. According to verse 11, where is this life found? How does someone get (have) the Son of God? (Note [Romans 10:9-13](#)). 1 John 5:13 says we can know that we have eternal life, that we're going to heaven. Do you know that today for sure?

*Thank God right now for the assurance of your salvation. Ask him to show you one person that you can share Christ with in the next day or two. Step out in faith and do it!

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), , **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana church plant)

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Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Disciplines Guide:

- *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.*

Having finished the book of Isaiah, we will now take a few weeks to sharpen up on three components of our faith -- Salvation, Sanctification and Service. Let's take our daily devotions this week to review our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Monday, August 26 Read [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Luke is the only gospel that records the story of Zacchaeus' conversion. Known as a "sinner" (tax collector), what happens to him when Jesus comes into his house? How does Jesus describe this in verse 9?

Define Salvation = _____

According to verse 10, why did Jesus come? What exactly is "lost" that needs to be sought after and found? (Note [Luke 15](#)) When did Jesus find you?

*Pray a prayer reaffirming your own salvation and thank him for "coming to your house".

Monday: Pray for: —My relationship with God
—My life roles
—My personal needs/weak areas
—My goals and objectives for the summer

Tuesday, August 27: Read [John 9](#)

John is the only gospel that records this miracle. Jesus sets the stage by contrasting day and night. In what sense is he “the light of the world”?

A major controversy erupts over keeping the Sabbath, when the man is healed. What does this reveal about the hearts of the Pharisees in that time? A second controversy erupts over how the man received his sight. The Jews resisted the idea that Jesus’ power to heal was from God.

In verse 35, Jesus asks the men if he believes in “the Son of Man”. Why? What does that title represent? Why is faith in him important? Notice the man’s confession with worship in verse 38. As a result, Jesus announces his salvation, evident as him now being able to see. Do you see differently as a Christian? How? (Note [2 Corinthians 4:3-7](#)).

*Pray a prayer thanking God for the light of the world, Jesus, who shines in your life.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday August 28: Read [Romans 3:9-28](#)

In Romans, the Apostle Paul takes several chapters to explain the dynamics of salvation, especially as it relates to keeping God’s laws. According to verse 9 and 23, are there any sinless people? Can we be right with God by doing good works? (Note verse 20). God requires faith/belief. What exactly does he want you to believe in? Can you explain the gospel? (Note [1 Corinthians 15:1-8](#))

*Thank God for the full forgiveness of your sins through the death of his son Jesus Christ. Acknowledge your faith in him for your salvation.

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. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. Fellowship: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
4. Discipleship: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.

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, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God’s clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, August 29: Read [Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Now, let’s go over to the book of Ephesians, where Paul also expounds on our salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be “seated with Christ” in verse 6? According to verse 10, what does God want us to do now as his saved people (workmanship)? What good work are you doing for him? (What is your ongoing Kingdom Assignment?) How’s it going? What should you do more of?

*Read [Ephesians 3:16-21](#). Take time to go back through Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians and make it your own prayer for yourself, asking God to help you experience his great love for you.

Thursday: Pray for “My World”

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

- Neighbors • People who live around me. (Focus Four)
- 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?
- Community -- 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.
- America -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.