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A simple guide for new believers to help them as they begin their new walk with God.

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The Holy Bible tells us that Jesus will descend from Heaven and meet His people in the air.

*“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”
(1 Thessalonians 4:17) NIV*

Will you be going? Or will you be left behind? You may say “yes” because you are a good person, or because you attend church often, or because you give to the needy. These are all great things, but they do not prepare a place for you in Heaven.

Jesus said:

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
(John 14: 1-6) NIV*

Accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior is the only way to be sure.

The Bible says:

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”.”(Romans 10:9-13)NIV

If you have never confessed this, or if you are not sure that you have, please say this aloud with all your heart:

Dear Jesus,

I believe you died for my sins. I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead and you are alive today seated in Heaven. I confess you are my Lord. I am sorry for ever doubting you and want to live my life for you now. Please wash away my sins and shame and come live in my heart. In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen!

This book is dedicated to all those who have been reconciled to God through the sacrifices of Jesus. "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."(Ephesians 3:16-19 NIV)

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CHAPTER ONE

The Bread of Life

The word of God is the Holy Bible. It is the “bread of life.” You have been made into a new creation through the acceptance of Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Just as you have to feed your natural body to grow and mature, you must also feed your spiritual body to grow and mature. You do this by reading your Bible daily.

“Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”(John 6:35)NIV

“ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)NIV

Reading God’s Word and getting to know Jesus will help you know yourself and why you were created. No more wandering around lost in this world.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10) NIV

Get to know the Word of God. Find out who it says you are. Find out what it says you have in Jesus Christ. You were created in His image. Jesus said we would do even greater things than He did. Find out about the wonderful things He did. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell us of the many miracles of Jesus.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:27) KJV

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father.” (John 14:12) KJV

If you do not have a Bible, then get one! If you do not have enough money, go to your local church and ask for one. If they will not give you one, then write me and I will send you one **Make no *excuses!***

Bibles come in many different languages and translations. Get a translation that you understand and enjoy reading. I also use a dictionary while I study. This way when I come across a word or Scripture that I do not understand I can look it up and make the Word real in my life.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15) KJV

I will not lie to you and tell you it is easy to read and study everyday, but it is *essential*. Set aside a certain time period that you will be faithful to each day. Some people read in the morning, some on their lunch break, and others prefer to read at night. Do whatever works best for you. If you miss a day, do not bear yourself up; start fresh the next day. It is not about making this a religious habit. It is about making the Word of God active in your life.

I pray before I start reading and studying. I ask God to give me a fresh revelation of the Word I am reading; that the Word would be hidden in my heart and the Holy Spirit would bring it to my remembrance as I need it. I ask Jesus to transform me to be more like Him.

“I have hidden your words in my, that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11) NIV

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26) KJV

The Bible is the *Living Word of God*. It is a map for living and its principles can be applied to life’s everyday situations. You are who it says you are! You have what it says you have! And you can do whatever it says you can do!

CHAPTER TWO

What is Prayer?

The dictionary defines prayer as “spiritual communion with God.” What is *spiritual communion*? It is the sharing of one’s thoughts and emotions, or intimate conversation. It is about being real with God.

Pray, as you feel comfortable. God already knows more about you than anyone else. He longs to communicate and converse with you. Take your thoughts, cares, worries, heartaches, and even your joys to Him.

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5: 6-7)NIV

Do not worry about using precise or correct wording when praying to God. He created you to be who you are and He knows your personality.

*“...Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.” (Isaiah 43:6b-7) NIV*

Talk to Him like you would a dear friend, because that is exactly what He is – your friend. The right *attitude* in prayer is important, not the right “posture” or position, or how many times you do or do not say something.

“ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15) NIV

There are many different reasons why I pray:

Often, I spend my time in intercessory prayer.

This is when you pray for others. I intercede for my family and friends daily. There will always be people in your life who are in need of one thing or another. Even if you cannot personally meet that need, God can. He loves them even more than you or I do.

“ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness..” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)NIV

I pray to ask for wisdom and guidance.

Personally, I have made enough wrong decisions in my life as a result of not taking the time to seek God first. Therefore, I have learned to ask God to guide me each and everyday to give me the knowledge and wisdom I need to make the right decisions for my life.

I pray to ask for protection.

I never go a day without covering those I love with prayer and the blood of Jesus. God promises us His protection. Please read Ephesians 6:10-18.

“ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes..” (Ephesians 6:11) NIV

I pray when I am in need.

As human beings, there will always be things we have need of to live on this earth. God cares about all of our needs, whether they are spiritual, mental, physical, financial or social. When I am in need of anything peace, joy, food, clothes or money – I ask God. God wants us to have everything we need. In fact, He promises to meet our every need if we just ask Him in faith, with a pure heart.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8) NIV

“You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” (James 4:2b-3) NIV

I pray to ask for forgiveness.

Yes, I am saved by the blood of Jesus, but I, like everyone, still sin and make mistakes that I am sorry for. Therefore, I am quick to repent, and I ask Jesus to help me change daily.

“to be made new in the attitude of your minds.” (Ephesians 4:23) NIV

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12: 1-2) KJV

I pray to offer thanksgiving.

To thank and praise Him for who He is and to tell Him how grateful I am for the sacrifice Jesus made for you and me. David often prayed to praise God and offer thanksgiving to the Lord. The book of Psalms is an awesome example of this.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name..” (Psalms 100:4) NIV

Prayer is an act of worship. My prayer time spent with God is holy and sacred, and I need this time to keep going on with my daily life. The world is not always easy, but God promises He will always be there with us through it all. We all need someone with whom we can share our innermost thoughts, our desires, our cares and our fears – someone who will never leave us or forsake us. That someone is Jesus.

These are just a few examples of prayer. Your prayer time is personal, so personalize it between you, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. And remember prayer is intimate conversation, and conversation is when *two* people converse. Please do not forget to be quiet and listen. Give God the opportunity to speak to you.

CHAPTER THREE

The Church

When we are talking about church, what are we talking about? We are talking about the body of Christ, with Christ being the head. All born again believers make up the Church in which Jesus describes as his body.

“Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church..” (Colossians 1:24) NIV

We are also talking about followers of Jesus that meet together on a regular basis. The word “church” actually means, “to be called out”. Most of us think of church as a building. The truth is *we are the Church*, and buildings are just the places we use to meet in to worship the Lord. In fact, if we look at the Bible we will see that church groups meet in many places.

“The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.” (1 Corinthians 16:19) NIV

Jesus held church while sitting in a boat as the crowd of people were standing on the shore.

“Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore..” (Matthew 13:2) NIV

Maybe you are thinking, “Why do I need church? Why do I need to get together with other believers? I do not have to go to church to have a relationship with God”. It is true that if you do not regularly assemble yourself together with other Christians you can still have a relationship with God; however, you might not be able to live the life in which God created you for – at least not in all of its fullness. You see, when God designed us and planned our lives He included special jobs for us to do. He also gave us gifts and talents to along with these jobs jobs in which we have to unite together to fulfil. I cannot say it better that the Word fo God can, so let’s look at what the Bible says about this subject.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all..” (Ephesians 4:4-6)NIV

“And he gave some, apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for edifying the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-13) NIV

As you can see in what you just read, we cannot be completely fulfilled in Christ unless we join together with other parts of the body of Christ – the Church. When looking for a church, look for the fulfilments of the things God created the body for. Look for a group that (1) prepares God’s people for service; (2) has all works of the ministry; (3) encourages you and the rest of the body; (4) unifies believers in the faith with the Word of God; (5) teaches the fullness of Christ (6) helps Christians grow to maturity in Christ; and (7) an assembly where Jesus is there with them. Jesus tells us that where two or three gather in His name, He will be there also. I know if Jesus is not there, I do not want to be there.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18: 20) NIV

Most importantly pray and let God lead you where He wants you to go. I can testify through my own life that He will never lead you to the wrong place

CHAPTER FOUR

Old Things Passed Away

Now that you have begun your new life with God, you must leave your past behind you. When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour you became born again – a new creature in Christ.

“Therefore, if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) NIV

Leaving your past behind you may require breaking off relationships that are destructive. A friend once told me that people are like elevators. They will either take you up or take you down. It is time to let the people taking you down get OFF the elevator.

“A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.” (Proverbs 12:26) NIV

I will not lie to you and tell you that accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior means that you will have no more battles. The devil is going to try and remind you of your past. He is a thief and a liar. He is mad that your eternal destination is Heaven and not Hell. He will try to fill your head with lies. Do not listen to him!

“.....He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies..” (John 8:44) NIV

One of the biggest lies the devil tries to tell is that you are not good enough for God. You do not have to worry about being “good enough”. Just surrender your life to God and He will shape you and mold you into the person He created you to be.

“Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand..” (Isaiah 64:8) NIV

Accept the forgiveness that God has given you by Jesus. I know this kind of love is hard to understand. Do not try to understand, just let God love you and take care of you.

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins..” (Matthew 26:28) NIV

“ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life..” (John 3:16) NIV

I am here to tell you the truth. You have complete authority over Satan given to you by Jesus. He has already fought all your battles for you and won! Hallelujah!

“ Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32) NIV

“ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness..” (Matthew 10:1) NIV

Keep moving towards God. He will continually guide you to where you need to be. There is nothing you have done and nothing you have been through that God cannot fix and use for your good. Remember yesterday is gone and this truly is *“the first day of the rest of your life.”*

CHAPTER FIVE

Time to Share

It is never too soon to start sharing with others about Jesus. You are probably thinking to yourself, “I do not know enough to share!” Yes you do! If you know Jesus then you know more than someone who does not.

“Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples..” (Psalms 96:2-3) NIV

If we look at the ministry of Jesus while He was here on earth, we see that many believed on Him and were saved.

“and many people came to him. They said, “Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.” 42 And in that place many believed in Jesus..” (John 10:41-42) NIV

There was a woman from Samaria that Jesus met at a well outside of her town. Jesus spoke with her and shared with her the truth of eternal life through Him. She believed on Him and was saved. She went to her town and shared the truths of Jesus with the people there and many also came to believe in Him as a result of her sharing.

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”.” (John 4:39) NIV

In the country of Gadarenes Jesus met a man who was demon-possessed. Jesus set him free in every way. Once freed, the man wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him to go share what He had done for him with his own people.

“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”” (Mark 5:18-19)NIV

As believers, we cannot force others into believing. We can, however, share the truth of salvation and the love of Jesus. There are many ways in which to share. We share by our words and our actions. One meaning of the word “Christian” is “little Christ,” and as such we are always representing Jesus Christ. Please do not ever assume a person knows Jesus as their Savior. You may be the only Jesus they have ever seen. Paul knew this and did not stop sharing, even while he was in prison.

“The Agrippa said to Paul, ‘Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?’ Paul replied, ‘Short time or long – I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.” (Acts 26:28-29) NIV

It will not always be easy. Everyone you share with will not always be receptive to the message of Jesus, but do not let it discourage you. Remember, it is *not* potential. They are *not* rejecting you. Let the Spirit of God lead you.

“So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.” (Zechariah 4:6) NIV

I am not writing to you about this to put pressure on you or scare you. The truth is Jesus did not set us free just for our sake, but also for the sake of others.

Jesus says:

“But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:6-8) NIV

Jesus has commanded you to go and share. He promises He will always be with you. God bless you and may many be added to the kingdom of God through your faithfulness.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”(Matthew 28:18-20) NIV

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