

## Scripture Reading

### **Galatians 2:19-20 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### 1. The power of life

### **Colossians 1:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

### **John 1:9-13 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

#### 2. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection

### **John 17:24 (NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

### **Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **Colossians 3:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

### **Romans 6:5 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

3. Entering eternity early

**Ephesians 2:4-6 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,