

JANUARY

Called to be Free
to Follow Jesus

- 1. Mark 1.1-20
- 2. Mark 1.21-45
- 3. Mark 2.1-17

- 4. Mark 2.18-28
- 5. Psalm 72
- 6. Matthew 2.1-15
- 7. Mark 3.1-19
- 8. Mark 3.20-35
- 9. Mark 4.1-20
- 10. Mark 4.21-41

- 11. Mark 5.1-20
- 12. Mark 5.21-43
- 13. Mark 6.1-29
- 14. Mark 6.30-56
- 15. Mark 7.1-23
- 16. Mark 7.24-37
- 17. Mark 8.1-26

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity/ Ecumenical Sunday*

- 18. Mark 8.27-9.13
- 19. Mark 9.14-32
- 20. Mark 9.33-50
- 21. Mark 10.1-31
- 22. Mark 10.32-52
- 23. John 12.20-50
- 24. John 17.1-26

- 25. Acts 9.1-25
- 26. Acts 9.26-43
- 27. Acts 13.1-12
- 28. Acts 13.13-52
- 29. Acts 14.1-28
- 30. Acts 15.1-21
- 31. Acts 15.22-41

* The Octave for Christian Unity is
January 18-25, 2009.

FEBRUARY

Called to be Free
to Share God's Love

- 1. Acts 16.1-15
- 2. Acts 16.16-40
- 3. Leviticus 19.1-18
- 4. Deuteronomy 6.1-25
- 5. Mark 12.28-44
- 6. Galatians 1.1-24
- 7. Galatians 2.1-21

- 8. Galatians 3.1-18
- 9. Galatians 3.19-4.7
- 10. Galatians 4.8-5.1
- 11. Galatians 5.2-26
- 12. Galatians 6.1-18
- 13. 1 Corinthians 12.1-26
- 14. 1 Corinthians 12.27-13.13

- 15. John 3.1-21
- 16. Colossians 1.1-23
- 17. Colossians 1.24-2.23
- 18. Colossians 3.1-17
- 19. 1 John 1.1-10
- 20. 1 John 2.1-17
- 21. 1 John 2.18-3.10

- 22. 1 John 3.11-24
- 23. 1 John 4.7-21
- 24. 1 John 5.1-21

Ash Wednesday* (Western Churches)

- 25. Psalm 51
- 26. Psalm 36
- 27. 2 John
- 28. 3 John

* Orthodox Lent begins on
Monday, March 2, 2009.

MARCH

Called to be Free to
Pray for One Another

- **First Sunday in Lent**
- 1. Luke 18.1-14
- 2. Matthew 6.1-18*
- 3. Acts 3.1-10
- 4. Acts 3.11-26
- 5. Acts 4.1-22
- 6. Acts 4.23-37
- 7. Acts 5.1-16

- **World Day of Prayer**

- **Second Sunday in Lent**
- 8. 2 Chronicles 29.1-17
- 9. 2 Chronicles 29.18-36
- 10. 2 Chronicles 30.1-12
- 11. 2 Chronicles 30.13-27
- 12. 2 Chronicles 31.1-21
- 13. Ezra 3.1-13
- 14. Ezra 8.15-36

- **Third Sunday in Lent**
- 15. Ezra 9.1-15
- 16. Nehemiah 1.1-11
- 17. Nehemiah 8.1-18
- 18. Nehemiah 9.1-37
- 19. Esther 4.1-17
- 20. Isaiah 37.1-20
- 21. Isaiah 37.21-38

- **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
- 22. Jeremiah 32.16-44
- 23. Lamentations 3.1-42
- 24. Daniel 9.1-19
- 25. Joel 2.1-27
- 26. Jonah 2.1-10
- 27. Psalm 74
- 28. Psalm 75

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 29. Psalm 76
- 30. Psalm 79
- 31. Psalm 80

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Monday, March 2, 2009.

APRIL

Called to be Free
to Rejoice in Hope

- 1. Isaiah 49.1-26
- 2. Isaiah 51.1-23
- 3. Isaiah 52.1-12
- 4. Isaiah 52.13-53.12

- **Palm/Passion Sunday*
(Western Churches)**
- 5. Mark 11.1-11
- 6. Mark 11.12-33
- 7. Mark 12.1-27
- 8. Mark 14.1-31
- **Maunder Thursday
(Western Churches)**
- 9. Mark 14.32-72
- **Good Friday
(Western Churches)**
- 10. Mark 15.1-41
- 11. Mark 15.42-47

- **Easter Sunday
(Western Churches)**
- 12. Mark 16.1-18
- 13. Romans 5.1-21
- 14. Romans 10.5-21
- 15. Romans 15.1-21
- 16. 1 Corinthians 15.1-34
- 17. 1 Corinthians 15.35-58
- 18. Hebrews 4.14-5.10
- 19. Hebrews 5.11-6.12
- 20. Hebrews 6.13-7.10
- 21. Hebrews 7.11-28
- 22. Hebrews 8.1-13
- 23. 1 Peter 1.1-25
- 24. 1 Peter 2.1-25
- 25. 1 Peter 3.1-22

- 26. 1 Peter 4.1-19
- 27. 1 Peter 5.1-14
- 28. 2 Peter 1.1-21
- 29. 2 Peter 2.1-22
- 30. 2 Peter 3.1-18

* Orthodox Christians will observe Holy Week
from April 12-18, and celebrate Pascha
(Easter) on April 19 and may substitute the
readings from April 19-25 in place of the
readings for April 5-11.

MAY

Called to be Free
to Serve God and
One Another

- 1. Luke 10.25-37
- 2. John 13.1-38

- 3. John 21.1-25
- 4. Romans 12.1-21
- 5. Romans 13.1-14
- 6. Romans 14.1-23

- **National Day
of Prayer**
- 7. Psalm 33
- 8. Deuteronomy 1.1-18
- 9. Deuteronomy 24.5-22

- 10. Genesis 42.1-38
- 11. Genesis 43.1-34
- 12. Genesis 44.1-34
- 13. Genesis 45.1-28
- 14. Genesis 46.1-27
- 15. Genesis 46.28-47.12
- 16. Genesis 47.13-31

- 17. Genesis 48.1-22
- 18. Genesis 49.29-50.14
- 19. Genesis 50.15-26
- 20. Psalm 112

- **Ascension Day*
(Western Churches)**
- 21. Acts 1.1-11
- 22. Acts 1.12-26
- 23. 1 Corinthians 4.1-21

- 24. Numbers 27.12-23
- 25. Joshua 1.1-18
- 26. Joshua 2.1-24
- 27. Joshua 23.1-16
- 28. Joshua 24.1-28
- 29. Ezekiel 34.1-31
- 30. Joel 2.28-3.8

- **Pentecost*
(Western Churches)**
- 31. Acts 2.1-13

* Orthodox Christians will observe the
Ascension of the Lord on May 28, 2009 and
will celebrate Pentecost on June 7, 2009.

JUNE

Called to be Free
to be Filled with the
Holy Spirit

- 1. Acts 2.14-28
- 2. Acts 2.29-47
- 3. Acts 6.1-15
- 4. Acts 7.1-22
- 5. Acts 7.23-53
- 6. Acts 7.54-8.3

- 7. Acts 8.4-25*
- 8. Acts 8.26-40
- 9. Acts 17.1-15
- 10. Acts 17.16-34
- 11. Acts 18.1-28
- 12. Acts 19.1-20
- 13. Acts 19.21-41

- 14. Acts 20.1-16
- 15. Acts 20.17-38
- 16. Ephesians 1.1-23
- 17. Ephesians 2.1-22
- 18. Ephesians 3.1-21
- 19. Ephesians 4.1-16
- 20. Ephesians 4.17-5.2

- 21. Ephesians 5.3-33
- 22. Ephesians 6.1-24
- 23. John 14.1-31
- 24. John 15.1-17
- 25. John 15.18-16.4a
- 26. John 16.4b-33
- 27. Ezekiel 2.1-3.11

- 28. Ezekiel 3.12-27
- 29. Romans 8.1-17
- 30. Romans 8.18-39

* Orthodox Christians will celebrate
Pentecost on June 7, 2009.

JULY

Called to be Free
to Trust in God's
Promises

- 1. Genesis 6.1-22
- 2. Genesis 7.1-24
- 3. Genesis 8.1-22
- 4. Genesis 9.1-29

- 5. Genesis 12.1-20
- 6. Genesis 13.1-18
- 7. Genesis 14.1-24
- 8. Genesis 15.1-21
- 9. Genesis 16.1-16
- 10. Genesis 17.1-27
- 11. Genesis 18.1-15

- 12. Genesis 21.1-21
- 13. Genesis 21.22-34
- 14. Genesis 22.1-19
- 15. Genesis 26.1-35
- 16. Genesis 27.1-29
- 17. Genesis 27.30-28.5
- 18. Genesis 28.6-22

- 19. Exodus 3.1-22
- 20. Exodus 4.1-31
- 21. Exodus 12.1-28
- 22. Exodus 12.29-13.2
- 23. Exodus 13.3-22
- 24. Exodus 14.1-31
- 25. Exodus 15.1-27

- 26. Exodus 16.1-36
- 27. Exodus 19.1-25
- 28. Exodus 20.1-26
- 29. Hebrews 9.1-28
- 30. Hebrews 10.1-18
- 31. Hebrews 10.19-39

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what others have to say about the impact of the Bible in their
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AUGUST

Called to be Free
to Build Up the Body
of Christ

- 1. Hebrews 11.1-22
- 2. Hebrews 11.23-40
- 3. Hebrews 12.1-29
- 4. Philippians 1.1-30
- 5. Philippians 2.1-18
- 6. Philippians 2.19-3.11
- 7. Philippians 3.12-4.1
- 8. Philippians 4.2-23

- 9. 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
- 10. 1 Thessalonians 2.1-16
- 11. 1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13
- 12. 1 Thessalonians 4.1-18
- 13. 1 Thessalonians 5.1-28
- 14. 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12
- 15. 2 Thessalonians 2.1-17

- 16. 2 Thessalonians 3.1-18
- 17. 1 Timothy 1.1-20
- 18. 1 Timothy 2.1-15
- 19. 1 Timothy 3.1-16
- 20. 1 Timothy 4.1-16
- 21. 1 Timothy 5.1-6.2a
- 22. 1 Timothy 6.2b-21

- 23. 2 Timothy 1.1-18
- 24. 2 Timothy 2.1-13
- 25. 2 Timothy 2.14-26
- 26. 2 Timothy 3.1-17
- 27. 2 Timothy 4.1-22
- 28. Titus 1.1-16
- 29. Titus 2.1-15

- 30. Titus 3.1-15
- 31. Philemon

SEPTEMBER

Called to be Free
to Grow in God's
Wisdom

- 1. Psalm 1
- 2. Psalm 19
- 3. Psalm 37
- 4. Psalm 39
- 5. Psalm 139

- 6. Psalm 119.1-24
- 7. Psalm 119.25-48
- 8. Psalm 119.49-72
- 9. Psalm 119.73-96
- 10. Psalm 119.97-120
- 11. Psalm 119.121-144
- 12. Psalm 119.145-176

- 13. 1 Corinthians 1.1-17
- 14. 1 Corinthians 1.18-31
- 15. 1 Corinthians 2.1-16
- 16. 1 Corinthians 3.1-23
- 17. James 1.1-27
- 18. James 2.1-26
- 19. James 3.1-18

- 20. James 4.1-17
- 21. James 5.1-20
- 22. Proverbs 8.1-36
- 23. Proverbs 9.1-18
- 24. Proverbs 10.1-32
- 25. Proverbs 16.1-33
- 26. Proverbs 25.1-28

- 27. Ecclesiastes 3.1-22
- 28. Ecclesiastes 4.1-16
- 29. Ecclesiastes 5.1-20
- 30. Ecclesiastes 12.1-14

OCTOBER

Called to be Free
to Work for Peace
and Justice

- 1. Habakkuk 1.1-17
- 2. Habakkuk 2.1-20
- 3. Habakkuk 3.1-19

- World Communion
Sunday**
- 4. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34
- 5. Psalm 7
- 6. Psalm 9
- 7. Psalm 85
- 8. Psalm 113
- 9. Amos 5.1-27
- 10. Zephaniah 3.1-20

- 11. Job 33.1-33
- 12. Job 34.1-37
- 13. Job 35.1-16
- 14. Job 36.1-33
- 15. Jeremiah 22.1-23
- 16. Jeremiah 22.24-23.8
- 17. Jeremiah 23.9-40

- 18. Isaiah 28.1-29
- 19. Isaiah 56.1-12
- 20. Isaiah 57.1-21
- 21. Isaiah 58.1-14
- 22. Isaiah 59.1-21
- 23. Isaiah 61.1-11
- 24. Isaiah 62.1-12

- 25. Micah 1.1-16
- 26. Micah 2.1-13
- 27. Micah 3.1-12
- 28. Micah 4.1-13
- 29. Micah 5.1-15
- 30. Micah 6.1-16
- 31. Micah 7.1-20

NOVEMBER

Called to be Free
to Give God Thanks
and Praise

- 1. Psalm 8
- 2. Psalm 145
- 3. Psalm 146
- 4. Psalm 147
- 5. Psalm 148
- 6. Psalm 149
- 7. Psalm 150

- 8. Exodus 35.1-29
- 9. Deuteronomy 26.1-19
- 10. Malachi 3.5-18
- 11. 2 Corinthians 8.1-24
- 12. 2 Corinthians 9.1-15
- 13. Psalm 46
- 14. Psalm 48

- 15. Psalm 64
- 16. Psalm 65
- 17. Psalm 66
- 18. Psalm 67
- 19. Psalm 84
- 20. Psalm 95
- 21. Psalm 96

- Bible Sunday***
- 22. Psalm 97
- 23. Psalm 98
- 24. Psalm 99
- 25. Psalm 100

- Thanksgiving Day**
- 26. Psalm 103
- 27. Psalm 107
- 28. Psalm 108

- First Sunday
of Advent**
- 29. Jeremiah 33.1-26
- 30. Psalm 136

* National Bible Week is November
22-29, 2009.

DECEMBER

Called to be Free
to Spread Tidings
of Joy

- 1. Luke 21.5-38
- 2. Psalm 2
- 3. Isaiah 11.1-16
- 4. Isaiah 25.1-12
- 5. Isaiah 60.1-22

- Second Sunday
of Advent**
- 6. Malachi 3.1-4
- 7. Malachi 4.1-6
- 8. Luke 3.1-20
- 9. Psalm 122
- 10. Psalm 123
- 11. Psalm 124
- 12. Psalm 125

- Third Sunday
of Advent**
- 13. Revelation 1.1-20
- 14. Revelation 4.1-11
- 15. Revelation 5.1-14
- 16. Revelation 7.1-17
- 17. Revelation 14.1-20
- 18. Revelation 15.1-8
- 19. Revelation 19.1-16

- Fourth Sunday
of Advent**
- 20. Isaiah 9.1-7
- 21. Luke 1.1-25
- 22. Luke 1.26-56
- 23. Luke 1.57-80
- 24. Luke 2.1-20

- Christmas Day**
- 25. John 1.1-18
- 26. Luke 2.21-40

- 27. John 1.19-51
- 28. John 5.1-30
- 29. Hebrews 1.1-14
- 30. Hebrews 2.1-18
- 31. Hebrews 3.1-19

Everything written in the Scriptures was written
to teach us, in order that we might have hope
through the patience and encouragement which
the Scriptures give us.

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The apostle Paul wrote:
Freedom is what we have —
Christ has set us free! ...As for
you, my friends, you were called
to be free. But do not let this
freedom become an excuse for
letting your physical desires
control you. Instead, let love
make you serve one another.
For the whole Law is summed
up in one commandment:
"Love your neighbor as you
love yourself."

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