



Welcome into your new relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We have prepared this New Believer's Booklet to help you in your relationship with our Lord. It is our prayer that you will also discover how to walk in Faith and what His Divine Purpose is for your life. Jesus came to give you abundant life according to John 10:10 and many Believers will help you along the way.

We bless you in the Name of Jesus. There are additional resources available through our website www.restorationplaceministries.com



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**Restoration Place Ministries
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Following after Jesus as Savior

**Beginning your new relationship with Christ.
A Journey into Faith and Divine Purpose.**

Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Your decision to enter into relationship with God through faith in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ is the most important decision you could possibly make in this life, for it is a decision that will affect your eternity. Our prayer is that you would learn how to live in this spiritual relationship with Him. We pray that you would grow spiritually every day and that your knowledge of Him would increase. May you receive all the blessings that He has for you. May you be blessed and empowered by His Word, His Holy Spirit and carried forward by His great love for you. This book will help you in your new relationship with Him.

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I Am the Life

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Jesus said, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life." John 14:6

You were created by God to have relationship with Him. However, because of sin you were separated from Him. Jesus is the only way to come back into relationship with the Life that is found only in God.

Jesus is the Way and the Truth. The only way to have a living relationship with God is to:

- **Accept the truth that you are sinful and need Jesus as your Savior.**
Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- **We know that Jesus died and took our place on the Cross so that our sins could be forgiven. He then rose from the grave to confirm our salvation.**
Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **We can receive God's gift of love for us, put our faith in what Christ has done for us and receive Him into our lives as Savior and Lord.**
John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **We experience a new birth or a spiritual transformation within our spirit.**
John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Receiving Christ first enables you to live the Christian life because you need His Presence and power within you. You can only live for Him and be His follower by completely surrendering your life to Him. This includes your thoughts, your emotions, your spirit and your physical body. Following Jesus and having relationship with Him means turning away from every other god because there is no spiritual life in them, only oppression. Whatever you put first place often becomes a god that can easily take the place of God.

We recommend and invite you to receive Jesus right now. Begin your

relationship with Him today. Prepare your heart to connect with Him. God sees your heart and understands your attitude more than the words you speak. Do you believe and receive the Word of God that you read on the previous page?

Then believe in what Jesus Christ has already provided for you and pray the following prayer from your heart:

Father, in Heaven, I am a sinner and I have done things that are wrong; but in this moment I choose to believe that Your Son the Lord Jesus died on the cross for my sins. He paid the price for my sins so that I could be forgiven. I turn away from my old way of life and invite You into my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for loving me, removing my guilt of sin and giving me eternal life. I will begin a new relationship with you today. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to fill me with this new life and so I can have relationship with You. I surrender myself to You and ask You to take over my life and change me. Transform me so I bring You glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Today there are many countless others who have also committed their lives to Jesus. You are not alone. If you truly believe Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin and you prayed to receive Him as Lord of your life.

Then you have started a new relationship with Him and began a new journey with God. He wants you to know His plans for you life. He wants to bless you so that you can reproduce His life within you. Your life is intended to honour Him and in turn He will fill your life with His provisions, blessings and purpose.

Now as a new Believer who has relationship with God, the Bible says you are:

- A new creation and all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- A friend with God. (John 15: 14-15)
- A disciple called to follow Him. (Matthew 28:20)

As a new Believer you will want to:

- Get to know Jesus more. (Philippians 3:10)
- Follow Him and do His commandments. (John 14:15)
- Change and become more like Him in all He does. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

The Father's Love

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Matthew 7:11 *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

Jesus came to demonstrate the Father's love to us and He wants us to know Him.

The Father loves you so much.

- **Your earthly parents may have disappointed you, hurt you or even rejected you, but God the Father says:**

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 3:15 and

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18

- **Jesus has revealed what the Father is like:**

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9

- **Your Father loves you enough to call you His Son or Daughter.**

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1John 3:1

- **Jesus has demonstrated the Father's love for you:**

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." John 15:9

- **He seeks your love as well:**

"But if anyone loves God, he is known by God." 1Corinthians 8:3

Begin to develop your relationship based on loving Him. Learn to receive His love for you. He desires this kind of relationship. Love has responsibilities, of course so keep love the primary focus and pursuit of your relationship. He will show you what pleases Him.

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Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

John 1:1 – 4 says,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He told us that He would set us free from all deception.

John 8:31 *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,*

John 8:32 *and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Jesus is eternal God and Creator.

John 8:58 *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

John 1: 3 *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

God became man in the form of Jesus the Son and the Word of God.

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

God speaks to us today through His Word, the Bible.

2Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*

2Timothy 3:17 *that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

and through prophecy which is the testimony of Jesus. (Revelation 19:10)

God's Word has so many wonderful benefits in our relationship with God.

It increases our Faith:

Romans 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

It cleanses our hearts:

Ephesians 5: 26 *having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

It fills our spirit so we can grow spiritually:

1Peter 2:2 *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.*

It becomes our source of life:

Matthew 4:4 *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

We recommend that you start to read the Bible every day. Begin in the Gospel of John. Write down questions in a note book and ask God to show you the answers from His Word. Pray and spend time talking to Him during this time. You will hear God speaking to you through His Word and in your inner spirit. Other Believer's can help you, of course.

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John 16:13 - 14

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Holy Spirit is the third Member of the Trinity. God consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Although they are One, they are uniquely different. This may be difficult to understand. However, trust His Word. Let us explain that God is Spirit and He is made of three distinct persons as noted above. Please read the following:

Matthew 3:13 - 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.

*And when **Jesus** was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;*

*and behold, a **voice from heaven** said, "**This is my beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased."*

You will notice in this passage of scripture that Jesus is present, the Holy Spirit comes down from Heaven to rest on Him and the Father speaks confirmation over Jesus. Here we have God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit revealing themselves in unity as the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit has come to live within you and He:

Comes to teach you and show you what Jesus is like.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Confirms that you are a Son or Daughter of God.

Romans 8:14- 15 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Gives you power to live a Christ like life. That is what the word "Christian" means.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...

Shows you the truth and guides you into understanding the truth.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority,

Teaches you how to walk in relationship with God and His will.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gives you supernatural gifts to reveal Jesus to others.

1Corinthians 12: 8 - 10

For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish (discernment) between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

Notice, there are nine supernatural gifts listed here. God the Holy Spirit can so immerse you into His Presence that all of these operate through you when He sees a need to minister in that way.

Transforms your character so that you become like Jesus.

Gal 5:22 - 23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;

Helps you to pray effectively in agreement with God's plans.

Rom 8:26 - 27 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words.

And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Ask God to release more and more of His Holy Spirit into your life. Receive His supernatural gifts and let them operate through you. When you do this you will be allowing Jesus to be revealed through your life.

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John 10:27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

God wants to hear from you and He wants you to hear Him. A good relationship with God depends on good communications. Learn to listen to Him. He will speak to you in many different ways. Here is a quick list that will alert you to how He may speak to you.

1. **Via His written word in the Holy Scriptures.** This is the primary way by which God speaks. His word also provides us with a safe and strong foundation to discern and test what we are receiving. See 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 for verification. Study John 1: 1-3 and Hebrews 1:1-3
2. **Via His voice.** The Holy Spirit can speak directly to us with an inner voice or an external voice. The inner voice is heard within your mind while the external voice is heard physically with your ears. See John 16:13 for verification. Study 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 1 Kings 19:12 and Isaiah 30:12.
3. **Via Dreams** that God uses to communicate with us. See Matthew 2:13 and how Joseph was lead by angel that appeared in a dream for verification.
4. **Via Visions** which can be open visions or inner visions within your spirit. Sometimes these are called trances in the scriptures. See Peter's experience in Acts 10:10 for verification.
5. **Via Prophecy** given through a person by the Holy Spirit. See 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 10 for verification.
6. **Via Other languages** (tongues) and an **interpretation** given by the Holy Spirit. See 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 10 for verification.
7. **Via Angelic Messengers** that God sends to minister to you. See Paul's experience in Acts 27:23 for verification. Study Hebrews 1: 7.
8. **Via Inspired thought patterns** that are internal but given by the Holy Spirit. See 1 Corinthians 2:13 - 16 Study also Romans 12: 1-3 and Philippians 4: 8, 9.
9. **Via the counsel of others.** See how the apostles in Acts 6: 1 -7 came together for counsel to address a problem. This includes those who teach and communicate spiritual truth to us.
10. **Via open or closed doors of opportunity.** See Paul as he followed the leading of the Lord through an open door in Acts 16: 6 - 10.

11. **Via the evidence of historical God directed events** either through a time of blessing or a season of judgement. See the summary of Noah's life in Hebrews 11: 7.
12. **Via the experiences or testimonies of others.** See Peter's testimony before the other apostles and how that launched a whole new dimension of ministry in Acts 11: 1 -18.
13. Via supernatural signs, wonders and miracles done to meet peoples needs and lead them into relationship with God. These supernatural events confirm that God is speaking. See Mark 16: 17 - 20.
14. **Via supernatural manifestations of God's direct Presence.** See the burning bush encounter that God engaged Moses with in Exodus chapter 3.
15. **Via Creation.** We are told that creation itself speaks to us of God's attributes. Jesus used many spiritual parables to illustrate what God was saying and how God speaks. See Romans 1: 18 - 20.

As you journey with God, be aware that He can speak to you in many ways. Primarily you should spend most of your time studying His written word. There is great wisdom written down there for your benefit. Ask Him to help you by giving you wisdom and understanding into His written word. Welcome the teaching of the Holy Spirit into your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to release His prophetic seer gifts within you in greater measure. When it comes to training and instruction He will use all of the above methods, so watch for God to speak to you through the methods listed above. Your relationship with Him will increase as you hear what God is saying as you access all His communication channels.

Take time with God as often as you can. Include Him in every day. Express your heart to Him and listen to Him. He will speak to you in the thoughts of your mind and in the other ways listed above.

Your Spiritual Family is Important.

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Now that you have begun your new relationship with God you have become spiritually connected to millions of other Believers just like you. Each of them at some point made the same decision you did and have journeyed with God. We use the term "Family of God" to describe this new relationship with God and with each other.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Ephesians 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

God has placed you in His family. You now have spiritual Brothers, Sisters, Fathers and Mothers who will help you, encourage you, pray for you, instruct

you and protect you. They are not perfect because they are also learning how to follow Jesus. Their lives are also being transformed. However, it is good to meet with them and have fellowship with them for your mutual benefit. Gather together with them at church or home groups to worship God, to receive the Word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 10:24 - 25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,

You are a member of Christ's spiritual Body. Just as a physical body has many parts so the spiritual Body of Christ has many parts. Each part has a different function and so does each Believer have a unique function and role.

1Co 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

It is so important to understand the importance of maintaining a good relationship with God and with other Believers. You will want to spend time with other Christians, grow with them, support them, encourage them and pray for them. You need them and they need you. Doing this will please God as you share your journey with them.

John 13:35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Do not isolate yourself from those that do not know Jesus in a personal relationship. Don't expect them to accept you or understand you but relate to them in a caring Christ like way. Pray for them and demonstrate the love of Jesus to all of them.

Cultivate friendships with sincere Christians.

Prayerfully find a Bible believing church where Spirit filled Believer's meet in large or small groups. Learn to love them and live in a healthy relationship with them. This will please God

Water Baptism.

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One of the instructions that Jesus left for us as Believers is that you should be water baptized. This is not a religious exercise. It is an outward demonstration of the inner work that the Holy Spirit has done in your life. It also sets you apart as you dedicate yourself to Him. It symbolizes dying with Him and being raised into new spiritual life and relationship with Him.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The word "**baptism**" means "to be immersed into" or "be completely filled with"*
Water Baptism then is submitting your body and being completely immersed into water. This represents dying to your old way of living and then being raised to the new life you entered into with Christ.

Colossians 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Jesus commanded that you should be baptized.

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

We recommend that you arrange to be Water Baptized as soon as possible after you decided to follow Jesus and start your relationship with Him. If your church does not have a tank then there are lots of indoor pools available or even rivers, lakes and the ocean. Ask your Pastor or group leader to arrange this.

The Presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses*

Jesus gives you a wonderful promise. He said that He would send the Holy Spirit and that this promise is for all those that He would call.

Acts 2:38 – 39 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

To have the Holy Spirit come on you in this way will give you supernatural power so that you can become more like Jesus and serve Him in victory. This enables you to overcome sin, temptation, the devil and the influence of the world. The Holy Spirit will also increase His gifts in your life.

Just as Jesus promised His first disciples, the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost and they received. This experience ushered in a new dimension of supernatural power and relationship that they had never had before. This same promise is for you.

It is necessary, because it gives you power to live.

Ephesians 5:18 *be filled with the Spirit,*

It is promised to all that believe.

Acts 2:39 *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*

The Infilling of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by speaking in other tongues.(the heavenly language of the Holy Spirit spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12)

Acts 10:44 - 46

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

This experience can be released by laying on of hands during prayer.

Acts 19:6 *And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.*

Many others have received this infilling of the Holy Spirit simply by seeking for more of God in their lives and spending time in His Presence. We recommend

that you have others pray for you and that you also spend time in His Presence because this is not just one initial experience. This infilling is meant to be continuous, so spend time in His Presence seeking more of Him.

If you are hungry you will be filled.

Matthew 5:6 *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."*

If you are thirsty you can drink.

John 7:37 - 39 *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive

If you ask you will receive.

Luke 11:13 *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

Ask, believe and receive. Then speak in faith so that the Holy Spirit can manifest Himself through you.

The Power of Your Testimony.

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One of the most important things you can do as a New Believer is to tell others about your new relationship. Sharing your testimony or giving witness to what has occurred in your life will strengthen your faith. Doing this will also give opportunity to others to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. What you have experienced can also be entered into by others. There are many opportunities within the church and outside the church to do this.

In fact, it is the command of the Lord that we do this. He says:

Matthew 28:18 – 20 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 5:19 *And he did not permit him but said to him, "**Go home** to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."*

Mar 16:15 *And he said to them, "**Go into all the world** and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Make it a lifestyle. Not everyone will be interested and many will simply reject a relationship with Jesus. Jesus encountered the same during His earthly ministry. Do not be hurt or feel rejected by this. However, God will lead you to those that want change in their lives and to those that are hungry for spiritual life. Many do want a relationship with God. He will help you minister to those that are ready. Those that are ready to enter into a relationship with God must hear the Good News (Gospel) and also have the same opportunity that came to you.

Romans 10:13 – 15 says *For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

It will help you if you practice sharing your testimony with other Believers and then share with those who are not. Your ability to share will improve as you do this. Your confidence in God will increase. Remember, no one can rob you of your relationship with God. Sharing with others about your relationship with God will strengthen your faith and be a blessing to many.

Watch for opportunities wherever you go. Your home, the shopping mall, the park, your school, your workplace are all potential places where you may share your testimony and relationship with God through faith in Jesus.

Be ready to share at any time:

1Peter 3:15 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared** to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

Matthew 10:32 *So everyone who acknowledges (confesses) me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,*

Be available at all times because God appointments can show up at the most unlikely times and places. Watch for leading questions from others when beginning conversations. For example:

How are you doing?

What do you do?

Why are you so different?

Do you have a light? Can I borrow a smoke?

Where are you from?

What's happening?

All these common questions are introductions for a conversation. Follow up your initial response by saying... Let me share with you about how I started my relationship with God through faith in Jesus.

Be willing to share with others about your relationship with Jesus. Do this in love and out of a caring heart. Avoid any attitudes that suggest: I am better than you. Demonstrate patience because some people have been turned off by religion and its demands.

Remember, you are not recruiting new members to a religious club. You are sharing your testimony so that others can enter into relationship with Jesus.

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Your relationship with God is meant to be one of deep spiritual oneness with Him. He invites you to come into His Presence so that you can know Him, discover Him, encounter Him and experience Him.

*1Corinthians 8:3 says **But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.***

You need to understand that God is a God of love. He wants you to experience His love. Your relationship with Him must be based on that mutual love.

*1John 4:8 **Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.***

*1Jn 4:16 **So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.***

Ask God to show you what His love is like. The love of God can be felt in a tangible way. Seek Him so that you can know Him. Invite Him to lead you deep into His Presence. Spend time with Him. The more you do, the more your life will be transformed into His likeness and the more you will be filled with Him. His love will begin to manifest through you. Let His love flow out to others in very practical ways. Love can be communicated with words and actions. This is important with your relationship with other people and with God. He wants you to love Him first with all that you are; body, soul, strength and mind. He wants you then to love others as much or more than you love yourself.

*Mark 12:30 **And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'***

*Mark 12:31 **The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."***

Learn to express your love to Him with your words and through your worship. The simple words.. “ I love you, Lord” are so important in your relationship with Him. Practice doing this often. Allow the Holy Spirit to worship through you with other languages. You can also sing in other languages to the Lord with expressions that the Holy Spirit gives to you. Cultivate your heart by coming before Him with love. Keep doing this on a regular basis. You will find Him close to you because you will become more aware of His Presence with you. He is more real than the air you breathe. The reality of that truth will be experienced as you love Him. You should expect the Holy Spirit to give you revelation through His Word, visions, dreams and including prophetic revelation.

Seek Him with all your heart. Pray to Him and express your desire to know Him and be used by Him. It is all part of spiritually intimacy with God.

You may have had negative role models from others in the past. People may have mistreated you, failed you, betrayed you, abused you and hurt you. Forgive them. Ask God to help you with this. Forgiveness starts with the decision to forgive and with God's help your emotions and thoughts will line up with that decision. Ask God the Father to help you in this. Ask Him to remove any deception that is within you. For example, many people have the idea that God is angry, upset and always ready to punish them. Some of these ideas come because earthly parents in their imperfection ingrained that within your thinking. Perhaps some form of religious teaching or practice left you with the idea that God the Father is ill tempered and full of angry judgement.

The truth is this; that Jesus came and He took the punishment for our sins upon Himself and reconciled all those that believe on Him to God. God demonstrated His love to us when we were still sinners and separated from Him, but gave us opportunity to come back into relationship with Him. He loves you. He delights in you and He enjoys your company. Accept this truth and carry it with you into His Presence when you worship and express your love to Him. Expect supernatural encounters with God because He enjoys revealing His love and Himself to you.

Your mutual relationship with Him will produce many good results in your life. You will become a fruitful vine with much spiritual fruit in your life.

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1John 5:4 *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.*

You will have spiritual battles, but you can stand with the help of the Lord Jesus and His Holy Spirit who lives within you.

Ephesians 6:10 – 18. *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

There are three sources of conflict that will oppose you.

The world:

This is the corrupt influences, ideas, philosophies, lifestyles and goals that we all encounter from humanity in the world. Be careful what you watch, read and expose yourself to because it can manipulate your thoughts, emotions, words and behaviour. As we spend time in God's word and in His Presence, we will become more and more like Him and less likely to be overcome by the worldly influences around us. Spend quality time with other Believers who also love Him. Your choice of friends is important. This does not mean you can not be around people who are not Believers. Let the Lord live through you as you live out each day among non-believers.

1John 2:15 - 17 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions--is not from the Father but is from the world.

And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of

God abides forever.

The old sinful nature:

This the old sinful patterns and desires. They will try to surface in your life as a Believer. The way you used to live, do your business, your priorities, your lifestyle needs to be surrendered to what God wants and expects.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Thank God that Jesus has overcome and through His strength you can overcome.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Devil:

The Kingdom of Darkness includes Satan and his demons. They have been defeated by Jesus Christ and He shares that victory with you. However, you need to exercise that authority against this spiritual enemy.

It is important that you allow the Holy Spirit to help you in every spiritual battle and that you allow the written Word of God to be your guide in all aspects. Jesus said:

John 8:31 - 32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1John 4:4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

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

Luke 10:19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

As a Believer you have been given authority from Jesus Christ; over the devil,

his demons and the Kingdom of Darkness. You have authority from God to forbid, veto or command the enemy to stop what he is doing against you. Just speak out these words in the Name of Jesus Christ and stand on what God has said.

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This enemy gains power by trying to lead you into temptation. Temptation, if yielded to will lead you to sin. This sin will give the devil power over you to manipulate and control you. Sin also separates you from God, so be quick to confess your sin to the Lord and ask for forgiveness, if you fall into sin.

1John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

You will overcome the enemy through the Blood of Jesus which has made provision for your sin, past, present and future. Keep your life up to date spiritually. Confess your sin quickly to the Lord. This keeps you under His protection and your spiritual status right before God.

Revelation 12:11 *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

Keep walking in relationship with the Lord by saying yes to His will and plans to your life. In contrast say “no” to the devil, the world and evil desires that come to you.

Promise of Abundance.

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Now that you are a Believer and have begun a spiritual relationship with God. He has given you so many wonderful promises and provisions. There are too many promises in His Word to cover them all here. However, you will find these many promises in His Word the Bible. That is why we highly recommend that you begin reading His Word. Begin with the Book of John. Take notes and prayerfully let these scriptures become part of your life. Begin to memorize them. Start with the scripture verses in this Booklet. In faith begin to believe God to make His promises come to life for you. He is a very good God and He desires to bless you.

John 10:9 - 11 *I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and

have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Ephesians 1:3 - 5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

We release this prophecy and declare this blessing over you:

This is what I hear the Lord saying to you:

I have watched over you and protected you. I have lead you and waited for you to come into relationship with Me. You bring joy to Me and I will bless you. You will be blessed with all spiritual blessings. I will provide all your needs according to My riches in glory. You will be victorious and empowered by My Holy Spirit within you. You will discover the rich truth of My Word and see transformation in every area of your life. I will walk with you and reveal Myself to you. You will be amazed over and over by My wonderful love towards you. You will discover Me and come into a deep relationship with Me. I will cause My gifts to flow through you in supernatural power. Your character will become more and more like Me as the fruits of My Holy Spirit develop in your life. You will learn to reject the old ways of sin, the worldly influences around you and the devil and his darkness. You will bring much honour and glory to Me the Lord. I will use you to minister to others as you share your testimony with them. You are a Son or Daughter of the King of Kings and you will see increase in your life. I will bless you abundantly for I Am good. Amen.

Remember, that Jesus said He would never leave or forsake you; so you have His Presence with you always.

Hebrews 13 : 5 -6 The Lord said "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

So you can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

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