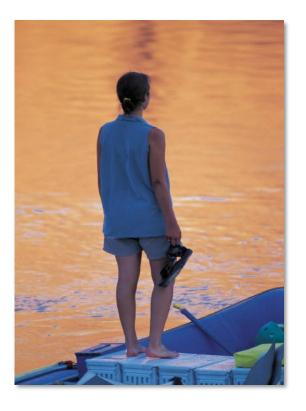
# Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever! **Hebrews 13:8!**

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# **Your New** Life **In Christ**



# Welcome To The Family Of God!

Congratulations! You have made the most important decision of your life, committing your heart and life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ! Let's review what you have just done:

You have realized that you are a sinner in need of a Savior.

"For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, **Repent, and believe** in the gospel (Good New Of Jesus)."

Mark 1:15

When you prayed and asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins, and to come into your heart and life as your personal Lord and Savior, you were **Born Again!** (John 3:3). Having been spiritually born again, you now have the wonderful privilege of being a **child of God**, and you have also received the **gift of eternal life!** 

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever **believes in Him** should not perish but have **eternal life**." John 3:16

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12

### **What Comes Next?**

When you are spiritually born again your heart is transformed and you become a *new child* of God.

When a **new baby** is born and becomes a part of a new family, he/she needs the following things in order to grow and develop properly:

**Love - Nutrition - Nurture** 

## **Growing In God's Love**

How do you begin to grow in the Love of God as you begin your new life in Christ? A newborn baby needs personal intimacy and communication with their parents. As a new child of God you need the same thing.

Your personal intimacy and communication with God comes as you begin to develop a regular and daily time of worship and prayer with Him. While it is important to attend a church and participate in corporate worship, you also need to meet personally each day with your Heavenly Father. You do this through prayer.

Prayer is simply taking time to speak to God on a daily basis, sharing with Him your thoughts and needs. You worship Him as you give thanks for His love and grace and as you praise Him for His glory and power in your life!

"Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

## **Our Spiritual Nutrition**

Your spiritual nutrition is the Word of God, the Bible. In Matthew 4:4, Jesus said:

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceeds from the mouth **of God**."

You cannot grow spiritually mature and strong apart from a daily time of Bible reading.

How do you get started reading your Bible? We encourage you to begin by reading the Gospel of John in the New Testament. Once you have completed John, then you can read the Book of Acts, and then the rest of the New Testament from Romans to Revelation in order. Don't worry about reading the Old Testament until you have read the entire New Testament through once, including the remaining Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Remember! Start each day out with a time of reading God's Word!

# **Our Spiritual Nurture**

The church is called the **Body of Christ**. God has designed the local church family to be a safe haven where you can grow in God's love. Here you will receive His knowledge through the Word, His presence through worship, and His character as you love and serve others.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 4:24-25

It is important to become a part of a local Bible believing church and to worship weekly with them. Here you will find spiritual nurture, encouragement, and support for your new life in Christ! The Pastor can help you in following Jesus Christ is Water Baptism and in understanding and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We warmly invite you to become a part of

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