

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 1/2/12-1/8/12

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012 Read Galatians 3:1-29

In some cultures today people still know what a curse is and they fear it. Voodoo and other forms of witchcraft claim to manipulate evil powers to damage or destroy the lives of others. The curse of the Law once held the entire human race in bondage. It would have destroyed us. Study Paul's presentation in chapter 3 from that perspective.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 Read Galatians 4:1-31

Just as they would in Corinth, Paul's enemies dragged Paul's teaching and Paul's personality through the mud in Galatia. Paul cared little about his public approval ratings. But insofar as attacks on Paul served to undermine the Gospel, Paul sprang to his own defense. Eternal souls were at stake! Note the urgency of that in the apostle's tone as you read today.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012 Read Galatians 5:1-6:18

Imagine yourself leaving home for a three-week vacation in the middle of summer. Imagine that you failed to do a complete job in cleaning out the refrigerator. And imagine that while you are away, your area experiences several episodes of electrical brownout. You can guess what you'll encounter when you open the refrigerator door upon your return. Keep that picture in mind as you read 6:7-8 in particular.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012 Read Ephesians 1:1-23

One favorite hymn concludes, "But, oh, eternity's too short to utter it all Your praise!" If words like these don't come to mind as you read Ephesians 1, you're not paying attention! As you read, notice all the riches that belong to us by God's grace are "in Christ."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012 Read Ephesians 2:1-22

We've all probably heard someone exclaim in exasperation, "*That was then! This is now!*" As you read today, notice the then and now dimensions of Paul's words. How do you fit into this picture?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012 Read Ephesians 3:1-21

Paul uses the word *mystery* again and again in today's text. This is no episode of *Law and Order* though, nor of *Homicide: Life on the Streets*. The apostle uses the term to describe an eternal truth once hidden, not now revealed by God to His apostles and prophets. As you read, ask yourself what that mystery is. Also notice the "audience" that views its unveiling with us.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 Attend Sunday worship and use the day to catch up on your reading if you missed any days this week!