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## MINISTRIES

### **Salvation? What's Next**

Once you've accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord, I encourage you to do the following things:

\*Tell someone. As you share what just happened, you will find yourself invigorated, and you will be spreading God's love & plan of salvation, simply by telling someone what happened to you.

\*Get baptized in water. By doing so, you are symbolically identifying with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Baptism means 'immersion'. By being baptized you are declaring outwardly, what has happened to you inwardly. Jesus said to be baptized in His Name—in the Name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit—Matthew 28:19

\*Come to church and ask to be baptized. If you are not in our area, find a Bible-believing, love-filled, grace-centered church and ask to be baptized there.

### **Lets Grow!**

In order to grow as a new Christian, I encourage you to take advantage of the following 3 God-given tools for a victorious walk with God:

### **Read & Study the Bible**

I started in the Book of John, when I first got saved. And I kept reading through the New Testament. I encourage you to do so, as well. Perhaps read one or two chapters a day, to get started.

The Old Testament is GREAT, as well; however, its important to understand, we are not under the Old Covenant any longer, where we are commanded to fulfill all the laws, in order to be accepted by God; but rather we are placed into the New Covenant, where we are saved by God's grace; therefore I encourage you to study the New Covenant (New Testament) first. You will definitely want to study the Old Testament, because it is rich in wisdom, psalms and prophecy; and explains the history of God's plan. But its important to understand that the Old Covenant Laws were fulfilled by Jesus, as He nailed all the decrees and curses against us-- to the cross. So its important to read the Old Testament, armed with that knowledge.

Also, get a good Bible translation. I use the King James, New King James, New American Standard, and the Amplified Bible. I also like to read out of the Message Translation. Some people argue about which translation; but I believe reading from all of them, as we have such access online, is a good thing.

We have a wonderful teaching resource you can get, called: How to Read & Understand the Bible. You can call our ministry office at 888-438-5433.

### **Pray**

Talk to God every day. Some people wake up and say, "Good God, its morning! But I encourage you to wake up and instead say, "Good Morning God! Thank You for loving me! I love you! Lead me today, by your Holy Spirit." Wake up and say, "Good Morning Lord! Remember this: Christianity is not a religion. It is a relationship with God. That involves communication.

I encourage you to spend the first 10 minutes or more, praying and thanking God. Ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Thank Him for all the good in your life. Ask Him for wisdom. Pray for your family member's salvation. Ask Him to lead you to the right people and deliver you from the wrong people! Ask Him to guide you. The Bible says, "man plans his ways, but God orders His steps." Proverbs 16:9. Ask Him to order your steps every day.

And take a moment and listen to what He might say to your heart. He speaks from His Word, so that's why its so vital to read the Bible. Jesus said, you can hear His voice. John 10:27.

Here is another great resource you can get about prayer... [Why Your Prayers Will Be Answered Collection](#).

### **Get plugged into church!**

Jesus said, "The gates of Hell cannot prevail against the Church." Matthew 16:18. God has designed each of us to be connected to a church, the way each part of our body, is connected to our whole body. Some people will try to say that we don't need to be committed to a church; but that's like arguing that we don't need to grow up in a family. While many have overcome great pain, after not growing up in a healthy family, that's not God's best plan. Its God's desire that we grow together with other spiritual brothers and sisters, in God's purpose for our lives, and in fulfilling a God-ordained mission together

***When we are connected to a healthy church:***

We have greater power. Matthew 18:20.

We have greater love. John 13:34-35.

We have greater purpose. 1 Corinthians 12:18.

We have greater growth. Psalm 92:13.

***By being connected to a church:***

We are FED THE WORD OF GOD, consistently by our God-ordained pastor. 1 Peter 5:2

We are covered with godly protection. Acts 20:28.

We are able to fellowship as a part of a spiritual FAMILY. Acts 2:42.

We find our purpose in SERVING. 1 Peter 4:10.

We are a part of an evangelistic plan, to bring others to Jesus and to His family. Acts 2:42-47.

Well, Congratulations!

You've just made the greatest decision of your life; and though there will be challenges, you are not alone. God is with you and He will never let you go!

Your greatest days are ahead! If you desire prayer from someone or just need a friend, call our church office and simply ask. Or click [here](#) to contact us.