



NEW BEGINNINGS

# WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

YOUR NEXT STEPS AFTER MAKING  
A DECISION FOR CHRIST

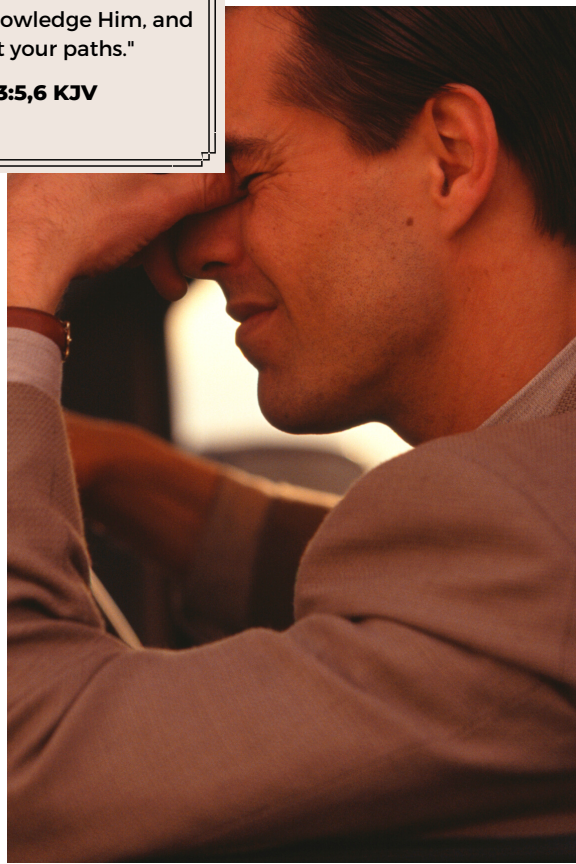


## MAKING DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

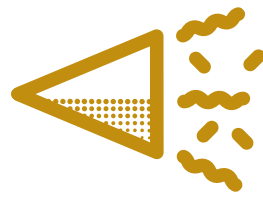
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine  
own understanding."

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and  
He shall direct your paths."

**Proverbs 3:5,6 KJV**



# CONGRATULATIONS



## Welcome to the Family of God!

My wife and I are so happy that you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

That means you're a new creation in Christ Jesus. You must now learn how to walk in newness of life.

Maturation is a process that happens over a period of time.

In order to continue to grow in Christ, you need to start your day with prayer, read the Word of God daily and try to attend church on a regular basis.

Just like your natural body needs food, your spirit man needs to be fed the Word of God. Start reading in the Bible with the New Testament: the books of John, then Acts (the person and work of the Holy Spirit), the Epistles (teachings on how to live and how to treat people).

It is very important that you fellowship with other believers like yourself (Hebrews 10:25).

In His Love,

*Kevin & Leslie Wright*

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# Where do I go from here?

After making a decision for Christ

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Saved by **GRACE**

not by **Feelings**

**Now that you have made a public stand for Christ,** you will be a prime target for the enemy. 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.

The fact of the matter is found in Ephesians 2:8,9.

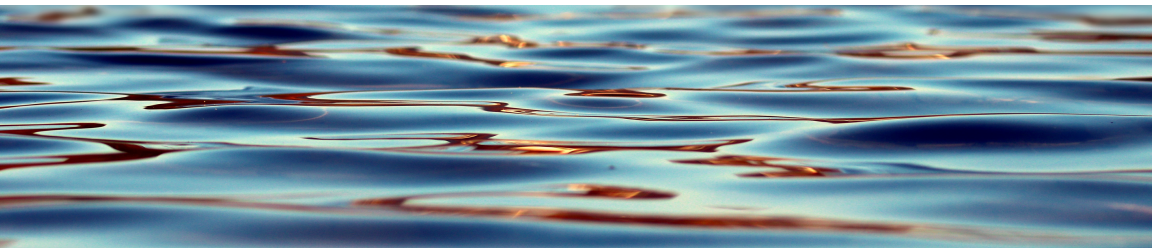
*"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast."*

Grace is an expression of God's goodness and favor 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."* Grace is the basis for our salvation. In salvation, men who deserve to go to hell obtain heaven. Salvation is based totally on what God has done for us, not what we do for God. It is a fact, not a feeling.

If you were the only person on earth that needed salvation, God still would have sent Jesus! (John 3:16).

# B

## Does Water Baptism Save You?



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

Water Baptism doesn't save you no more than taking a shower. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace of salvation. It represents that we have died to sin and self, and we live new lives through Jesus Christ. When you are placed in 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 that *"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 New Beginnings is *"In the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus."*  
(*Matthew 28:19,20 / Acts 2:28*).

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

# You are a new creation

## In Christ Jesus

**Congratulations! Now that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are a new creation.**

Second Corinthians 5:17 says, the old life is gone; a new life has begun! you're not the same anymore; you are a new species that never existed before.

God did not simply clean up the old nature; He created something entirely fresh and unique. Along with the old passing away, "The new has come!" Old, dead things are replaced with new things. The new born spirit delights in the things of God and abhors the things of the world. We "put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Colossians 3:9 / Ephesians 4:24).







# K

## 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. In Romans 8:15-17 says, *"For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you 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 (Himself) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children then heirs; heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ."* (Verses 16,17).

In other words, you have the same rights and privileges as Jesus Christ. God doesn't love Jesus any more than He loves you!

God made Jesus to be sin for us, that we might be made the "Righteousness of God in Christ." You are what the Bible says you are. You can do what the Bible says you can do.

The Bible mentions being *"In Christ, In Him, or in Whom"* 134 times (Ephesians 2:9,10 / Colossians 2:9,10).

# When I make a Mistake, What Then?



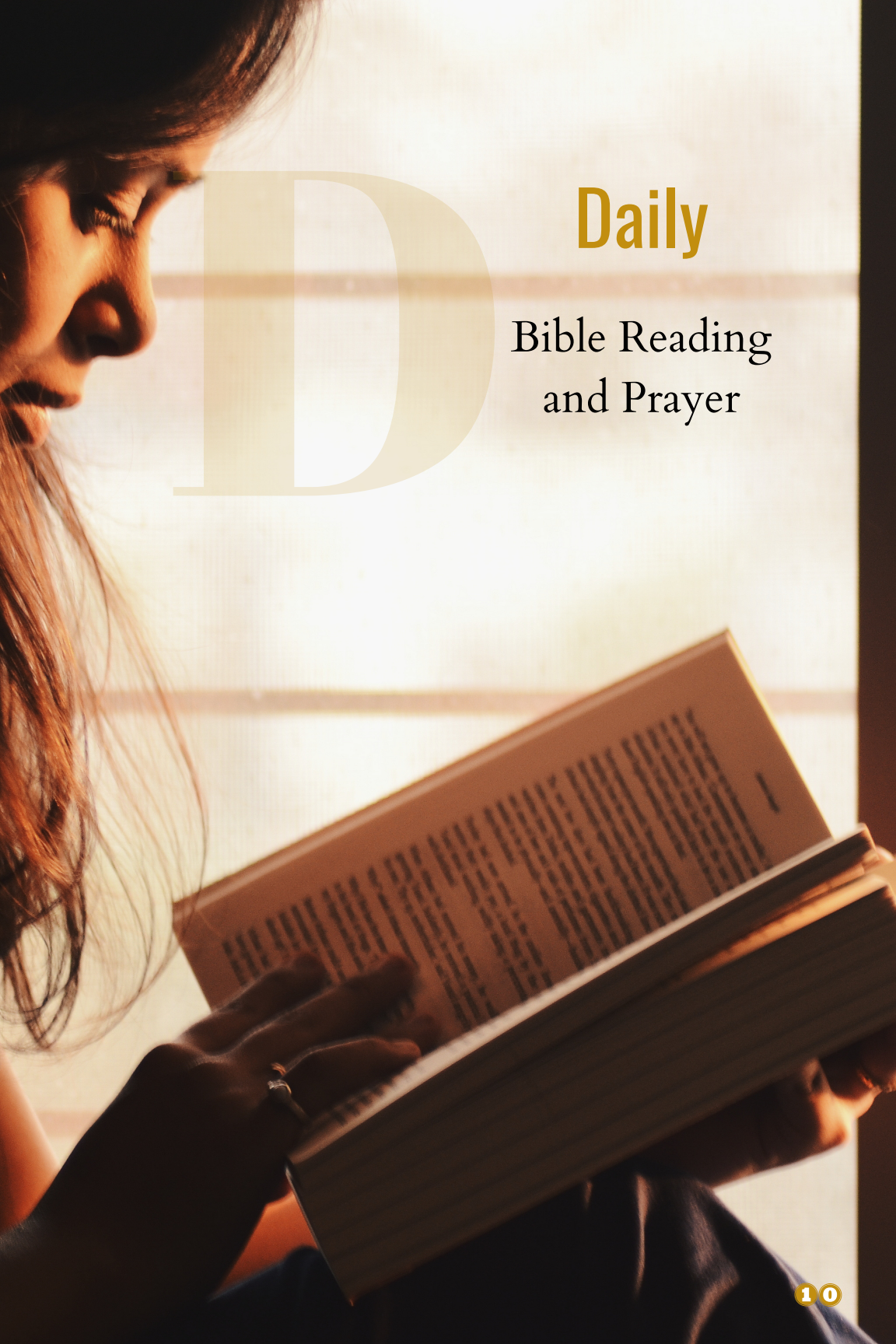
**As we grow in the knowledge of God,** sometimes we make mistakes along the way. Your Heavenly Father has made a provision in His Word for these errors or shortcomings.

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 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 from your heart (Mark 4:15).





# Daily

Bible Reading  
and Prayer



## **Daily Bible reading and prayer are essential for your continual growth and maturing in the Lord!**

Prayer is communicating with God, your Heavenly Father. As you begin to seek God daily, you will be rewarded through understanding His will for your life. Prayer is the vehicle for daily dialog with the one who created us. Daily prayer gives us the chance to express our gratitude for the things He provides. Prayer is an act of worship and obedience.

First and foremost, the Bible is essential for knowing God and His will for your life. The Bible is everything that God says that He is, the Bible is God speaking to us! As Christians, we should desire God's Word (I Peter 2:2)

God our Father is a personal God. He is interested in every intricate detail concerning your life. He wants you, as His child, a long with getting to know Him in a personal way through prayer and the study of God's Word.

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.

# You 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 other believers who are strong in faith *"And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*

(Hebrews 10:24,25 CSB).

We do a disservice to ourselves and the body of Christ when we do not attend church and fellowship with our brethren. Life is not a solo act. You were created for community. The only way you can fulfill God's purpose is with people in your life who are giving you spiritual input. You need a church family!

The church helps you to center your life on God.



# FAMILY First





# **TRAPS TO AVOID IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK**



# T Traps



You need to avoid!

## **These are some of the common traps Christian need to avoid in their Christian walk:**

- Lack of confidence in God and in His Word
- Offense
- No accountability
- Lack of fellowship with people
- Uninvolved in church activities
- Stop going to church
- Lack of study and prayer
- Pride
- Conformity to the world
- Laziness toward God
- Poor choice of friends
- Not connected with the church
- Slow to repent and forgive
- Renew your mind (A work of progress)
- Bad choice of music, movies and media outlets
- Continue in sin
- An uncontrolled tongue

*"Therefore, believers be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you (be sure that your behavior reflects and confirms your relationship with God); for by doing these things [actively developing these virtues], you will never stumble (in your spiritual growth and will live a life that leads others away from sin)."*

**II Peter 1:10 Amplified**

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