

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of September 14, 2025

"Bible Trilogies: JOY"

THE GOSPEL

Sunday Read Romans 15:20-29

"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." The gospel is God's good news to the world. That good news is that God sent His Son Jesus to pay the penalty for the sins of the world. Paul was used by God in his day to share the gospel. What he did then is our responsibility today. All people need to hear that good news so they can decide for themselves. If they accept Jesus personally as Savior, and they have a home in heaven. That is the "good news." To reject it is to live in darkness under Satan's control. In our day, God is now expecting His people, born again Christians, to share that good news. The Holy Spirit will open up doors of opportunity to do that. By consistently engaging in prayer, we should be alert to the Spirit's leading. The final command of Jesus is that which is mentioned in Mark 16:15: *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*

REJOICING

Monday Read Zephaniah 3:14-17

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." One very meaningful way of expressing joy is by singing. Whether if being a vocalist doing a solo or congregational singing, it is a wonderful way to express the joy we have by being in fellowship with God. Music that honors God brings joy to our souls. Both the Old and New Testaments speak of rejoicing by singing. We read this in Psalm 105:2: *"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works."* In the New Testament we read this in Ephesians 5:19: *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."*

FAITH

Tuesday Read I John 5:1-4

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Winning is always enjoyable! Those involved in athletics play to win! Politicians celebrate when they win elections. In family get-togethers, victors celebrate when they win at table games. The greatest victory possible is the victorious life, the life of faith in God and His Word. Our faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord provides a victorious life. And if we live daily according to Biblical instructions, we are likely to be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ. We read of that judgment in I John 5:4: *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that*

overcometh the world, even our faith." Faith truly is the victory that overcomes the world! The devil is powerful and is trying to keep people blinded by his darkness. God is more powerful and our faith is in our God.

FAMILY

Wednesday Read Romans 8:14-17

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Family life may well be the greatest joy in life. This is especially true if parents run the home according to Biblical instructions! The key to proper parenthood is what God said He expected of fathers in Ephesians 6:4: *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* Children in homes where fathers obey that command are blessed indeed. God actually refers to true believers as His family. We read that in Ephesians 2:19: *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God."*

SPIRITUAL FRUIT

Thursday Read Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." True Christians are those who by faith in Jesus as personal Savior are said to be "born again." Jesus emphasized that in John 3:7: *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* That is a spiritual birth that results in a person being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, the truth of I Corinthians 6:19: *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* Today's Bible reading details the fruits of having the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. That is true joy!

WORSHIP

Friday Read Psalm 122:1-7

"Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Our church buildings are erected to be the house of God, the place of worship. Those churches that focus on teaching the Holy Scriptures engage in true Biblical worship. The Psalmist in today's Bible reading states that attending such places brings joy and gladness. There is no better way to start a week than to gather with fellow believers in the house of God. But to honor God we must heed the command in John 4:24: *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Read I John 1:1-3

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." The Sunday worship service provides an opportunity for Christians to have fellowship with other believers. It is a certainty that our Father in heaven and our Savior and Lord enjoy watching believers interacting with other believers. Every believer who greets others who have come to worship are given an added blessing. By sharing with others, we also have given ourselves some details for our prayers of intercession.