

Class 100
New Converts - R3

"If any Man be in Christ"

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation means a showing of pleasure at another person's happiness. It also means a feeling of being happy for another person to have a good thing going for him or her.

You have just made the most important decision a person can make in life.

You have received Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

As a result, you have experienced what the Bible calls

A New Birth

In your physical life, you came into the world as a baby. You grew into a young person. Then you became an adult. It is the same with your spiritual experience. Now you have come into God's family as a "baby" Christian. You need to grow into a "full-grown" Christian who follows Jesus.

Read 1 Peter 2:2.

A baby needs help to grow bodily or physically. The same is true for a new believer. S/he needs help to grow spiritually. It is our desire to help you in growing spiritually.

This book will help you get started in your spiritual growth. It includes 7 short Bible studies. It is important to complete all seven lessons. Be on guard: Satan (Devil) will seek to stop you from your daily study. Ask God to give you strength. You need this strength to continue and finish the study. You might want to pray like the one below.

"Dear God, I know I am going to need your help in working through this book. I need your help in understanding what you are trying to teach me. I want to grow spiritually. Help me be faithful in this study. Help me finish this book."

"In Jesus' name I pray. Amen"

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STEP 1

Salvations Meaning

Salvation means being saved from sin and hell. *Eternal life* is life that lasts always or forever. God wants you to know for sure that you have eternal life.

- Faith v/s Feeling

God does not give you eternal life because of what you feel in your heart. Just because you feel it does not mean that you have eternal life. So it is not wise to depend on your feelings. The Bible says that God gives eternal life to anyone who turns away from his or her sins.

Read Ephesians 2:8.

- Truth v/s Tales

God gives us His truth in the Book. The Book is the Bible. The Bible is a record of God's truth. Inside this book is the Holy Scriptures. They are from God and are truth.

Read 2Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17

- Saved from Hell

Another meaning for salvation is to salvage something that has gone bad. If a building is not safe and is unsatisfactory it is called condemned. We were condemned as all of humanity but God never chose this for us. He chose to save us from hell. What is hell? Who was hell for? Why is hell an issue for the world today? 2Peter 2:4

Read John 3:16

- Saved from Sin and death

We were saved from the place called hell but also from the destiny of sin. The payment for our sin was death which was unavoidable. However, Christ saved us by redeeming or buying us back.

Read Romans 5:12-17

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He is a new creation

Salvations Assurance

➤ God's Word

Your assurance of salvation bases itself on God's Word.

Assurance means a making sure or certain. In John 3:16 and 1 John 5:11-13 God wants you to know that you have eternal life. Read them. Underline them in your Bible. *Underline* means drawing a line or lines under. For example, God is love.

➤ God's Promise

Your Assurance Bases Itself on God's Promises. You will find God's promises in the following 2 verses. What are his promises? (Romans 10:9) " (John 5:24).

➤ God's Character

Your Assurance Bases Itself on God's Character. A promise is only as good as the person who makes it. That is why you can be sure of your salvation. Your salvation depends on God Himself. The verses below teach us about His character. What do they say to you? (1 Corinthians 1:9)(1 Thessalonians 5:24). (Hebrews 10:23).

➤ God's Spirit

The Holy Spirit is at work within you. He is the proof that you are saved. The Holy Spirit works in your life to bring change. There will be some slow changes. There will be some fast changes. The inside (heart) and outside (life) changes are the final proof that you are saved.

Read 2Corinthians 1:22, 5:5, 5:17-21

This is the first session of our class. Your assignment is to study these passages we read today. Please commit as many to memory as possible before this New Convert Class 100 is completed.

Again congratulations you now are clear about salvations meaning and sure of your salvation.

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Old Things are Passed (Passing) away
STEP 2

Demonstrating Your Faith

Most churches provide opportunities at the end of the worship services. New believers make public their faith in Jesus in those services. Have you declared your faith? If not, you should do so at the next service you attend. After you do that, you should be baptized.

➤ Obedience of Baptism

Baptism Is An Act of Obeying Jesus to Tell Others About Your Faith.
There is a test. Suppose a person has not given him/herself to baptism. The test shows that s/he is not a true follower of Jesus. S/he does not obey Jesus' commands.

➤ Commandment of Baptism

Jesus Commanded Baptism.
Read Matthew 28:19-20.
Jesus did not suggest it. He did not leave any choice to His followers. He commanded it. If we are not baptized, we are not obeying him. Jesus set the example by being baptized. Read the story of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:13-17.

➤ Picture of Baptism

In the New Testament, New Believers Were Baptized.
Read Acts 2:37-38, 41, 47.
The verses show clearly that new believers followed Jesus' command. They were baptized. Now read Acts 8:35-38. The Ethiopian believed and was then baptized.

➤ Method of Baptism

The Bible teaches that the method of baptism was immersion. *Immersion* is placing a person completely under water. It includes bringing him or her back up immediately. Immersion is the only form of baptism that fully pictures this meaning. The Bible shows that baptism includes four (4) things:

1. The right person - a believer
2. The right reason - declaring your faith and obeying Jesus
3. The right method - immersion
4. The right authority - a local New Testament church

Authority means legal power to force people to obey. It also means influence that makes people respect. Read Acts 2:41-47.

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Behold! All Things Become New
STEP 3

People love to share the good news. We tell people about marriages and births. When something good happens, we can't wait to tell someone. The more exciting the news, the harder it is to be silent or to keep it quiet. Read John 1:40-42. For a Christian, witnessing is not a choice. Jesus commanded his followers to witness.

➤ Share your Testimony

Defining Your Faith

(1) What Jesus did for you? He died for your sins, was buried, and came back to life. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

Your testimony could be the spark that initiates the flame of evangelism in your family, your community, and in the world. John chapter 4

➤ Share His Goodness

A Christian has the most exciting news. It is the life changing news of eternal life. Think about it for a minute. It was people that God used to bring you to a willingness to accept Christ. God now wants to use you to bring people to Him.

Declaring Your Faith

(2) What has happened to you? You died to an old way of life. You have risen to live a new life in Jesus. Read Romans 6:3-4.

➤ Share His Love

There are two things you should use when sharing Jesus.

* Your personal testimony

* Scripture (holy writing or God's Word)

Romans 15:13

Romans 1:16

Romans 2:4

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9, 13

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All Things Are Of God
STEP 4

Help of God

God wants a close personal connection with you. You are not an acquaintance. *An acquaintance* is person known to one but not a close friend. You are not a far-away relative. *Relative* is person in the same family as another. You are God's child. Studying the Bible can help make your connection with God stronger. God makes himself known to you through His Word.

- God's Word has Purposes

Read 2 Timothy 3:16.

- God's Word has Promises

Find 3 promises inside the Word

- God's Word has Principles

Find 3 principles inside the Word

- God's Word has Protections

Find 3 areas of protection inside the Word

- God's Word has Provisions

Find 3 provisions inside the Word

- God's Word has Practicality

Find 3 practical uses inside the Word

Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is living and active. This means the Bible is more than a book. It is more than words on a page. It is more than words spoken a very long time ago. The Bible speaks to people in our time. It meets today's need. It will still meet the needs of the people in the future.

Who Reconciled Us To Himself By Jesus Christ STEP 5

House of Prayer

Prayer is the link to a spiritual consciousness of God and God sized thinking. We are not of this world, this culture, nor of this creation. We that are born from above are now new creatures and in fact are a new creation. This reality will always be a myth without prayer.

- Principle of Prayer

Matthew 6:5-13

List 3 ways that you see the principle of Prayer

- Pattern of Prayer

Matthew 4:1-11

List 3 ways that you see the pattern of Prayer

- Priority of Prayer

1Thess 5:17

List 3 ways that you see the priority of Prayer

- People of Prayer

1Thess 1:2

List 3 ways that you see the people of Prayer

- Power of Prayer

Matthew 7:7

List 3 ways that you see the power of Prayer

Without Prayer we will become a disorderly people without strategy, structure or spirituality!

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And Has Given To Us the ministry of Reconciliation
STEP 6

Holy Spirit

Simply Put... Intercession is when the prayer life of an individual covers the personal life of another. It is when one enters into the existence of another believer's life through prayer. They then become a voice in the earth to the realm of the spirit for that individual and on their behalf. It is necessary because many of us do not know how to pray for our own situations. In most cases, it is easier for an individual to pray for another than for him or herself. It is like the person who can see other people's problems but is blind to their own. It has been said no prayer... no power, little prayer... little power, and much prayer... much power. I will say, to pray is to avoid becoming prey; and to pray is to become the person of God's Authority. When cannot pray as we ought the Holy Spirit will Pray for us.

➤ Interpreter of God
1Corinthians 2:10-16

➤ Instructor of God
John 15:26-27

➤ Intercessor of God
Romans 8:26-28

There was an evangelist that was awesome. He would pack arenas. Many would be saved, healed and delivered. He would go from town to town and see the supernatural. Once he retired a journalist interviewed him to account for his awesome contribution to society. When asked, "How did he do these great miracles?" he said, "It was a gift of God." When asked, "Why did he retire?" he said, "My intercessor retired." The journalist was confused. He stated if what you did was a gift from God why did the retiring of a man shift your career? The evangelist said that this was not just a man. He was an intercessor. This prayer warrior would go into town where we held our meetings a month in advance. He would pray for that city. He would pray for salvation. And he would also pray for deliverance and healing. He would bind every demonic force at work against the Will of God. When the intercessor would leave the town the evangelist could enter the town and do the tent meetings. The evangelist said, "Whatever my intercessor prays for would be done. He would tell me whatever area in which God would move. It was the areas that he prayed for in which we had great success." Wow! Without intercession ministry is ineffective.

If this preacher was ineffective without a person praying, how ineffective are we without the communion, connectivity and clarity of the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 We must have fellowship with the person of God assigned to lead us to a true existence as believers in this foreign land.

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We are Now Family
STEP 7

His People

- The Body of Christ

Romans 12:4-5

- The Army of God

Read Matthew 16:17-18.

Jesus Himself built the church while He was on earth. He did it to unite Christians as a spiritual family. Who was speaking the words "I will build my church?" We have been called to be soldiers of His army to take authority and to have dominion.

- The Children of God

Gal 3:26

- The Heirs of God

Gal 4: 1-6

- The Love of God

Romans 5:1-5

We are now God's family and have been given the instructions of the Father in His word. We have been given the Heart of the Father in the Holy Ghost. We have been given the power of the Father through the Son of God. We must accept the Work of God through the local Pastor who has been given a vision of the things to be accomplished as a people.

Finally BE FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH

The word *church* means "called out ones." People make up the church. Jesus has called out these people to follow Him. We also use this word *church* to mean all believers. We use it more often to mean a local group of believers. Read Hebrews 10:25

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Why Be Faithful to a Church?

A church is a group of baptized believers. These believers gather together for learning, fellowship, worship, and service. Read Acts 2:42-47.

1. You Receive Instruction Through Your Local Church. *Instruction* means education, teaching, knowledge. Jesus has given spiritual leaders to the church. Read Ephesians 4:11. According to Ephesians 4:12-14, why has God given leaders to the church?

2. You Have the Special Right of Fellowship Through Your Local Church. God has placed persons in families for their care, protection, fellowship, and growth. You need the church for all the same reasons and many more. According to Hebrews 10:24-25, why do you need the fellowship or company of the church?

3. You Meet to Worship Through Your Local Church. What are some of the things that happen when you worship? Read Colossians 3:16.

Time

Read Ephesians 5:15-16

What are some available time that you have to give to the local church above Sunday and wendsay?

Treasures

Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

What resources do you have to make available to the local church?

Talents

Colossians 3:17

What are some talents that you have that can be made available to the local church?

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE NEW CONVERT COURSE 100! YOU ARE NOW READY TO GO ON TO CLASS 101 THE NEW MEMBER CLASS!

Enjoy your new relationship with Christ
And welcome to the Central Union Family
Pastor K. Daniel Dawsey