

First Steps in Your New Faith



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Memo on Christian Growth

A moment of commitment takes a lifetime of growth and adjustment

A Christian (a follower of Jesus) is one who has begun a **relationship** with Jesus Christ. He has responded to God's call admitting his need for this relationship with Christ and has invited Him to come into his life to not only save him but to lead him **forever. Indeed a moment of commitment takes a lifetime of growth and adjustment.**

Below are some hints on how to keep this new relationship growing and healthy:

1. Talk to the Lord each day - Prayer-Thank Him, Praise Him, Confess to Him, Pray for others and Pray for yourself. Phil 4:6,7; Matt 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

2. Let Christ talk to you - Read Your Bible. Ask God to give you understanding as you read. Get you a Bible that will last for years. Begin to read in the New Testament- maybe a chapter of John each day. Don't rush. Strive for quality versus quantity. Make it a daily habit. Make it a special time between just you and God. *2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Tim 2:15*

3. Seek Fellowship. We need other Christians- older, your age and younger. Timothy had a Paul and Paul had a Barnabas and David had a Jonathan. Commit to a local church where you will be taught God's Word and be shepherded. *Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24,25*

4. Share Christ with others and Serve and Show Christ by serving others. You don't have to know everything. Just tell what happened to you and invite them where they can hear about Jesus too. *Mark 10:45; Rom 10:13-15, 17*

5. Trust and obey. God has given us promises but also commands and responsibilities as He leads and guides us.

- **God's Promises:** *Eternal Life: 1 John 5:11-13/ Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9 / son-ship: John 1:12*
- **God's Commands & responsibilities:** *Romans 12:1,2; 1 Tim 4:12*

6 Realize that you will fail. Like a young child learning how to walk, you will fall down many times. But you will have God and fellow believers to lift you up. No Christian totally arrives on this side of Heaven.

1 John 1:8,9; Ecc. 4:9,10,12

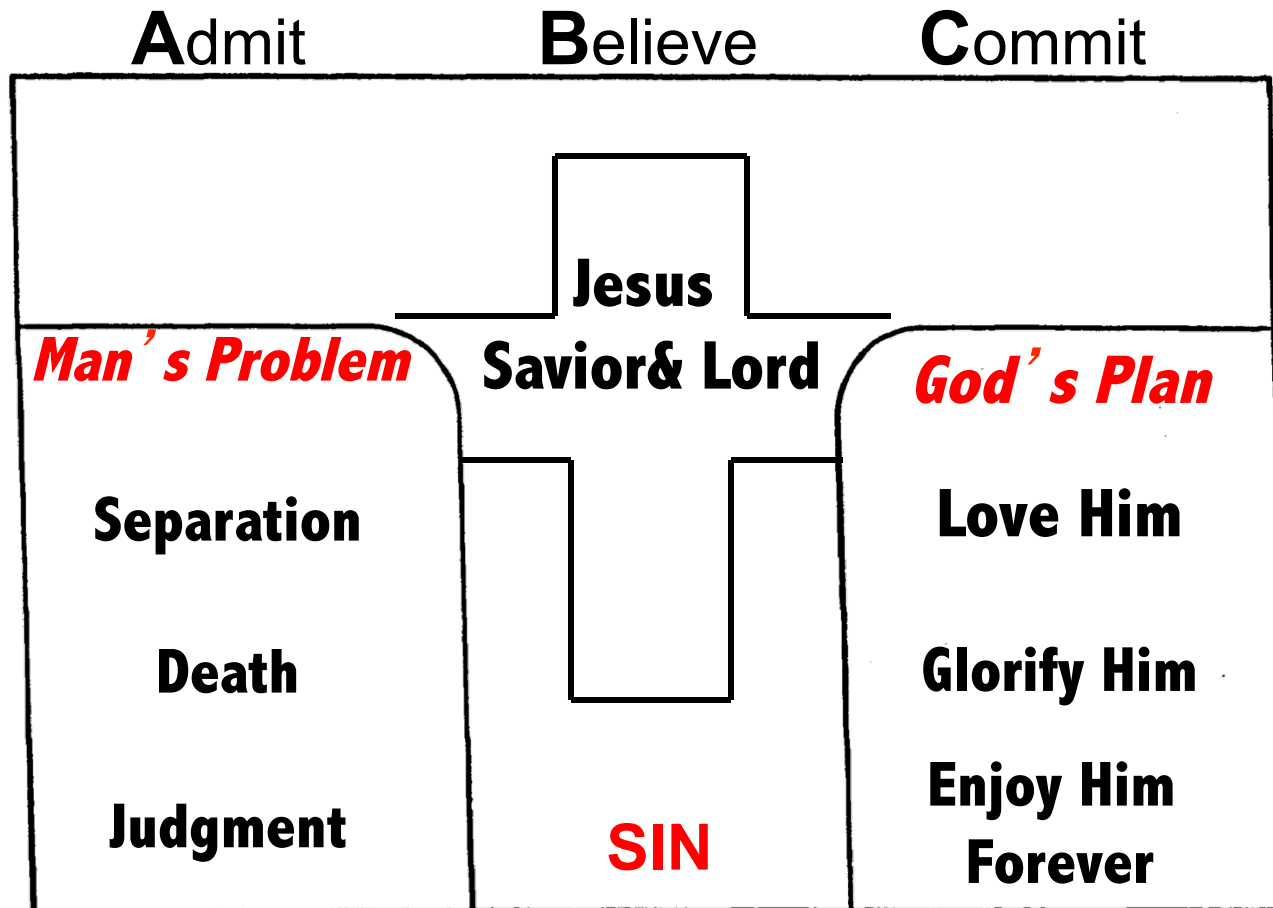
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY AND LET'S GET STARTED!

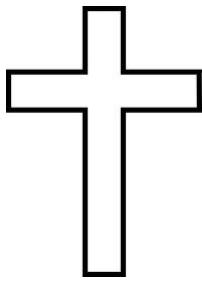
And remember that Christ said Himself that He would never leave us nor forsake us.

*May God bless you,
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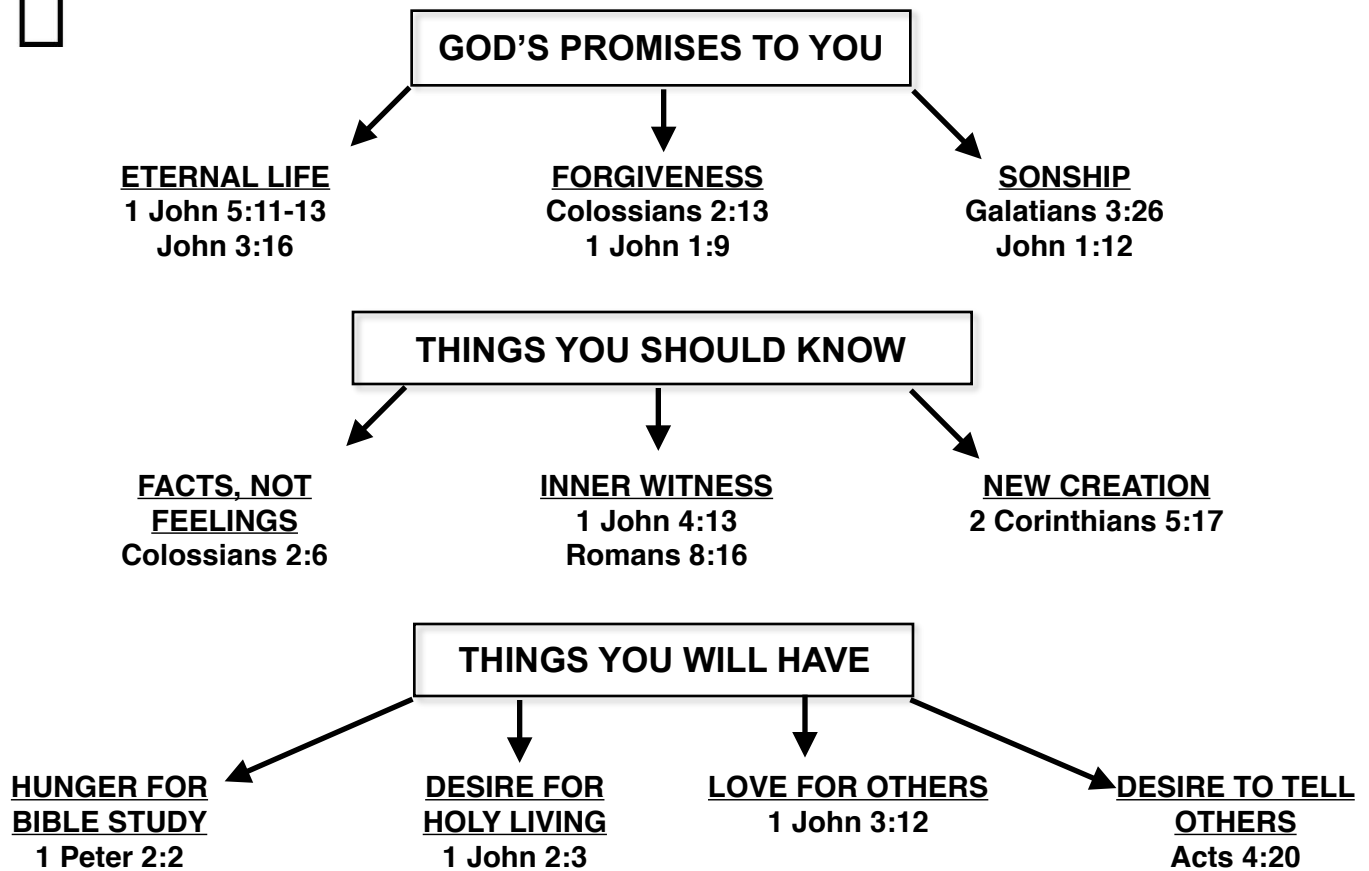
God's Game Plan-Relationship

Man's problem(sin), God's substitute(Jesus), Man's response(faith)

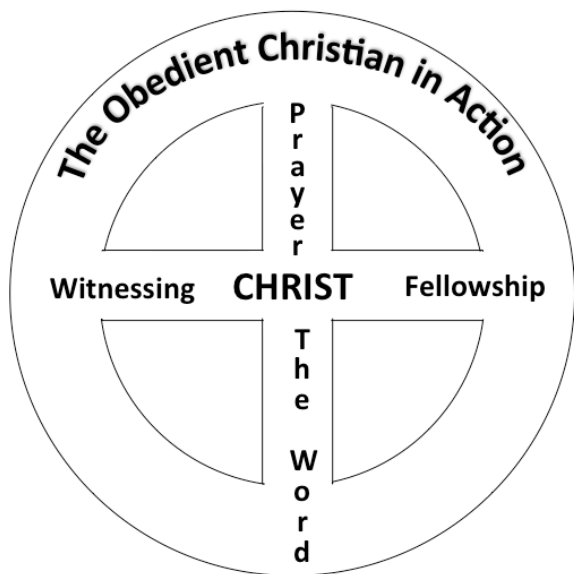




Now that you have believed in Christ's Work on the Cross and have received Him as your Savior ...



The Obedient Christian in Action



The key to living a victorious, Spirit-filled Christian life in Jesus Christ as the Center and Lord of all we do. With Christ in control, life is balanced and effective. The wheel illustrates this Christ-centered life.

CHRIST THE CENTER:
Galatians 2:20, John 15:5, Colossians 1:27

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST:
John 14:21, Romans 12:1-2, Luke 6:46

THE WORD: 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Joshua 1:8

PRAYER: Matthew 7:7, Philippians 4:6-7, John 15:7

FELLOWSHIP:
Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 John 1:3

WITNESSING: Matthew 4:19, Romans 1:16, 1 Peter 3:15