

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 10 - 15
Doing Life Together – I Love my Church Pt. 5

MONDAY: Galatians 6:10, Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 13:14

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:19

OBSERVATION: By faith, we have been placed in a New Covenant relationship with God through Christ; and as Paul tells us, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (v. 19). It’s been officially declared: The dividing wall is down; and we’re now full members of the family! We’re 100% in!

TUESDAY: Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, 1 Corinthians 3:9

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:20

OBSERVATION: The Son of the living God’ is ‘the rock’ upon which Jesus has built His church (Matthew 16:16-18); and there is no other name given by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Our position as full members of God’s household is based on secure footing indeed through faith in Him! It’s through Him that “we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand” (Romans 5:2).

WEDNESDAY: 1 Timothy 3:15, 1 Corinthians 3;16

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:21

OBSERVATION: We’re welcomed into the household—but not in a begrudging way. We’re not just merely ‘put up with’ (as I suspect I sometimes was in my friend’s home). We’re valued as needed members of the family. Paul writes of Christ as being the One “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord” (v. 21). And each part of the building is necessary.

THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 3:17

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:22

OBSERVATION: Because we’ve been brought into God’s household so completely, we’re united together in Christ as something very special and sacred. Our principle of unity is Christ Himself; “in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (v. 22). Imagine that! We not only belong in God’s household; but every Person in the Trinity is involved so that we are being built together in Christ into the very dwelling place of the Father through the Spirit.

FRIDAY: Psalm 22:7, Mark 10:34, John 1:11

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 53:3

OBSERVATION: THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS: Because he was rejected, Jesus understands the need to belong. If you are in that same situation, you need to know that God has a place for you in his kingdom. You are important to God. He “showed his love for us by sending Christ, his son, to die for us...”

SATURDAY: Romans 8:14, Romans 8:19, John 1:7

KEY VERSE: John 1:12-13

OBSERVATION: John Piper relates that "Receiving Jesus means taking Jesus into your life for what He is. It does not mean a kind of peaceful co-existence with a Christ who makes no claims — as though He can stay in the house as long as he doesn't play his music so loud." – John Piper, *How to Become a Child of God*, December 17, 1989