

One of the primary ways you will receive instruction and know the will of God in your life is by reading the Bible. The Holy Spirit was sent to personally reveal the Bible to you. He is your teacher and guide. The primary channel He uses is the Bible.

Start reading in the Gospel of John. After you've read that book, go to the Epistle to the Romans. Stay in the New Testament for a while before attempting the Old Testament.

When you read the Bible, remember that it is God speaking to you personally. Let God talk to you daily read His Word.

## 2. TALK TO GOD DAILY:

Prayer is simply you speaking to God as a father or friend. He's both to you now. Tell Him everything you would tell your best friend. Develop a rich relationship with Him. He wants to be your closest companion. Learn to share your heart with Him. Write down the things you pray and ask for. Then write down when the answer comes (see Matthew 21 : 22 and Mark 11:24).

## 3. TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT JESUS:

Now that you are a Christian, you are uniquely qualified to be a witness. It will help others, as well as you, when you tell what has happened to you and how Jesus Christ changed your life.

If you haven't yet received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, you should ask Jesus for that experience. It will help you to become an effective witness, and to enter a whole dimension of power and the miraculous.

## 4. START ATTENDING A CHURCH THAT TEACHES THE BIBLE:

You need the fellowship of other Christians to help keep you strong in the faith. Jesus has placed ministry gifts in the church to help you (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher). You need the assistance they can give you. Make it a point to attend the church God leads you to.

## 5. OBEY JESUS BY BEING WATER BAPTIZED:

Jesus said those who believed in Him should be baptized in water as a public statement that they are no longer identified with the world but that they have been identified with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection. Ask your pastor to set a date for your baptism.

## 6. DON'T GIVE UP IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE:

Jesus Christ freed us from sin's power and we don't have to sin anymore. Even though we don't have, you may stumble and make a mistake (commit a sin). God still loves you even though you sin. All He wants you to do is be honest and admit that you sinned. Tell Him about it, and let Him forgive you. The only sins He won't forgive are the ones you won't tell Him about. I John 1:9 said " if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Never think you've gone too far to be forgiven. When you've confessed it, forget it just like your past life.

Welcome to the family of God, and remember : ".....he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

# UNDERSTANDING THE NEW LIFE



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**C**ongratulations! You've just made the most important decision of your life and received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. You won't regret this important step into a whole new life. A Miracle has just taken place on the inside of you. Now that you've made this decision, you need to understand just what has happened to you. The bible says the angels rejoice whenever someone receives Jesus. All of heaven welcomes you with open arms and we do too!

The Bible says, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10: 13). "Saved" means the same thing as born-again or converted. The Bible also says, "that If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10: 9)

You can know for sure you are saved, because the Bible says so. Some people "feel" differently after they've made the decision to be born again; others don't. You must base your salvation on what the Bible says rather than on feelings or emotions. Changing feelings or emotions are not a good thing to base your eternity on. Rather, you can see in the Bible that since you've fulfilled the Bible requirement (RECEIVE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART); you are a child of God, and on your way to heaven. God wants you to know for sure you are a Christian. That is one of the reasons He had the Bible recorded (see I John 5:13) .

Over the next few days and weeks, the devil will try to influence your thoughts to cause you to doubt whether you really were saved. Those thoughts are normal and are nothing to be too concerned about. Just make sure you combat them the proper way, just like Jesus did when Satan tempted Him and tried to get Him to doubt who He was (see Luke 4: 1—13). The only way to combat those thoughts from the devil is with the Bible. Jesus said, "It is written." Remember what the Bible says you had to do to be saved, since you did it "It is written." YOU shall be saved. So, according to the Bible, you are saved!!

Just think, your new life began today! Becoming a Christian shouldn't be the last thing someone looks to in life; it should be the first. Without Jesus Christ in your life, you really don't have any life. Your eternity in the presence of God began the moment you accepted Jesus. Your inner man (your spirit) was recreated in the image of God. Our inner man is born of, or from God. That's what makes us God's children. Your old sins are not just forgiven, they are forgotten. God said that He would throw our old life into the sea and then puts up a "NO FISHING" sign. You don't have to ask God to forgive those mistake ever again. God looks at you as a newborn baby. In Christ, that is just what you are. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God has literally created you anew and afresh on the inside.

That is the way should see yourself now. You actually died to that old man inside you. A new one has come to take his place. The new man wants to follow and obey Jesus. Your success will come as you allow what

is in you to control all you think and do. That is what making Jesus "Lord" means. It means to submit your will to Jesus. He then becomes your master or boss. He knows what is best for you. You are in good hands when Jesus is in control. He loves you and is concerned about everything in your life. God wants true happiness and peace to be yours forever. Jesus came to give us an "abundant life." Another way of putting that is, "a life of abundance." Every area of your life will be better as you yield it to Jesus. Let Him get involved in everything you think, say and do. It will save you a lot of trouble, because REALLY – He know best!

Well, that is who you are now: a child of God. Isn't that exciting! You will look back on this decision millions of years from now and realize how important it was. But don't wait until you get to heaven to start taking advantage of all the benefits that Jesus has provided (see Psalms 103: 1—5). Start enjoying your new life NOW!

Since you now have a whole new life, it is important that you start it off with the right lifestyle. Read and practice the following six things and you will be assured of a healthy Christian life:

### 1. READ THE BIBLE DAILY:

I Peter 2:2 says, "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, (that means the bible, the word of God) that by it you may grow in respect to salvation."

In order to have any spiritual growth, it is important to have the right diet. Just like a baby won't grow properly unless he is fed nutritious food, a new Christian needs a good diet of God's word.