

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, January 11, 2026, the Baptism of Our Lord:

## 5-Day Devotional: Living in Baptismal Grace

### Day 1: Buried with Christ

Reading: [Romans 6:1-4](#)

Devotional: When you were baptized, something profound happened—you died. Not physically, but spiritually, your old self was drowned beneath the waters, crucified with Christ. This isn't mere symbolism; it's spiritual reality. Every sin, every failure, every enslaving habit was nailed to the cross with Jesus. The question isn't whether this happened, but whether you believe it did. Today, remember your baptism. Touch water and recall that your old Adam was held under until he stopped kicking. You don't have to keep dragging around that corpse of sin. It's dead. Buried. Gone. The life you now live is resurrection life—new, free, and forgiven.

### Day 2: Covered in Righteousness

Reading: [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Devotional: Jesus didn't need baptism for himself—he had no sin to wash away. Yet he insisted, saying it was necessary "to fulfill all righteousness." In that moment, Christ connected his perfect obedience to your imperfect life. His baptism became the bridge to yours. When you were baptized, you were clothed in Christ's righteousness like a white garment covering every stain. This isn't something you earned or achieved; it's pure gift. God looks at you and sees Jesus. That's grace. Today, when shame whispers accusations, remember: you're covered. Not by your goodness, but by his perfection. Walk in the confidence that comes from being wrapped in Christ's righteousness.

### Day 3: Raised to New Life

Reading: [Romans 6:5-11](#)

Devotional: Death wasn't the end of your baptismal story—resurrection was. Just as Christ burst from the tomb, you emerged from the baptismal waters breathing new life. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from death now lives in you, animating your faith, empowering your obedience, transforming your desires. This new life isn't waiting for heaven; it's happening now. Every day you wake up is an opportunity to "walk in newness of life." The question is: are you living like someone who's been resurrected? Or are you still acting like the old corpse? Today, consciously choose to live as the new creation you are. Let resurrection power flow through your choices, words, and attitudes.

### Day 4: What Gratitude Looks Like

Reading: [Colossians 3:1-17](#)

Devotional: Imagine being saved from certain death, then suing your rescuer. Absurd, right? Yet how often do we receive God's salvation—the ultimate rescue—and respond with ingratitude, continuing in patterns that dishonor him? True gratitude isn't just feeling thankful; it's living differently. It's putting to death what belongs to your earthly nature and clothing yourself with compassion, kindness, and love. Gratitude shows up Monday through Saturday, not just Sunday morning. It's visible in how you treat your spouse, conduct business, respond to frustration, and serve others. Today, ask yourself: does my life reflect genuine thanksgiving for what Christ has done? Let gratitude move from feeling to action.

### Day 5: Living for God

Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#)

Devotional: "The life he lives, he lives to God." These words define Christian existence. Christ's entire post-resurrection life is oriented toward the Father—and ours should be too. You're no longer living for yourself, your comfort, your reputation, or your plans. You've been bought with a price, rescued from sin's slavery, and given a new purpose: to live for the One who died and rose for you. This isn't burdensome duty; it's joyful freedom. When you live for God, you discover what you were created for. Today, examine your motivations. Are your decisions driven by self-interest or by devotion to Christ? Surrender one area where you've been living for yourself, and intentionally redirect it toward living for God.