

*Some amazing things happened when you received Jesus Christ into your life as Savior.*

### You Were Born Again

*“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”*

*1 Peter 1:23*

### God Forgave You Of All Your Sins

*“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

*Hebrews 8:12*

### You Became A New Person

*“What this means is that those who become new Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”*

*II Corinthians 5:17(NLT)*

### God Gave You The Gift Of Eternal Life

*“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*

*1 John 5:13*

*You have just started the greatest adventure imaginable. You have been called into a relationship with the Almighty God that will last for all of eternity.*

*“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

*John 17:3*

God’s Word tells us that when we receive Christ we are saved from the penalty of sin, the dominion of Satan, and the agony of hell. This great salvation that you received is entirely by God’s grace – that is, His unmerited and undeserved favor. In other words, you can’t earn God’s blessings by being good. God simply gives you these gifts because He loves you so deeply. They are absolutely free.

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8 9*

*“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:3-5*

*God now has awesome plans for your future – both in this life and in the life to come.*

*“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10b (NASB)*

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*

*“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10*

*“However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him” – but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.”*

*1 Corinthians 2:9,10*

A new and potent seed has been planted in your heart – the gospel of Christ. You must protect it and cultivate it if you are to grow to maturity as a Christian. Jesus told a story about people who hear His Word and respond in four different ways to it (please read Luke 8:4-15). You want to be like the fourth person in this story. With a noble heart you must hold on to God’s Word and persevere in your new faith so that you can mature and be fruitful as a follower of Christ.

*There are four essential practices you must incorporate into your life immediately in order for you to grow strong as a believer.*

### READ GOD’S WORD EVERY DAY

*Start with the gospel of John and I John. Read them several times. Then systematically read the rest of the Bible.*

*“Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.” 1 Peter 2:2*

*“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

*Matthew 4:4*

### PRAY TO GOD CONTINUALLY

*Talk to God from your heart and tell Him your needs. Remember to thank & praise Him.*

*“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”*

*John 16:24*

### FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

*Regularly attend church and participate in a small group.*

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34*

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrew 10:25*

### SHARE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST

*Tell others about Jesus. Show His love through your words and deeds.*

*“Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone, everywhere.” Mark 16:15 (NLT)*

*“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.”*

*Philemon 6*

These four practices are like the wheels on a car – you need all four of them operating if you're going to get anywhere!

*As a new believer you will not be perfect. If you stumble or fall into sin of any kind simply be honest with God and confess your sins directly to Him through prayer. He promises to forgive you and cleanse you.*

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*  
1 John 1:8-9

God's enemy, the Devil will try to tempt and discourage you. Don't give in to him – Jesus defeated him at the cross and through His resurrection. If you resist the Devil in Jesus' Name, he will flee from you.

*"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."*  
1 Peter 5:8, 9

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*  
James 4:7

*Now that you have made a commitment to Christ, it is essential for you to give a public testimony of that commitment through water baptism. This is an important step of obedience for you as a disciple of Christ.*

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:18-20

God does not expect you to live the Christian life on your own strength. Just as salvation is a free

gift from God, so success in your new life is a gift from Him as well. It comes through the empowering of God's Holy Spirit inside of you. Daily ask God to fill you with His Spirit's power and you will be a victorious Christian.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*  
Acts 1:8

*"Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you."*  
Ephesians 5:18b (NLT)

*As you allow God's Spirit to empower you, you can be confident that you will grow strong as a Christian, experience wonderful joy, and bring glory and honor to God.*

*"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

*"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more! Amen."*  
Jude 24, 25

*Now that you have received Christ into your life, He promises that He will always be with you. You will never be alone again. Nothing can separate you from His love.*

*"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*  
Hebrews 13:5

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
Romans 8:38-39



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