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GETTING STARTED



Giving our lives to Jesus is only the first step in our walk with God. The next few steps are very important for your spiritual growth.

Here are five steps to get you off to the right **START** in following Jesus.

Stop trusting in yourself and your good works, and trust in Jesus alone for your salvation.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

-Ephesians 2:8-9

Turn away from everything the Bible calls sin.

“But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are his,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.’”

-2 Timothy 2:19

Attend a small group (Bible study and prayer group) and Kids Church weekly.

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.”

-Hebrews 10:25

Read and obey your Bible every day.

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

-Joshua 1:8

Tell others about what Jesus has done for you.

“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’”

-Mark 16:15

1

A NEW YOU

SALVATION

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

-2 Corinthians 5:17

The same way a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly, change has to happen inside of us. We need to become a new creation. It sounds wonderful, but why do we need to become new? What is wrong with our old selves? We will understand this better as we study three words---separation, sacrifice, and salvation.

SEPARATION

When two islands are separated from each other, for a car to get to the other island, it needs to go over a bridge.

Because of the bad things we have done (against God and against other people), it would be impossible for us to go to God and live with Him in heaven forever. The Bible calls this sin. We all have been separated from God because all of us have sinned.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

-Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

-Romans 6:23

Spiritual death in the Bible means that we cannot be with God because God is holy and perfect. He cannot even be in the presence of sin. That is why when Adam and Eve sinned, they had to leave the Garden of Eden because God was there.

SACRIFICE



Because God is holy and perfect, He cannot allow sin to go on without being punished. At the same time, because He is loving, He doesn't want to punish us by being separated from Him forever. God solved this problem by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Instead of us dying to pay for our own sins, Jesus died for us.

“Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”
-Romans 3:25

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
-2 Corinthians 5:21

SALVATION



Knowing that our parents will give us a birthday gift is not enough. What do we need to do? We need to receive the gift and open it so it becomes ours. Knowing that Jesus died on the cross for us is also not enough. We need to receive this gift by making two decisions:

1. Turn away from sin.
2. Put our trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

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A NEW MASTER

LORDSHIP

“So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

-Philippians 2:10-11

A captain of a ship who is not in charge, he is really not the captain on the ship. If we say Jesus is Lord of our lives, then He should be the one in charge. Lord means boss, master, the number 1 guy, or the one who calls the shots. He would be the coach of a team, driver of a car, or the boss of a company. In the whole New Testament, Jesus was called “Lord” 747 times, while He was called “Savior” only twenty-four times. This shows us the importance of making Jesus Lord of our lives.

LORDSHIP IS IMPORTANT FOR SALVATION

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

-Romans 10:9

Confessing or saying “Jesus is Lord” is the starting point of our salvation. It means He is boss and therefore in charge over every area of our lives. Not just 95%, but 100%. He is the owner of our house, not just a guest.

LORDSHIP DEMANDS OBEDIENCE



“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

-Luke 6:46

Many people call Jesus “Lord” but do not actually obey Him. Jesus instructs us to obey Him and His Word if we are to make Him Lord. If He is not Lord of everything, He is not Lord of anything in your life.

LORDSHIP BEGINS IN THE HEART



“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy.”

-1 Pet

Making Jesus our Lord starts by giving our hearts to Him. It is not just about following a bunch of rules. It is wanting to follow Him in your heart. What happens on the inside will eventually show up on the outside.

LORDSHIP IS CONTINUOUSLY LIVING FOR GOD



“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.”

-Colossians 2:6

A runner cannot stop in the middle of the race if he wants to win. We start our Christian life by making Jesus our Lord. We need to continue by keeping Jesus as Lord of our lives.

Lordship is not just a one-time experience with God, but it is living our lives for Him until the end.

3

A NEW DIRECTION

REPENTANCE

**“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”
-2 Corinthians 7:10**

Driving a car in the wrong direction on a one-way street is very dangerous (not to mention foolish)! Some drive the wrong way on a one-way street just because they do not know it is a one-way street. Others do it out of disobedience to the law. It is the same spiritually. Whether out of ignorance or rebellion, we are all on a dangerous one-way street that will, in the end, lead to eternal separation from God. Until we change our direction by turning around and following Jesus, every step in the wrong direction is a step away from God.

GODLY SADNESS

Real repentance begins when we are truly sorry for our sins. This “godly sadness” makes no excuses. It takes full responsibility. It doesn’t blame other people or circumstance.

Godly sadness admits that when we sin, our sin is first against God. This type of sadness leads to life-changing repentance.

**“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”
-Psalm 51:4**

WORLDLY SADNESS

Godly sadness produces real repentance and a changed life. On the other hand, “worldly sadness” only produces excuses. Godly sadness is sincerely feeling sad when we realize we have hurt and sinned against a holy God.

Worldly sadness is being sorry we got caught or being sorry because we have to go through the consequences of our sin. The main difference between godly sadness and worldly sadness is the fruit. Worldly sadness never produces the fruit of a changed life; it only produces spiritual death—which is a life away from God.

“I declared they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.”
-Acts 26:20

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Is your life going in a new direction?

Are there sins in your life that you are still having a hard time turning away from?

Are there areas of temptation or weakness that you need prayer for?

Are there sins that you have turned away from but you still feel bad about?

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A NEW HEART

FORGIVENESS

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

-1 John 1:9

Have you ever had a stain on your shirt that was hard to take out? Imagine a stain remover that would not only remove the stain, but would make the shirt just like new again. That's what happens when we turn away from our sins and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. He doesn't only clean our hearts from sin, He gives us a new heart. It all starts with confession.

WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Confession is to admit that we did wrong and agree with God that we have sinned against Him.

“I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

-Psalm 32:5

WHAT IF WE DO NOT CONFESS OUR SIN?

The Holy Spirit will continue to remind us about our sin. If we still don't confess our sin after that, then we feel guilty. After this, our hearts will feel so down that we'll feel far way from God.

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

-Proverbs 28:13

“For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”

-Psalm 32:3-4

TO WHOM SHOULD I CONFESS?



We should confess our sins to God.

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.”

-Psalm 51:4

WHEN SHOULD WE CONFESS OUR SIN TO ANOTHER PERSON?



When we need prayer for healing and victory in a specific area of our life, we can ask a trusted Christian friend to pray for us.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

-James 5:16

WHAT DOES GOD DO WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SIN?

He forgives us and cleanses us from our wrongdoing.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

-1 John 1:9

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CLEAN HEART?

Yes, by the blood of Jesus.

“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our[a] conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

-Hebrews 9:14

WHAT DOES GOD DO WITH OUR SIN?

He removes it as far as the east is from the west.

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

-Psalm 103:12

HOW MANY TIMES SHOULD WE FORGIVE PEOPLE WHO SIN AGAINST US?

We should forgive people who sin against us as many times as they ask for forgiveness.

**“And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”
-Luke 17:4**

**“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”
-Matthew 18:21-22**

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T FORGIVE?



If we don't forgive, we will be hurt by our own bitterness and unforgiveness.

**“And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”
-Matthew 18:34-35**

**“See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.”
-Hebrews 12:15**



● **PERSONAL APPLICATION** ●



Ask the Holy Spirit to look into your heart and show any sin that needs to be confessed.

Are there sins that you've turned away from and confessed but still feel bad and guilty about?

Is there anyone you need to forgive?

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A NEW STANDARD

THE BIBLE

“I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.”

-Job 23:12

To be healthy, we all need to have the right eating habits and regular exercise. A person who does not eat everyday will become weak. A man who never eats will soon be dead. It is the same with our spiritual health. A man who does not read God's Word everyday will soon be dead spiritually. Our spiritual food is the Word of God, while our spiritual exercise is obeying it. We need both everyday.

WHAT IS THE KEY TO GROWING SPIRITUALLY?

Like newborn babies, new Christians need feeding. For babies, it's milk; for Christians, it's the Word of God. A baby without milk will be weak and sick. Likewise, a Christian who ignores God's Word will be weak and sick.

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.”

-1 Peter 2:2

HOW CAN I RESIST TEMPTATION?



Jesus fought temptation not by will power but by Word power—knowing and speaking God’s Word. We can win the temptation war the same way, by knowing and speaking God’s Word.

“The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ But he answered, ‘It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

-Matthew 4:3-4

HOW CAN I LIVE A PURE AND HOLY LIFE?



Is it possible to stay clean spiritually in a world that is full of temptation to disobey God? Yes!

How? By keeping God’s Word in our hearts. Information and religious facts don’t make us pure and holy. The Word planted deep in our hearts will keep us from sin.

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

-Psalm 119:9, 11

HOW CAN MY FAITH GROW?



If we exercise and lift weights, our muscles will grow bigger and stronger. That also happens with our faith. The more we hear and read the Bible, the more our faith will grow.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”
-James 5:16

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
-Romans 10:17

HOW CAN I BE SUCCESSFUL?

Read, think about, and carefully obey God's Word and success is soon to come. Obedience to God's Word brings success.

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”
-Joshua 1:8

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE?

As we let God's Word reshape our thinking, we will understand God's will. The more our minds are renewed, the more we will be able to find God's will for our lives.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

-Romans 12:2

WHAT HAPPENS IF I KNOW GOD'S WORD BUT DON'T DO WHAT IT SAYS?

A person may know a lot about the Bible, but if he does not apply it to his life, it does him no good. Knowing God's Word is just the start. The measure of our spiritual growth is not how much we know, but how much we obey. Those who keep learning but fail to obey end up fooling themselves.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

-James 1:22

CONCLUSION

Before turning to Jesus, we lived by the world's ways. Now we accept the Bible as the final authority for what we believe and how we live. God's Word is the final and absolute pattern for every area of life.



PERSONAL APPLICATION

Get your own Bible and note book.

Set a time and place for daily Bible reading.

Start reading the book of Mark and write down your observations, prayers, questions, and things you learned in your notebook.

Get involved in a Bible study or discipleship group.

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A NEW POWER

PRAYER

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 4:6-7

Being a Christian is more than following rules. It is primarily a relationship with God. To develop relationships, friends need to talk and communicate. God talks to us through the Bible, and we talk to God through prayer.

HOW NOT TO PRAY

Do not pray like the hypocrites and show-offs (by saying one thing and acting another way).

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”

-Matthew 6:5

Do not pray like those who do not know God.

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

-Matthew 6:7-8

HOW TO PRAY



Pray to the Father, not to anyone else.

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

-Matthew 6:6

Pray through Jesus. He is the only way to the Father.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

-John 14:6

WHAT TO PRAY FOR



Pray that what God wants will happen in your family, school, church, city, nation, and the whole earth.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

-Matthew 6:10

Pray for God’s provision—personal and family needs.

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

-Matthew 6:11

Pray for forgiveness—receive forgiveness from God and forgive those who have hurt you.

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

-Matthew 6:12

Pray for victory over temptation and protection from the devil's plans.

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

-Matthew 6:13

DOES GOD REALLY ANSWER PRAYER?

For sure! When we pray specific prayers, we also get specific answers. The important thing is to pray according to His will. We will find out what His will is by knowing His Word, the Bible. Therefore, as we pray according to His Word, we know He will answer.

“This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”

-1 John 5:14-15

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Do you have a time and place for daily prayer?

Have you forgiven all who have sinned against you?

Pray for God to provide for you and your family.

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A NEW VICTORY

FAITH

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”
-1 John 5:3

When we ride an airplane, we don't normally go to the cockpit and ask for the pilot's diploma. We trust that he has been trained and, therefore, he has the ability to fly the aircraft. The key to living a victorious Christian life is having complete trust in Jesus Christ. The more we know Him, the more we will trust Him. Our faith will grow as we read and obey His Word.

FAITH IS ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION

Having faith or completely trusting in Christ alone is absolutely important for our salvation.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
-Ephesians 2:8-9

FAITH PLEASURES GOD

A real Christian's number one goal in life is to please God, not man. The key to pleasing God is faith.

“Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
-Hebrews 11:6

FAITH OVERCOMES THE WORLD



The starting point of all spiritual victory is absolute trust and faith in God.

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

-1 John 5:4-5



● PERSONAL APPLICATION ●



Have you trusted in Jesus alone for salvation?

Are you living to please God? Or to please yourself?
Or others?

Are you obeying God's commands?

8

A NEW GIFT

THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

-Matthew 3:11

Jesus is both Lord and Savior. But is interesting that John the Baptist did not introduce Jesus with these titles. He introduced Jesus as one who would baptize His disciples with the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit? Why is the baptism of the Holy Spirit so important? How can I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? This lesson will answer these questions about the Holy Spirit.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be a good witness. A witness is someone who shares the good news of Jesus to others. He not only tells the truth, but also lives the truth. To be an effective witness for Jesus, we need the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

-Acts 1:8

HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. By asking.

The Bible says the reason we don't have is because we don't ask. In order to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, all we need to do is ask—and we must ask in faith.

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

-Luke 11:13

2. By the laying on of hands.

Many disciples in the New Testament received the baptism of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.

“Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.”

-Acts 8:17

“So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’”

-Acts 9:17

“When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.”

-Acts 19:6

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, God also gives spiritual gifts. In the Bible, when the baptism of the Holy Spirit happens, the most common spiritual gift is the gift of tongues.

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

-Acts 2:4

“While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.”

-Acts 10:44-46

“When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.”

-Acts 19:6

THE GIFT OF TONGUES AND PROPHECY

Tongues and prophecy are given to bring encouragement, strength, and comfort. Tongues give strength to the individual and prophecy gives strength to the church.

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A NEW LIFE

WATER BAPTISM

“Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

-Acts 2:38, 41

When the crowd asked Peter what they should do after listening to his preaching he gave them a three-fold answer: repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thousands responded and were added to the church. The biblical pattern is that everyone who is baptized is also added. Every baptized disciple is expected to become an active member of the local fellowship.

The Bible gives us four illustrations to help us understand water baptism.

BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

Paul compares the Christian baptism to a burial. For a person to be buried, he must first die. In the same way, the requirement for baptism is death to our sins. After we are buried in baptism, we are raised to a new life.

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

-Romans 6:1-4

CROSSING THE RED SEA



In the same way the Israelites were slaves to the Egyptians, we too were slaves of sin. The Israelites were set free from their slavery by passing through the Red Sea. Baptism pictures the freedom from sin that Jesus bought for us on the cross.

“For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”

-1 Corinthians 10:1-2

CIRCUMCISION



Paul says baptism is like circumcision, not done by human hands, but spiritual circumcision done by Jesus. It is the “putting off” of the sinful nature when we trust Jesus and what He did on the cross for us.

“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

-Colossians 2:11-12

THE FLOOD



Peter teaches that it is not the water or the taking away of dirt that saved us, but the death and resurrection of Jesus.

“Because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.”

-1 Peter 3:20

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



Each of these pictures of water baptism show the old life being put away and the new life rising. In baptism, we make a declaration in front of everyone else that we are going to follow Jesus the rest of our lives. We publically identify with what Jesus did for us on the cross. In baptism, we put away the old life of sin and begin a new life of obedience to Jesus.



PERSONAL APPLICATION

Have you turned away (repented) from sins?

Have you put your trust in Jesus alone for salvation?

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Have you been baptized in water since you've turned away from your sins?

If not, what are you waiting for?

“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”

-Acts 22:16

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NEW RELATIONSHIPS

THE CHURCH

“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

-Matthew 16:18

While Jesus was talking to Peter, He told him that He would build a victorious church that would win over the kingdom of darkness. Jesus and the Apostle Paul used the word “church” to mean the people of God, not just a building where people worship. There are four benefits of being part of a church.

FRIENDSHIP

Real friends. Everyone needs them. Few find them. The best place to look for a real friend is in the church, the people of God. True friends stick with us through good times and bad. They never pull us away from God. Instead, they bring us closer to Him.

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

-Proverbs 17:17

FELLOWSHIP

If burning wood is removed from a campfire, it will cool off. If it is put back in the middle of a pile of red-hot burning logs, it will burn again. The same is true for Christians. If a Christian is removed from fellowship with other on fire Christians, he will cool off spiritually. If a Christian stays in fellowship, he will stay on fire for God.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. All who believed were together and had all things in common.”

-Acts 2:42, 44

WORSHIP

God is looking for people who will sincerely worship Him. Worship is showing our love, thankfulness, and commitment to God.

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”

-John 4:23

DISCIPLESHIP

The last command Jesus gave His followers before He went to heaven was to go and make disciples, to baptize these disciples, and to teach them to obey God’s Word. Therefore, we should teach others to follow Him.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19-20

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A NEW MISSION

EVANGELISM

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

-1 Peter 3:15

Suppose you were a doctor and discovered a cure for cancer. Wouldn't you want everyone to know about your discovery? What you have with you now is a miracle cure for something more deadly than cancer. It's called sin. Evangelism is simply telling others about God's solution for sin. When we do this, we become a witness for Jesus.

HOW TO BE A WITNESS

A witness is someone who tells another person of what he has seen, heard, and experienced. We are called to be God's witnesses. We are to tell the truth about what He has done for us, what He has done in us, and what He has done through us. A witness is something we are, not something we do. It will show in the way we live. This can only be done through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

-Acts 1:8

HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES



We make disciples as we introduce people to Jesus and teach them how to obey God's commands. Paul told Timothy to pass on everything he had learned to others who would be able to teach it to others. This is discipleship.

“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

-2 Timothy 2:2

HOW TO GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY



A testimony is telling others about what God has done in your life. Testimonies are powerful. There are three parts in a Christian testimony:

1. Briefly talk about how your life was before surrendering your life to Jesus Christ.
2. Carefully explain how you came to the point of making a decision to give your life to Jesus.
3. Joyfully describe your life since Jesus became your Lord and Savior.

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A NEW ENEMY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”

-1 Peter 5:8-9

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

-James 4:7

When we were living in sin, we lived in Satan's camp. But since we turned our backs on sin, we have a new enemy – Satan. The devil, or Satan, is a spiritual being whose plan is to keep us from living to please God. His goal is to make us not give God the glory but to him or to others. The devil, our enemy, has three main weapons he uses against God's people.

TEMPTATION

Satan's favorite method of attack is temptation. Temptation is the devil's way of making you do something that displeases God. But God has promised that we can have victory over temptation.

“I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.’”

-Revelation 12:10

DECEPTION

If temptation doesn't work, Satan does not give up. He uses Plan B, which is deception. He tries to trick us to do things that will displease God. The way to be free from deception is to stay in God's Word and stay in fellowship with God's people.

“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”
- 1 Corinthians 11:3

ACCUSATION

One of Satan's sneaky weapons is accusation. Accusation is Satan pointing his finger and blaming others. He accuses God to produce doubt in us so that we don't believe Him. He accuses other Christians so that we become divided. He accuses our spiritual leaders, creating bad talk against them. He even accuses us, which makes us feel that God doesn't love us anymore.

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STAND UP AND FIGHT



God has not left us defenseless. He has given us spiritual weapons and spiritual armor so we can stand up and fight the devil. Through our faith in Jesus, we can live victoriously over every attack of Satan.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

-Ephesians 6:11-17



● PERSONAL APPLICATION ●



Are there temptations that you are not able to turn away from?

Are you regularly reading and obeying God's Word?

Have you received accusations against God? Against other Christians? Against spiritual leaders? Against yourself?

