

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from Pastor Pett's sermon from Sunday, January 4, 2026, the Second Sunday After Christmas:

5-Day Devotional: Chosen by Grace

Day 1: Before the Foundation of the World

Reading: [Ephesians 1:3-6](#)

Devotional: Before God spoke creation into existence, before light pierced the darkness, He was thinking of you. This truth should stagger us. We weren't chosen because of our achievements, our goodness, or our potential. We were chosen by grace alone. God predestined us for adoption not because we earned it, but because of His unfathomable love. Today, let this reality sink deep into your soul: you are not an afterthought or accident. You were in God's heart before time began. How does knowing you were chosen before creation change how you view yourself? Spend time thanking God for choosing you when you had done nothing to deserve it.

Day 2: Called and Justified

Reading: [Romans 8:28-30](#)

Devotional: God's work in your life follows a divine progression: predestined, called, justified, glorified. Perhaps He called you at baptism, or when His Word first awakened your soul to truth. That moment when something stirred within you and you thought, "What was that?" was God calling your name. Through Christ's death and resurrection, you were justified—declared righteous not by your works but by His sacrifice. This isn't about what you've done; it's about what He has accomplished. Reflect on when God first called you. How did you respond? Remember that His justification covers every failure, every sin, every shortcoming. You stand righteous before Him because of Jesus alone.

Day 3: The Wisdom That Saves

Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#); [James 1:5](#)

Devotional: Solomon asked for wisdom. Young Jesus sought wisdom among the temple teachers. But the greatest wisdom isn't found in human knowledge or philosophical debate—it's found in the gospel of salvation. This wisdom makes us "wise unto salvation," revealing truths our minds could never discover alone. The cross appears foolish to the world, yet it contains God's power and wisdom. When you hear God's Word read, preached, or spoken, you encounter this life-transforming wisdom. Are you seeking worldly wisdom or the wisdom that saves? Today, ask God to help you value His wisdom above all human understanding. Open Scripture not just for information, but for transformation.

Day 4: Sealed and Guaranteed

Reading: [Ephesians 1:13-14](#); [2 Corinthians 1:21-22](#)

Devotional: When you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit—God's guarantee standing behind His promise. Think about how you value a product with a strong guarantee. How much more valuable is God's guarantee of your inheritance? The Holy Spirit dwelling within you is the down payment, the first installment of the glory to come. This isn't a maybe or a hope-so; it's a divine certainty. God Himself stands behind this promise. When doubts creep in, when circumstances overwhelm you, remember: you are sealed. Nothing can break God's guarantee. How does knowing the Holy Spirit is God's seal of ownership over your life affect your daily decisions? Live today as one who bears God's guarantee.

Day 5: The Inheritance Awaits

Reading: [Revelation 7:9-17](#); [1 Peter 1:3-5](#)

Devotional: An inheritance isn't earned—it's received because someone else worked, sacrificed, and provided. You didn't work for your spiritual inheritance; Christ did. He earned it through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Now it awaits you: glory beyond imagination, reunion with all believers, everlasting life in His presence. Like an earthly inheritance distributed when the estate is settled, God will distribute this inheritance when all His chosen ones are gathered. A multitude no one can number, from every nation and tribe, will stand before the throne clothed in white. This is your future, secured by grace. How should this certain hope shape how you live today? Let the promise of your inheritance fuel your perseverance, deepen your worship, and inspire you to bless God with thanksgiving.

Closing Reflection: Throughout this week, you've explored the magnificent truth that you are chosen by grace—predestined, called, justified, sealed, and guaranteed an inheritance. None of this depends on your worthiness but entirely on God's love. Respond by blessing God through worship, obedience, prayer, and sharing His Word. Live as one who knows their true identity: a beloved, adopted child of God, chosen before the foundation of the world.