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YOUR NEXT STEPS

after making a decision for Christ.



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DOING THE

WORK,

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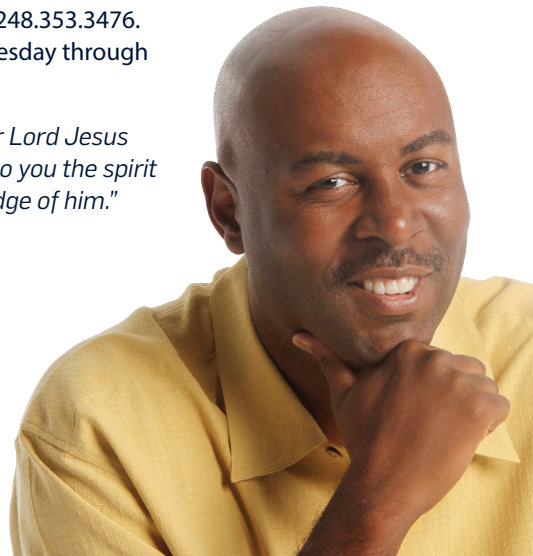
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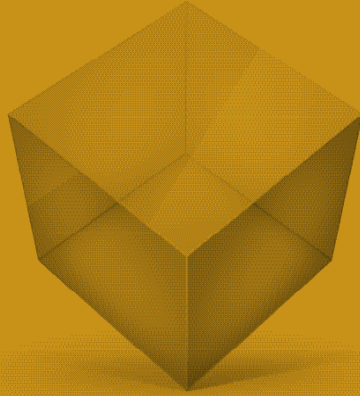
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In His Love,

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SAVED BY GRACE, Not by Feelings.

Now that you have taken a public stand for Christ, you will be a prime target for the devil. He will try to steal your victory and your profession of faith by sending circumstances and people to ridicule and harass you. Don't be moved by what you see, what you hear, or what you feel. Salvation is never based on feelings, but on facts.

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The fact of the matter is found in Ephesians 2:8-9. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast."*

Grace is an expression of God's goodness toward us, even though we do not deserve it. It can be best expressed by saying, *"We receive God's riches at Christ's expense."* This grace is the basis of our salvation. In salvation, men who deserve to go to hell obtain heaven. This cannot be explained apart from God's grace. Salvation is based totally on what God has done for us, not what we do for God. It is fact, not feeling.

We can see a good illustration of this in Genesis 2:17. God gave Adam a commandment in the Garden of Eden not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; and if he ate of it, he would surely die. We know that Adam did eat: *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."*

(Romans 5:12) Through no fault of your own, you are automatically a sinner. But God loved us so much, He did not leave us in this sinful state. He instituted a solution which is found in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

If you were the only person on earth that needed salvation, God still would have sent Jesus! Thank God for His love. According to Acts 4:12, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other*

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name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is not in the name of Elisha Muhammed, Hare Krishna, Sun Myung Moon, but only in the matchless Name of Jesus that man can be saved. The word salvation is translated from the Greek word SOTERIA, and it means deliverance, safety, preservation, soundness and healing. When we receive Jesus as the Lord of our lives, we receive God's total package of love.

Now that we have seen the need for a Savior and the solution to the sin problem, applying the solution is as easy as acting on Romans 10:8-10: *"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from*

the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The word confess means to "say." This is what you say: *"I now take Jesus for my Savior. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that He died for me on Calvary's tree, bearing my sins for me. I believe that He "rose" and is alive today. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my heart and save me now. For I believe with my heart, therefore, I say with my mouth, Jesus Christ is my personal Lord and Savior and I am born again."*

You have a right to receive this gift. *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name"* (John 1:12). You are instantly born again by the Spirit of God the moment you ask Jesus to be your personal Lord and Savior.

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCES:

John 3:1-21	Romans 1:16	2 Peter 1:2
Acts 4:12	Titus 2:11	Acts 20:32
Galatians 2:19, 20	Philippians 2:9-11	

DOES WATER BAPTISM Save You?

DEFINITION:

Baptize means to place into, submerge, soak, drench, etc.

Water Baptism doesn't save you any more than taking a shower does. Baptism is an outward sign of the inward grace of salvation. It represents that we have died to sin and self, and we live new lives through Him. When you are placed into the water you identify with His death; when you come up out of the water you identify with His resurrection. This is your witness to the world: *"I now belong to Jesus!"* (Romans 6:3-5). Water is a type of the Word – water cleanses dirt like the Word cleanses sin.

New Testament Water Baptism is only valid after conversion (Acts 8:12, 37-39). The formula used for Water Baptism at Word of Faith Int'l Christian Center is *"in The Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and in the Name of Jesus"* (Matthew 28:19-20).

BAPTISM IS AN

Because the Lord looks at the heart, and He has commanded us to walk in love, we will not divide the Body over this matter. Jesus Christ is the perfect representation of the Father and the Holy Ghost and He is not divided.

OUTWARD SIGN

OF THE INWARD

GRACE OF

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SCRIPTURE
REFERENCES:

Ephesians 5:25-26
John 15:3

John 6:63
Psalm 119:9

Proverbs 1:10
1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

YOU ARE NOT THE SAME Anymore.

When you become a genuine Christian you will notice an intense desire to associate with other Christians. This is vital for your Christian growth. You will want to be around people who love the Lord and can help you grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don't misunderstand – you cannot isolate yourself from people. But it is imperative that you choose friends and associates who are born again and filled with His spirit. You are not the same anymore! You are a brand new species that has never existed before!

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

As a result of this transformation, your old friends will think that you are strange because you walk around with a silly grin on your face all the time. They will find it offensive when you say things like “Praise the Lord,” or when you talk about Jesus.

You will find that their “dirty jokes” and “off-color remarks” are no longer funny but repulsive. They will either decide they don't want you around anymore or give their hearts to the Lord. Wow! What a testimony!

Proverbs 27:19 TLB

“A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.”

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A photograph of a man with short dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, looking down with his hand to his chin in a thoughtful pose. A large yellow circle is overlaid on the image, containing the text. The man is wearing a black beaded bracelet on his left wrist.

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WE CAN COME BOLDLY to the Throne of Grace.

As we grow in the knowledge of God, sometimes we make mistakes along the way. Your Heavenly Father has made a provision in His Word for these errors or shortcomings.

He is not a “big bad judge” waiting for you to make a mistake, so He can throw you away! He is our loving Heavenly Father Who will forgive you when asked. We can come boldly to the throne of grace! *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (sin)”* (1 John 1:9).

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate (Lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:” (1 John 2:1).

Many times when a person sins, they turn away from God by staying home from church, they stop praying or stop reading the Bible. No, run to God and confess your sins, and He will forgive you. Satan wants you to isolate yourself so he can wipe you out. He’s a thief and he comes to steal the Word of God from your heart.

So when you sin, don’t wait a minute, a day, a week, or a month. Stop right where you are and confess your sin to God. He will not only forgive your sin, but He acts as though it never happened.

In the Old Testament (Psalm 103:12), it says that God removes our transgressions (sin) from us and He remembers them no more. In the New Testament, Jesus taught that those who owned up to their sin could find forgiveness, while those who were blinded to their sin would be left in it (John 9:41).

Thank God for His love and long-suffering toward us!

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCES:

Mark 4:14-20

John 10:10, 11

1 Corinthians 10:13

ANOTHER GIFT of God!

Now that you are born again, there is another gift God has for us! It's called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the gift of speaking in tongues. He is the promise. Jesus said, in Luke 24:49, *"And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."* This promise is unto you, and to your children. Just like salvation, the Holy Spirit upon us is a gift.

Then Peter said unto them, *"Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"* (Acts 2:38).

You cannot work for a gift. You just receive by asking. Ask and it shall be given. If you asked for the Holy Spirit to be upon you today, you shall receive what you asked for according to Luke 11:9, 10 and 13.

When we receive the Holy Spirit upon us, we are fully equipped with the power to spread the good news and be effective witnesses for Christ. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

You must do the speaking; the Holy Spirit will never make you do anything. In Acts 2:4, it states *"they"* were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. It is not all you. It is not all the Holy Spirit. It is a joint effort between you and the Spirit of God. You supply your will, your vocal cords and your voice box. The Holy Spirit will supply the manner of style by which you speak. If there is no effort to speak on your part, the Holy Spirit cannot and will not supply the utterance. Remember this is a team effort.

Now that we have reviewed the Scripture, it's time for you to *"receive."* Now, say this prayer aloud to your Heavenly Father: *"Father, your Word says that the Holy Spirit is a gift. I do not work for Him; All I do is receive Him. So Father, I receive, right now, as an act of my will and my faith, the Holy Spirit with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues."* Now, take a deep breath and begin to speak forth in your heavenly language. Do not allow the enemy to tell you that you can't pray in your heavenly language, because you can. *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* (Philippians 4:13).

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KNOWING WHO YOU ARE in Christ.

It is imperative that you understand who you are in Christ. To know means to have knowledge of what has happened to you. You are a new person in Christ. In Romans 8:15-17, verse 15 states, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of adoption whereby, we cry Abba, Father." The Holy Spirit places you in God's family, and now you have security and a sense of belonging. *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."* (Verses 16-17)

In other words, you have the same rights and privileges as the real Son. God does not love Jesus any more than He loves you! You are a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. God made Jesus to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness (made right) of God in Him. God bought us back from Satan with the Blood of His Son. We stand justified and made right in His sight.

The fruit of righteousness is peace. Peace means a harmonious relationship. Harmonious means well proportioned, balanced, agreeable. The effect of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever. Take God at His Word. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Tim 3:16). So decide to live a well proportioned, balanced, agreeable, harmonious life with God the Father. You are what the Bible says you are. You can do what the Bible says you can do, and you have what the Bible says you have. Shalom.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 3:20-26	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Romans 8:1
James 3:18	1 Corinthians 1:30	Isaiah 32:17
Galatians 3:28	Isaiah 9:6	Ephesians 2:4-6, 10, 14

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YOU WILL NEED a Good Church Home.

The foundation of any Christian life is the church. Church membership is vitally important to your growth. You will grow spiritually as you hear the Word of God and fellowship with believers who are strong in the faith. Don't be a bench warmer.

Get involved with serving in the many activities that go on in the local church. Choosing a good church home should be a matter of much prayer. Once you have found a church let the Pastor's vision of that church become a part of your vision as well. Then pray to find your place in the church to help fulfill the vision.

Christianity is a way of life, not a religion. It is being part of a family, which is the Body of Christ. As the children of God, we can fellowship with God.

Fellowship includes prayer, praise, and worship. One of the ways we fellowship with Him is by singing praise unto God in the midst of the church. When we lack fellowship, we lack in our joy. A lack of fellowship with God is the reason for Christian failure. Our joy will begin to dwindle because our fellowship has ceased. No joy means no strength, because the joy of the Lord is our strength.

So, we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but enter into His presence with thanksgiving and praise. It is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity, for where there is unity there is strength.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

1 Timothy 3:15	Psalms 133
Matthew 16:18,19	1 John 1:3-7
John 14:6	Nehemiah 8:10
Hebrews 10:25	Hebrews 2:12
Hebrews 12:23-29	Romans 8:35-39
Psalms 100	Psalms 23

THINGS TO LOOK FOR in a Church:

1. Belief that salvation is by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. It is the work of grace, not human effort.
2. The Bible is the inspired Word of God from Genesis to Revelation.
3. Belief in a Triune God; God is eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
4. The imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Water Baptism.
6. Divine Healing.
7. The Holy Spirit Baptism.
8. Evangelism (make sure your church believes in and practices soul-winning).

BEWARE OF MINISTRIES THAT DENY:

1. The Virgin Birth.
2. The Deity of Christ.
3. The Blood Atonement.
4. The Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ.
5. The Bible as the final and absolute authority and the inspired Word of God.
6. Christ's miracle – working power today!

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Galatians 1:7-9

Philippians 2:5-11

4:13-18

Hebrews 1:2

Mark 12:29

Philippians 3:18

1 Timothy 4:12

James 5:13-16

2 Corinthians 11:14

1 Thessalonians

Acts 1:5

Matthew 8:16-17

Daily, Regular Prayer Life and Bible Reading!

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Daily prayer is essential to succeed in your Christian walk. Prayer is communicating with the God of creation, your Heavenly Father. As you begin to seek God daily, you will be rewarded through understanding His will for your life and the comfort and peace that His presence affords you. Hebrews 11:6 says, *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* God, our Father, is a personal God. He is interested in every intricate detail concerning your life. He wants you, as His child, to get to know Him in a personal way through prayer. Our Heavenly Father has given us an invitation to come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need (Hebrews 4:16). As you accept His invitation to come into His presence, Christianity stops being just a religion to you and becomes what God meant it to be – a personal relationship with the One Who created you and Who has given His all that you might be one with Him.

Prayer is also praying God's Word over the circumstances of your life, putting God in remembrance of what He has said about your life.

In order to pray accurately, one must know what God's Word says concerning situations you face; therefore, daily Bible reading and meditation is vital. Joshua 1:8 says, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success."* Here God says keep His Word coming out of your mouth and in your thinking and do what it says, and you will create prosperity for your life. Daily Bible reading, as well as prayer, will keep you on the right track with God, yourself, and others too. Who could resist such a glorious opportunity?

Ephesians 1:16-23

Ephesians 3:16-21

Colossians 1:9-13

COMMON CAUSES of Failure in the Christian Walk.

1. Lack of confidence in God and in His Word.
2. Not plunging ahead wholeheartedly, but dragging your feet.
3. A contrary desire.
4. Beginning to think about what you don't have instead of all you do have.
5. Failing to think in terms of God's supply house, which is unlimited.
6. Lack of perseverance during the trials.
7. Wasting time on silly magazines, television shows, etc., instead of using the extra time to get into God's Word and good gospel books.
8. Selfishness.
9. Not desiring the will of God above all else in your life.
10. Flirting with the world and its amusements.
11. Pride.
12. Compromising your principles.
13. Lack of prayer, fellowship, and Bible reading.
14. Lack of witnessing.
15. Fear and uncertainty.
16. Poor choice of associates.
17. Laziness.
18. Materialism.
19. Looking for a short cut to spirituality.
20. Becoming negative-minded.
21. Allowing satan to distort your concept of God.
22. Putting anything ahead of Jesus.

23. Conforming to the world and its system and philosophies.
24. Lack of vision and having no goals in your Christian life.
25. Lack of Bible knowledge with the Holy Spirit revealing the truths to your heart.
26. Resentment of authority.
27. Security hang up; not trusting God and His Word.
28. Not expecting the return of Jesus for His Church.
29. Shunning responsibility – not becoming involved in Church activities, etc.
30. Continuing in sin after Christ has set you free.
31. Unbelief in your thoughts, words, and actions.
32. Being self-deceived by (1) not being a doer of the Word and (2) not talking like God talks. In other words, not speaking as though the Word of God were really true.
33. Criticizing or downgrading a man of God.
34. Being unconcerned with people, particularly people who are hurting in some way.
35. Instead of being a diligent seeker of God, being only a “casual inquirer.”

Whenever you notice the victory being squeezed out of your Christian experience, check this list over. You will most likely see where you have been missing the mark.

HEALING

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:20-22

Is Healing for All?

Psalms 107:20 says, *"He (God) sent His Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."* Faith begins where the will of God is known. You may have heard or even believed that healing isn't for everybody. God is not a respecter of persons. He doesn't pick and choose who should be healed and who should suffer.

Healing belongs to us. Listen, *"Jesus went about all the earth healing all manner of sickness and disease."* Therefore, we can come boldly to the throne of grace, to obtain mercy and find grace in the time of need. If we want to know God's will on any subject, we can read His will, which is the Bible.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 4:23	Ecclesiastes 7:17	Hebrews 13:8	Luke 9:11
Matthew 12:15	Deuteronomy 7:15	Exodus 15:26	Hebrews 4:16
Isaiah 53:4-6	Psalms 90:10	Malachi 3:6	Acts 10:38

Healing Is God's Will.

God's Word is medicine to our flesh. This does not mean we stop going to the doctor or stop taking medicine. But we don't depend totally on doctors or medicine alone for our healing. If you're taking medicine, you should mix your faith with it and say, *"I believe I receive my healing in Jesus Name."* We should never throw the medicine away and depend totally on confession, unless the Lord directs us to do so. Your faith may not be developed to that level. It takes time to renew your mind. Operate on your level of faith, daily confessing the Word, because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

The Bible says *"Believers shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."* If you're a believer you qualify. That means you can lay hands on yourself. James 5:14 asks the question, *"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."* Verse 15 goes on to say, *"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."* Did you know death and life are in the power of the tongue? God has promised us long life, but we must obey His Word to receive it.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

3 John 2	Psalms 103:1-5	Proverbs 18:21	Mark 16:18
Isaiah 58:8	1 John 5:14, 15	Jeremiah 33:6	Proverbs 16:24
1 Peter 2:24	Jeremiah 30:17	Psalms 30:2	Proverbs 17:22

Why Some People Fail to Receive...

There can be several reasons why some people do not receive their healing. Listed below are a few:

Doubt and Unbelief	Tradition
Sin	An Unforgiving Spirit
Lack of Knowledge	Bitterness
Fear	Strife

If healing has not manifested in your life, search your heart by going to God and give Him complete freedom and He will set you free.

Do Not Limit God.

Healing is received by faith, through laying on of hands, gifts of healing, special miracles, and by others praying. Always be available to receive God's best through whatever channel He uses.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Mark 1:40, 41	1 Thessalonians 5:23
Psalms 34:19	Philippians 2:13
Acts 19:11, 12	

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