Grace Episcopal Church Read the Bible in a Year – **GraceFullBible** – New Testament Read entire New Testament in a Year with reading one chapter each week day.

Reflections: Virtual Class - Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings for August 17 - 21, 2015

**Prayer:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Proper 16 | Forward Movement | Book of Common Prayer

## **Readings:**

Day 163 | Monday | August 17 | <u>Galatians 1</u> | Paul: brief introduction then right into the issue of the Galatians forgetting the Gospel and following another gospel – there is NO other Gospel. He recalls his life to state that he is an apostle to the Gentiles to God's glory.

Day 164 | Tuesday | August 18 | <u>Galatians 2</u> | Paul continues his due diligence to the Galatians – Jerusalem forgot the freedom we all have in Christ Jesus; Paul tells of his encounter with Peter; it is no longer that I live but Christ that lives in me (vs 20a).

Day 165 | Wednesday | August 19 | <u>Galatians 3</u> | Paul – have you received the gift of the Holy Spirit?; look as Abraham as an example; Christ is the covenant with Abraham; the Law was a temporary means of discipline for God's people until Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (vs 28)

Day 166 | Thursday | August 20 | <u>Galatians 4</u> | Paul – when the fullness of time had come – God sent Jesus to redeem all and make them children of God; in the past you did not know God ... now you are in Jesus Christ; don't slip back into your old ways.

Day 167 | Friday | August 21 | <u>Galatians 5</u> | Paul – Don't go back to slavery again; you have now freedom to serve everyone in Jesus; live by the Spirit – the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. vs 22-23

## Prayer:

Pray for the redemption of the World. Pray for those persecuted for the faith today. Pray for your personal discipleship and your calling to serve the Kingdom of God in your world.