

Friday, October 25: Read [Ephesians 1:22-23](#)

This verse majors on the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Notice the absolutes like all, everything and every way. Contrast this verse with [Philippians 2:9-11](#) and [Colossians 1:15-18](#). If Jesus is head over all, have you yielded your whole self to him? Have you declared him owner and general manager of your life, your possessions and your affairs? If you're not sure, be sure. Ask him to employ you as his servant, using your life, your talents, your time and your goods for his glory and honor.

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.*

Monday, October 21 Read [Ephesians 1:1-22](#)

This past week we surveyed the book of Ephesians, reading one chapter a day. Now we will slow down and get deeper into the details of the book, starting with chapter one this week. Verse one clarifies the author and audience. The salutation in verse two is a common greeting of Paul. Note the same in [Romans 1:7](#), [1 Corinthians 1:3](#), [2 Corinthians 1:2](#), [Galatians 1:3](#), [Philippians 1:2](#), [Colossians 1:2](#), etc.

Define: Grace _____

Peace _____

Why is grace necessary in order to experience peace within? _____

Are you living under God's grace? ([Romans 6:14](#), [Titus 2:11-14](#)) Are you at peace with God, yourself and others? Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with a sense of the grace and peace of God.

Monday: Pray for yourself:

---My relationship with God

—My life roles

—My personal needs/weak areas

—My goals and objectives for the fall season

Tuesday, October 22: Read [Ephesians 1:3-10](#)

Note the key word here is IN CHRIST. Blessings are available to Christians. Let's key in on two spiritual blessings from today's list. Adoption as sons: [John 1:12-13](#), [1 John 3:1-3](#); [Galatians 3:26-27](#), [4:6-7](#). Forgiveness of sins: [Romans 5:6-11](#), [Colossians 2:13-15](#), [Hebrews 10:1-10](#).

Take time to consider what God has done for you personally through Jesus Christ. Thank him for the full pardon of your sins and for your inclusion into the family of God. Like the Apostle Paul, be sure to give God his due glory and praise.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday October 23: Read [Ephesians 1:11-14](#)

Take a second look at the words chosen and predestined. God takes the initiative to save people. The word predestination means plan. God has a plan and he carries it out. Note [Romans 8:28-34](#), [Ephesians 1:4-5](#). Notice also in the text the work of the Holy Spirit in sealing the believers for the final glory with God. See also [Romans 8:5-11](#), [15-17](#).

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. Pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
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 Assignments and the upcoming Kingdom Projects.
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, October 24: Read [Ephesians 1:15-21](#)

Like the Lord's Prayer, Paul's prayer here is a model prayer showing us how to pray according to God's will. Notice, he starts out with Thanksgiving for the Ephesian church. Next, he prays for the Spirit to better reveal God to them. He prays for enlightenment to know our hope, our inheritance and God's power. Compare this prayer with the prayer Paul prays in [Ephesians 3:14-19](#), [Philippians 1:9-11](#) and [Colossians 1:9-12](#). Take time to re-read Paul's prayer and pray it for yourself. Ask God to reveal more of who he is and what he's done for you. You'll be changed if he does!

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.