

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – November 28 – December 3**  
***Doing Live Together: Keeping in Step with the Spirit***

**MONDAY:** Galatians 5:16, Philippians 3:3

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 5:25

**OBSERVATION** According to Scripture, the Holy Spirit's primary goal is to make us a lot like Jesus. This goal is more important than any spiritual experience or ministry we may have, and more important than any spiritual gift or knowledge that we may receive. Although these things are significant, the main goal of the Holy Spirit and the Father is to transform our character to make us like Jesus.

**TUESDAY:** Isaiah 61:1, John 8:32, Galatians 5:13

**KEY VERSE:** 2 Corinthians 3:17

**OBSERVATION:** Paul says that we're "being transformed into His image." This signifies an ongoing daily process of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us as we cultivate our relationship with Christ. This is not a one-time occurrence, such as the moment when we trusted our lives to Christ and received the indwelling Holy Spirit. Similar to any relationship, our relationship with Jesus requires that we spend time with Him.

**WEDNESDAY:** Matthew 7:7, John 15:16, John 8:31

**KEY VERSE:** John 15:7,8

**OBSERVATION:** As followers of Jesus, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our character so that we bear much fruit – in other words, to exude Christ-likeness. So how do we know if we're keeping in step with the Spirit? We're in step with the Spirit when we allow our characteristics to be influenced by Jesus' characteristics. Therefore, the "fruit" Jesus talked about is not activity and it is not external ministry either.

**THURSDAY:** Deuteronomy 6:4,5, Matthew 22:37, Romans 13:8

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 5:22-23

**OBSERVATION:** One of the ways we can know if we're becoming more Christ like is that we are progressively becoming more loving, joyful, peaceful, gentle, patient, kind and good, faithful and under self-control. For example, we may regularly find ourselves choosing to do things that we probably wouldn't do ordinarily. We may choose to give more of our time or our money, or we may choose to reach out and care for people that we would usually rather not. We may also find that we are choosing to praise and worship God even when we're experiencing the most difficult circumstances in our lives. We will also have a greater sense of peace, all because we trust in the goodness and loving kindness of God.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 22:37-39

**OBSERVATION:** The good news is that we don't have to strive to do any of this on our own. Our only responsibility is to allow Christ to live through us as we live by faith in the community of God's people and trust His Word. It's the Holy Spirit's responsibility to transform us and reproduce the life of Christ in our lives.

**SATURDAY:** 2 Samuel 10:12, Matthew 24:42, Galatians 5:1

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 16:13

**OBSERVATION:** When we live or walk by the Spirit, we will stand our ground in the principles of our Lord as revealed in His Word. We will exercise patient endurance and faithfulness, because God uses His Word to transform us; it is what we do, and what He does. He sends us His Spirit, we respond. This is the call to remain true and keep our trust in Christ no matter what comes our way in sufferings or the temptations of Satan. This will help us focus on His Way when we are tempted, even in persecution and stress