

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – November 14 - 19**  
***Doing Live Together: Keeping in Step***

**MONDAY:** Romans 8:4, Philippians 3:3

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 5:25

**OBSERVATION** The verb translated as “keep in step” is a military term referring to soldiers who line up in rows behind their commanders. While those who belong to Christ already have been given a new identity and new life through faith in Him (“Since we live”), they are also called to conform daily to Christ’s image through the leadership of the Holy Spirit (“let us keep in step”). Thus, believers are called to follow the Spirit in faith because of who they already are in Christ, not in order to become Christ’s followers (being leads to doing, but not vice versa).

**TUESDAY:** Genesis 6:3, Romans 13:14, 1 Peter 2:11

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 5:16

**OBSERVATION:** If it be our care to act under the guidance and power of the blessed Spirit, though we may not be freed from the stirrings and oppositions of the corrupt nature which remains in us, it shall not have dominion over us. How do you diminish the stirrings of opposition?

**WEDNESDAY:** John 13:34, James 1:21, Hebrews 13:1

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Peter 1:22

**OBSERVATION:** There is nothing we can do to change God’s love for us. God accepts us in the beloved one. God loves the Son with an infinite amount of love. We entered into union with Christ at our salvation. Therefore, God loves us with the same infinite love with which he loves Jesus Christ. Who does God love more, You or Jesus?

**THURSDAY:** Job 17:9, Isaiah 1:16, Jeremiah 4:14

**KEY VERSE:** James 4:8

**OBSERVATION:** In order to know God, you will need to put forth some effort. But if you love Him, it won't seem like any effort at all. When you met your spouse, did it seem like effort to get to know him or her? When you became friends with someone you really liked and found that you had a lot in common, did it seem like an effort to get to know that person? Of course not. When you fall in love with God, you want to know everything about Him. You could live a million lifetimes and there would still be more you would like to learn about God.

**FRIDAY:** Hebrews 10:22, Psalm 71:1, Psalm 118:17

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 73:28

**OBSERVATION:** What do you treasure most of all in life? What do you spend your time and effort working for? Presumably, we exert the most effort to try to get whatever we think will bring us the most happiness. It would be a great tragedy to spend your life looking for a hidden treasure, only to find it and discover that it did not bring the happiness that you were hoping for!

**SATURDAY:** Acts 22:16, Titus 3:5

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 10:22

**OBSERVATION:** We should draw near to God. We should do this with a “true heart” (cf. 8:2) which means we should draw near to God in worship and prayer with no pretense but with true love and devotion that is genuine. This is the only way that one’s worship and prayers will be accepted (heard). When we enter into worship” it should be done “in full assurance of faith” implying that we can enter with all confidence that our presence will be accepted by our willing submission to Christ Jesus, His Son.