NEXT STEPS FOR A A NEW CHRISTIAN

I Just Prayed This Prayer!

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."

Did you pray this prayer? Let us know <u>here</u>.

NOW, WHAT DO I DO? If you prayed this prayer and meant it with all your heart, YOU ARE SAVED! You have now been born again, spiritually, and are a child of God. Your sins have been forgiven, and today begins the first day of many in your new walk with God. If you are unsure? More information on how to become a Christian here.

We Are Glad You Decided To Give Your Life To Jesus Christ. As a Christian, What should I do **next**? If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, as a Christian, you should:

1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.

The reason that this is important is that the Bible tells us what God wants us to do. It's God's Word. As you begin to read it each day, it will cause you to grow spiritually. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15). "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalms 119:105).

Find more information on understanding God's Word here and Bible Study Methods here.

2. Talk to God in Prayer every day.

It's important to pray and talk to God daily. He longs to hear from you and to fellowship with you. Prayer is a beautiful resource many Christians neglect to use, but it is a BIG part of having a relationship with God. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22). Check out a Scriptural model Christian prayer here. Find more information on talking to God in prayer here.

3. As a New Christian, be Water Baptized.

Baptism symbolizes your new life in Christ and proclaims that you are now committed to Jesus. "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," (Matthew 28:19). "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (Acts 2:41).

A local church pastor would be glad to speak with you about baptism if you express your interest. Water baptism is a command of Christ as in Matthew 28:19-20. Find more information on water baptism, go here.

4. Worship, Fellowship, and Build Friendships with other Christians.

We encourage you to find a caring local church to grow spiritually. The Christian life is designed to be enjoyed with others. If you would like more information about finding a loving local Church in your area, please contact us here.

"Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25). Find more information on Christian Fellowship and the local Church here. And also 100 Reasons why you should go to Church <a href=here.

5. Serve with Other Christians.

As you begin your new life as a Christian, you will find a new love inside you, giving you a desire to help others. The Holy Spirit will lead you in ways to help. You might serve the poor in your community, assist a neighbor with yard work, or visit a sick friend in the hospital. "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:17-18). Find more information on serving in a local Church here.

6. Tell others about Christ.

Becoming a Christian is not a secret; it's a celebration! Tell all who will listen about Christ's work in your life. It's up to us as Christians to share the *Good News* with others. Maybe you know someone close to you who doesn't know Christ, and you can lead that person to Christ. If you don't know what to say, share what you know and what God has done for you. Christians are called to share the hope within us with others. "He said unto them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15).

It's helpful to memorize the scriptures that tell us about Christ and how to be saved. Everyone should know <u>John 3:16</u> and how to lead someone to Christ as in the <u>Romans Road</u>: Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13, Romans 5:1.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." (Romans 1:16). Find more information on sharing the Gospel here.

God started the work in you, and He promises to finish it. "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6). God bless you as you continue to mature in your faith!

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