

You're A Winner

5-Day Devotional - 4.19.26

Day 1

You Are Justified - Declared Not Guilty

Reading: Romans 5:1-2; 8:1

Devotional: Before you even woke up this morning, God looked at your life and declared you "not guilty." This isn't about what you've done or will do—it's about what Christ has already accomplished. Justification means God took the perfect record of Jesus and credited it to your account. You're not trying to earn approval; you're living from it. The judge's gavel has fallen, and the verdict is final: forgiven, accepted, loved. Today, you don't wake up trying to earn God's love—you wake up from within it. Let this truth settle deep: there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. You are free.

Reflection: According to Romans 5:1–2 and 8:1, how does being justified by faith change the way you approach God today?

Day 2

You Are Regenerated - Completely New

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26-27

Devotional: God didn't renovate you; He demolished the old and built something entirely new. This isn't behavior modification—it's spiritual transformation. The old you, with all its failures and shame, has been torn down completely. Yes, you'll still face battles between flesh and spirit, but the struggle doesn't mean you're not new—it means you're in the process of becoming who you already are. The enemy whispers reminders of your past; God declares the reality of your present. Stop identifying with who you were and start living in your new identity. Declare it today: "I am a new creation. The old is gone; the new has come."

Reflection: In light of 2 Corinthians 5:17, what old identity or mindset do you need to lay down so you can walk in the new life God has given you?

Day 3

You Are Reconciled - No Longer Distant

Reading: Colossians 1:21-22; John 15:15

Devotional: You were once hostile toward God, yet He pursued you relentlessly. Christianity isn't about rule-keeping—it's about relationship restoration. God didn't just save you from something; He saved you for someone—Himself. Jesus calls you friend, not servant. When you sin now, you're not breaking a rule; you're wounding a relationship. This should change everything. Your Father isn't distant or angry; He's present and grieved when you drift. His discipline isn't punishment—it's loving correction to restore intimacy. You have direct access to the Father anytime, anywhere. He's not waiting to strike you down; He's waiting to welcome you home. Walk closely with Him today.

Reflection: Based on Colossians 1:21–22, how has your relationship with God changed, and what does it look like for you to draw near to Him today?

Day 4

You Are Propitiated - Wrath Removed Forever

Reading: 1 John 4:10; Romans 8:31-34

Devotional: Every sin—past, present, and future—was placed on Jesus. God's righteous wrath, which you deserved, fell completely on His Son at the cross. When Jesus cried, "My God, why have You forsaken Me?" He was absorbing the full weight of divine judgment meant for you. This wasn't symbolic; it was substitutionary. God isn't mad at you. He already poured out His anger on Jesus. There's a difference between wrath and discipline: wrath is condemnation; discipline is correction rooted in love. Those deep failures you carry? God dealt with them two thousand years ago. Stop living like God is waiting to punish you. He already punished sin—in Christ. You are free.

Reflection: According to Romans 8:33–34, who has the authority to bring a charge against you, and how should that truth reshape your view of guilt and condemnation?

Day 5

You Are Being Sanctified - Sealed and Secure

Reading: Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 1:13-14

Devotional: You are sealed with the Holy Spirit—a divine guarantee that you belong to God. This isn't shared ownership; you are His chosen possession, His precious treasure. The same God who justified, regenerated, reconciled, and propitiated you is now sanctifying you—shaping you daily into the image of Christ. This is a process, and you're part of it. He who began this good work will complete it. You're not abandoned in your struggles or left to figure life out alone. God lives in you, walks with you, and will never leave you. Your eternity is set in stone, sealed by the Spirit. Today, don't strive—stand in truth. Believe what God says about you and live like it.

Reflection: How does Philippians 1:6 encourage you to trust God's ongoing work in your life, even in areas where you still see growth needed?