

## God's Good News: The Gospel

A church is in which every member—young and old, unites around the wonderful good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. The gospel is the Good News of personal salvation through Jesus Christ, and it also speaks to what God is doing to redeem and reconcile all things to Himself. People will learn the Bible's teaching on true God, and our response, and see how these truths apply to the practices of the church. "[Jesus] said to them, '*I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.*' (Luk 4:43) Bible explain that Jesus returns to heaven after giving His followers a mission. Until His return, He told them, the church is to go forth and preach the gospel to all nations, telling people about Him, calling them to repentance and faith, discipline them in everything that He taught. This task remains unfinished and all Christians have a part to share in bringing the gospel to all creation. So that we can have an understanding of the call to disciple the nations and our individual roles in fulfilling it. "*I thank my God ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now*" (Phi. 1:3-5)

To understand what preaching the gospel means, we must first consider the meaning of the term gospel. The word "Gospel" means the teaching or revelation of Christ, the whole of Scripture, the Bible. And Gospel literally means "good news" concerning Christ and the way of salvation. People with good news might be announcing the birth of a royal heir or a battle-field victory. Some of these meanings also apply to the good news of Jesus Christ, for the gospel includes the proclamation of Jesus' defeat of Satan on the cross. *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.* (Col. 2:15) But the Scriptures add depth to the meaning of good news that is fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. The gospel involves Jesus' death on the cross as the sin offering to fulfill the Law's righteous requirement. Under the Law, animal sacrifices were offered year after year as a reminder of sin and a symbol of the coming sacrifice of Christ. When Christ offered Himself at Calvary, that symbol became a reality for all who would believe. The work of atonement is finished. The gospel also involves Jesus' resurrection on the third day. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Jesus conquered sin and death (sin's penalty). He rose to life again, was exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, and awaits His return in power and glory to consummate God's kingdom. The fact that He offers to share that victory with us and it became God's good news. The Bible is the gospel, the "gospel of God" (Romans 1:1)

The elements of the gospel are stated in 1 Corinthians 15:3–6, a key passage concerning the good news of God. Notice, first, that Paul "received" the gospel and then "passed it on"; this is a divine message. Second, the gospel is of importance. Everywhere the apostles went, they preached the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Third, the message of the gospel is accompanied by proofs: Christ died for our sins (proved by His burial), and He rose again the third day (proved by the eyewitnesses). Fourth, all this was done "according to the Scriptures"; the theme of the whole Bible is the salvation of mankind through Christ. The gospel is the good news that we, who were once enemies of God, have been reconciled by the blood of Christ and adopted into the family of God. (Romans 5:10) Because of the gospel, those who believe in Christ are, given a completely new nature. (2 Cor 5:17) with a changed heart and a new desire, will, and attitude that are manifested in good works. This is the fruit the Holy Spirit produces in us by His power. Those who are saved will always show the evidence of salvation by a changed life. The gospel of God's kingdom means that all His promises will be kept to those who enter His kingdom by faith in Christ. Those who receive the gospel of the kingdom become citizens of heaven and are freed from bondage to this world, sin and satan.

To reject the gospel is to embrace the bad news. Condemnation before God is the result of a lack of faith in the Son of God, God's only provision for salvation. (John 3:17–18) Man is by nature sinful and separated from God with no hope of remedying that situation. As a result of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6), every part of man—his mind, will, emotions, flesh have been corrupted by sin. God has declared that man's sin dooms him to an eternity in hell, separated from God. It is in hell that man pays the penalty of sin against a holy and righteous God.

Every human being has sinned having no hope and without God. God plans for men to bring Him glory and enjoy His fellowship forever. He desires to conform us to the image of His Son. In His love, God sent the Savior—His only begotten Son—Jesus offer the perfect sacrifice, once and for all, to cleanse us of sin and reconcile us to Himself.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that God provided the way for man to be freed from the penalty of sin. God in His mercy has provided that remedy, a substitute for us—Jesus Christ—who came to pay the penalty for our sin by His sacrifice on the cross. God, by His power, provided the means of man's redemption in the death, burial, resurrection of the Savior, Jesus Christ. The gospel is necessary in order to change the heart from its natural pursuit and slavery to sin toward the pursuit of things pertaining to God. Hereby we can get to God, whom by the grace He freely gives changes us to delight in Him, spiritual disciplines, become a means to a pleasurable end that is, knowing God and enjoying Him both now and forever. The gift of salvation is free, and the motive for the gift is the grace of God. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Rom.6:23) The true gift of God in Christ, and our only responsibility is to receive the gift by faith. God has provided a way of salvation for sinners on the basis of grace without requiring merit on the part of sinners! *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.* (Matthew 24:14)

### **Grace: The power of the Gospel**

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The Gospel is the most basic, foundational message of the New Testament. Apostle Paul states that in Romans 1:16: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.* The Gospel is the power of God and that's talking about His grace. In Act 20:24 *and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.* It's saying that when you understand the Gospel, the grace of God, it'll release the power of God into your life. It speaks of God's gift of righteousness i.e. God's gracious work in changing sinners. The next verse Romans 1:17 says, *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."* It means to receive righteousness of God the divine plan of redemption by grace through faith. The grace of God sets you free from sin.

And in the next verse 18-19, God's wrath is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Ungodliness represents sins directed against God (failure in one's duties toward God), while unrighteousness represents sins direct against God's laws (failure in one's duties towards ourselves and our fellow man). It's manifest in them for God has shown it unto them. God has put in every person who has ever breathed a common knowledge that they are a sinner and that they deserve rejection. We have to understand that the only way to obtain righteousness, or right standing, with God is thru putting faith in Jesus and believe what did for me. In Luke 18:9-14 to verify this in the Parable of Pharisee and Tax Collector. If a person is putting faith in all of their religious acts—all of their holiness, then that will actually block them from righteousness and relationship with God, it is self-righteousness. But person who humbled himself and cried out to God, this is the one who enters into right standing with God. In Rom.9:30-32a: *Because they sought it not by faith, but by the works of the law. There are two types of righteousness: by faith other that comes by the Law. Righteousness by the Law is based on performance; nobody can perform well enough to get it, because the Bible says in James 2:10 that if you keep the Law and yet offend in one point, you are guilty of breaking the entire thing. In other words you would be unrighteous. But if you put your faith in Jesus, you would receive His righteousness—faith righteousness. In Rom 9:32b says, "For they stumbled at that stumbling stone." It is offensive to people, if they have a lot of holy actions to their names, that all their good deeds don't make them righteous before God. Those who put faith in God are more righteous than they are. (Mat.21:28) And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. (Rom.11:6) Salvation is provided in Christ alone by grace through faith. A gospel of grace plus works is false doctrine. (Gal.1:6-9)*

The Bible describes our spiritual condition. Everyone is a sinner. *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom.3:23) We are all sinners in need of salvation! We needed to do to be saved, so, we need a Savior! The only thing we have to offer is faith in us. We just believe that Jesus died for us and paid a debt we couldn't pay and gave us a righteousness we couldn't earn. It's faith righteousness! God has provided His Son Out of "love"! He sent Jesus to die that we might have eternal life. (Joh3:16) Because God loved us, He made His Son a "propitiation" for our sins by atonement. (1John 4:10) Therefore God offered His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. God is holy, and to satisfy His justice requires an appropriate sacrifice for sin (the price for sin must be paid). God provided redemption through the blood of His Son on the cross. (Rom 3:24-26) God has graciously provided salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is available to all! God has provided for us! God has forgiven us because the full penalty of our sins was paid by Jesus Christ on the cross. (Rom.6:23) For he (God the Father) hath made him (Jesus Christ, God the Son) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2Co.5:21) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; (Ephesians 1:7)*

Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for the sins of all mankind by offering His perfect life in our place. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh (by human effort), nor of the will of man (as by the decree of a priest), but of God. (John 1:12-13) We are dependent upon the word of God to enlighten us as to how a person may partake of the benefit of Christ's redemptive work. (Rom.10:9-10) Only by believing on the finished work of Jesus Christ in our place may we become a child of God and a possessor of eternal life! The true God of the Bible has made it His responsibility to see that every person, is enlightened with the fact that he/she is a sinner. They are convicted by this guilt and drawn to the Christ. (John 12:32) And we were dead in sin when the Holy Spirit blew over us and made us live in regeneration. *Even when we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved (Eph.2:5) We are justified by His grace, freely through the redemption that is in Christ. (Gal.5:2) God Himself is the One who justifies us, that God counts as righteous in His sight the sinner who believes on Jesus.*

God's grace requires obedience. Jesus is *"the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him"* (Heb.5:9) Obedience involves: believing (i.e. trusting) in Jesus as the Son of God who died for your sins. (Joh.3:16) who believes in Jesus through faith in His blood. Repenting of your sins because of godly sorrow, resolving to live for God. (Act.17:30) Confessing your faith in Jesus before others. (Rom.10:9-10) Being buried with Christ in baptism for the remission of your sins. (Act2:38) Remaining faithful to Jesus even unto death for the reward. (Rev2:10) *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Eph.2:8)*

### The Command in the Great Commission

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In any discussion of missions, begin with a proper definition of the Great Commission. We will consider important truths. First of all, the Great Commission is not the Greatest Command, but it does flow from it. The greatest command given by our Lord is to love the Lord our God ... we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. (Mat. 22:37-39) Thus the Great Commission is a labor of love. As Christians, we are to love God and desire that His name be great among the nations. We are to love Christ and desire that He receive the full reward for His sufferings. We are to love our fellow human beings, be moved with compassion by his suffering, and desire his salvation motivated by commitment.

Secondly, the great commission, the gospel of the kingdom of God that Jesus gave His apostles consisted of two parts;

1. To preach the gospel to everyone. (Mark 16:15-16) Proclaiming Christ to all peoples - The gospel of the grace of God
2. To make disciples, baptize them, and then teach them all that Jesus taught. (Matthew 28:19-20) Teach or train those who believe to walk in obedience to Christ's commands that is to follow and obey Christ - The glorious gospel

Jesus' words in Mat. 28:18-20 have come to be known as the Great Commission. 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.* It is important to note that the phrase "make disciples" is the command in this passage, "Going," "baptizing," and "teaching" are the means by which we fulfill the command. We must go with the right intent to make disciples through the teaching of the Scriptures.

Thirdly, the Great Commission is about teaching men to observe all Christ has commanded. It has to do with teaching people about the attributes of God, will of God and the whole counsel of God. *The glorious gospel of the blessed God.* (1Ti. 1:11) All Scripture is inspired, and all of it is profitable. Mission is about sending God's truth thru servants of God who are approved to God as workmen who do not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of truth.

Fourthly, the Great Commission is not limited to the making of individual disciples, but involves bringing each believer into relationship with others in the context of a local church. It is a religion of community. The missionary is not merely called to "make disciples" but also to "make fellowships" of disciples who love and serve one another according to the standard of the Scripture. Jesus said, *"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* Such abiding relationships are only possible by Pray, praise, worship together in the church.

Fifthly, we live in an age of social media, internet has proven to be very beneficial for spreading the gospel, mainly in areas that are normally forbidden to missionaries. However, it is carved into Scripture that these things will never replace the missionary and we cannot fulfill the Great Commission online alone! It is about sending people to people.

Sixthly, the Great Commission is staying in the will of God. Some are called or required to go to the foreign field as a full-time missionary. A believer should either go into the mission field or stay at home and support those who have gone. Every believer must demonstrate equal devotion to Great Commission and be willing to suffer the same loss. Paul's life gives testimony that the gospel requires sacrifice, journeys, as sharing Christ's sufferings with endurance.

The Great Commission is the command of the Lord Jesus Christ to the church to preach the gospel to every person in the world, to instruct in the whole counsel of God those who believe, and to establish churches according to that counsel. Throughout the entire discipleship process, attention should go to the Lord. The Great Commission takes people beyond salvation in the Lord Jesus to: publically identifying with God ("baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit") People's ultimate accountability is to the Lord, to not only know what He commands but to do it— taking people from salvation to becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus. And, the command is apparently in effect until the "very end of the age" as He promised to be with us as for that duration.

Acts 1:8 as part of the Great Commission enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit: *"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."* We are to be Christ's witnesses, fulfilling the Great Commission in our cities (Jerusalem), in our states and countries (Judea and Samaria), and anywhere else God sends us (to the ends of the earth). Throughout the book of Acts, we see how the apostles began to fulfill the Great Commission. First, Jerusalem is evangelized (Act 1-7) then the Spirit expands the church through Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12); finally, the gospel reaches into "the ends of the earth" (Acts 13 - 28) Today, we continue to act as ambassadors for Christ, and "we plead on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God" (2Co. 5:20) God desires all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1Ti 2:4) And to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. (Act. 26:18) The Great Commission compels us to share the good news until everyone has heard. Like servants in Jesus' parable, *"He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come"* (Luke 19:13)

A disciple of Christ is a baptized follower of Christ, one who believes the teaching of Christ, imitates Jesus' example, clings to His sacrifice, believes in His resurrection, possesses the Holy Spirit, lives to do His work. Are you a disciple of Jesus today? You too have a responsibility to fulfill Lord's command and support and promote God's mission for the church. *'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'* (ACT 13:47)

## How To Preach The Gospel

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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives. And recovery of sight to the blind, To deliver those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord"*(Luke 4:18-19) The Lord Jesus came to preach the good news of the Gospel and when He preached, people listened. When we share the Gospel, the Lord gives us the correct words to say to the person or group, just as the Lord gave Jonah a message for Nineveh. *"Arise, go to Nineveh that great city and preach to it the message that I give you"*(Jonah 3:2) The message was repentance or destruction, so when the whole city of Nineveh repented in sackcloth, ashes and fasting, and they believed so God did not destroy the city.(v.3:4-10) The Lord gave John the Baptist a similar message. John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins'(Mark 1:4) Jesus came preaching the same message. *'From that time, Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." ... preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people'*(Mat.4:17 & 23;9:35) After Jesus began His ministry He gave His disciples instructions to preach the same message of the Kingdom. They (apostles) went out and preached repentance. *They departed and went throughout the villages, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere'*(Luke 9:6) After Jesus was resurrected He gave them a command to preach the full Gospel, whole counsel of God, included baptism, signs and miracles.(Mark 16:15-20) *'They went preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus with all boldness and without hindrance'.*(Acts 28:31)

*"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.*(Luk.16:16) If we want to be effective at preaching, sharing, teaching the Gospel, there are scriptural guidelines that we must adhere to. *Jesus opened their minds so they might understand the Scriptures.*(Luk24:45- 47) Preaching the Gospel is the commission Jesus Christ gave to His followers. We are commanded by our Captain of Salvation to *"go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people"*(Mark 16:15) Preaching the Gospel is most important work on the face of the earth. We bring the Gospel of Kingdom of God to end of the world. Jesus expects His people to do their best for God will give the increase of our labor. Here are some things you need to be able to preach gospel effectively. If you rely on God's love, Christ's grace and the Holy Spirit's power, you can do it.

A Personal Faith in Christ's Atoning Sacrifice; You can never share the power of the cross if you haven't experienced it yourself. If you don't believe in what Christ has done for you, your testimony won't have any power at all. Notice in Mark 16:14, Jesus rebuked His disciples, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. The Holy Spirit's Power; In Revelation 19:10, says that the Holy Spirit will always point to the testimony of Jesus Christ. If you want to share the gospel with power, you need the Holy Spirit's help! He will guide us into all truth. (Joh6:13) Pray for and rely on the Holy Spirit's help in preaching the gospel. He knows what to say better than we do. The Father's Love and Christ's Compassion for the Lost; Compassion is very important in the work of preaching the Gospel. John 3:16 tells us that God sent Jesus to save us because He "so loved" us. Christ Himself saw us as sheep without a shepherd, and in His compassion for us wanted to gather us as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings (Mat.9:36,23:37) Such compassion is what we need to share the gospel. If we don't sense God's compassionate love for other people, we will be unable to bring God's love to them. Let's ask Lord to give us His compassion for all men.

Before we can preach the Gospel, we must know what the Gospel is all about the Kingdom of God. You need to set apart to [preach] the Gospel of God and study the Bible. By doing so, we can be ready to preach Gospel to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in, with meekness and fear"(1Pe.3:15) We need to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"(Mat.9:38) We need God's help that we can be effective preachers of Gospel. Preaching the Gospel is about God's will and purpose for the entire humanity. We must also pray for the ministers, servants of God to do His work. We pray to God to open the doors of opportunities for advancement of the Gospel.

Be a light of the world: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify you Father in heaven"(Mat.5:14) We must be a good example to others that people notice our light thru our words, actions, people would be drawn to God. "You are the salt of the earth.(v.13) As salt enhances flavor and prevents decay so, by our very presence we should bring a sense of well-being to those around us and prevent the advancement of moral decay. We are called to do a work and remember the purpose of our calling.

We must actively be about our Father's business.(Joh4:31) Paul said, *Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel*(1Cor9:16) Share the Gospel in social networking sites: Internet has opened an opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel. It is using social media is one of today's most effective ways. Make it share about the Gospel of God the blessed hope every day with your friends. family, relatives, and acquaintances. Just be proactive and have the initiative to take the step to do something for God's work. When the right time comes, you can then invite someone to attend your church. Preaching the Gospel costs money and one of the best ways to support God's work is to give our offerings. Preaching gospel is a duty of every Christian. Our lives should be a living example and our born-again experience be a testimony to other people that Jesus is alive and is changing lives. We should be reflections of Christ as we follow in His steps. What a blessing for those who preach the gospel! *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!*(ROM10:15)

### **The Effects of Gospel Preaching**

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*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*(Act 2:37-42) Peter explained the events of Pentecost and preaches to thousands of people after the Holy Spirit was poured out. He told them of the prophecy in Joel 2:28 where God was going to pour out his Spirit on all flesh. So the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them as He had been poured out in the assembly of upper room. This was first gospel that had been preached, great effects are produced by great causes. It is full of Scriptural references that are worth listening to. He quoted in their right relations to what had just happened. Faithful to God's word is as a sower bringing back his sheaves with joy. It is full of Christ and glory of the Son of God. It is full of holy unction and it led up to a fervent and solemn demand. The people responded and the mountains of difficulty fly away.

The gospel of Christ is a revelation that brings all information to life, and this happens when we preach the gospel. Matthew 16:13-17 tells us a revelation from Peter! *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* Jesus replied. *"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven."* The Bible says in 2 Cor 4:4: The god of this world, who is the devil, has blinded the minds of people so that they will not get the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. *so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* We should resist the god of this world, break his power and pray God to free listeners to reveal the truth about Jesus. Then, proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, revelation dawns in people's lives. Jesus told His disciples to pray for laborers in Mat.9:37-38. When you use a sickle on a ripe crop, immediately you get the harvest. The crop is ready for harvest but there are not enough workers to gather it in. Pray, support the people going forth in evangelism reaching the lost! When they going to witness, preach the gospel will bring revelation of Christ to people.

We minister the power of God to people. Bible says in Romans 1:16 that the gospel "is the power of God". God gives us His power to handle!" When you preach the gospel the power of God will be released to the people! Signs and miracles will be done in the name of Jesus! We want to see the Holy Spirit move powerfully, and will take over the situation! When He starts moving, miracles will happen. When we say that Jesus saves and present Christ as the savior, the Holy Spirit will work; demonstrate to people that Jesus will forgive sins. Preach the gospel message in all its fullness and thereby present Christ as the savior, healer, deliverer and restorer. Then you can see the Holy Spirit delivering many people from Satan and demons from its powers, and healing the blind and deaf and people get saved.

Paul recognized that he owed the gospel to the people. He says in Romans 1:14, *I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.* Paul was eager to repay his debt. You also owe the gospel to others. We also have debt, so be eager to repay your debt too, which is burden on our heart that is to preach the gospel to people. In Romans 15:17-19 Paul says: *Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.* We have a duty to proclaim the gospel of Christ. If so then we have to offer a sacrifice before God. That sacrifice is the souls you win for the Lord! It is the duty of every Christian to preach the gospel, win souls, and present them before God for the glory of God!

After Christ taken up into heaven: *Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*(Mark 16:19-20) Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father after finishing all His work. The disciples go out and preached everywhere they send. We are now going to share that responsibility. And make sure you preach the right kind of gospel and He will work! Heb. 2:3-4 says: *how can we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?* This salvation which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. In Acts 2, on Pentecost day, 3,000 people were saved by believing the Gospel. For these people hear the word of God, have true faith and belief in Jesus Christ that leads to salvation.

The gospel brings life to the dead: Ephesians 2:1 says: *As for you, you were dead in trespasses and sins.* We were dead in our sin and today we are alive because we heard the gospel and became alive. Thank God we were born again and God made us alive together with Christ. But the world around us is still dead, can it be brought back to life again? Let's see John 5:24-25, *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.* In v.25 Jesus was talking about a time that had already come, when the dead would hear the Voice of the Son of God and live was now. They had to hear that voice in order to live again. What is the voice of the Son of God? It's the gospel. Every time you preach gospel a dead world is hearing the voice of the Son of God! Jesus said, My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that Jesus defeated death.(Rom. 6:9) Because of Christ, death is a defeated foe. (1CO.15:55) The resurrection proves that Jesus is the Son of God and will judge the world in righteousness.(Rom.1:4) The resurrection of Jesus Christ means that we will be raised like him and gives Christians a living hope.(1Pe.1:3-4)

For the unsaved, death brings to an end the chance to accept God's gracious offer of salvation. For the saved, death leads us into the presence of Christ. Jesus said everyone who heard the voice of the Son of God would live. Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ! At His return Christ will begin restore people of Israel. At that time, "all Israel will be saved." How? *"The Deliverer [Messiah] will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob"*(Rom.11:26)

**What does it mean to be “saved” or “born again”?**

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The real answer has to do with accepting God's love for us and the gift of eternal life He offers through Jesus Christ. When Adam and Eve fell from the temptation of sin in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world. Even today we all inherit a sinful nature and separated from God spiritually. Sin is the transgression of commandments of God. Sin brings emotional, physical and spiritual problems to the lives of men. When Jesus came to this earth; He brought the gospel of eternal life through His death, burial and resurrection. When Jesus started His earthly ministry He taught repentance *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*(Mar 1:15) The plan of salvation is explained in the Bible in three steps of faith; repentance from sin, water baptism and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These steps of faith make up the term "born again" experience. Jesus offers a walk with God a fullness of life. He said, *I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again (from above)*(JOH.3:3)

God is inviting people to enjoy this wonderful "born again" experience. God is love and He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.(2 Pet 3:9) It is His goodness that leads men to repentance. The need of salvation and God's grace has come to give us power over sin. When a person comes to realize that they are a sinner, they should begin to hunger and thirst for power. God in all His love will try to call and draw a person to Himself.(John 6:44) Then God will speak as the gospel is presented to that individual, a conviction for sin begins to increase. They begin to feel guilty for their sins. If they accept God's invitation, then faith begins to activate in him. It is God that gives every man a measure of faith.(Rom 12:3) This faith is called our "believing faith" As a person's faith in God increases, they cry from deep within their soul begins to echo their prayer; "I am so sorry God for my sins. I desperately need you to forgive me." This precious cry from a sinner is termed as "the prayer of confession." And it must be with repentance, i.e. to turn away from sin unto God. Repentance is the first step by which we enter into the kingdom of God. If we choose not to repent, then we will perish for eternity. Godly sorrow (conviction of sin) precedes repentance because we have grieved God that we will plead to God to forgive us and we will turn our sinful life around and begin a life of pleasing God. It is an about-face as we allow Him to control our lives forever.

The next step to having a born again experience is water baptism. It is through faith that we accept God's provision of salvation. All believers who have confessed and received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are to get baptized. He must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God has raised Him from the dead. We have acted on our faith by being obedient to His command.(MAT 28:19) It is part of the gift of God's grace through faith. but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit.(Tit 3:4-5) Here water baptism (regeneration, as in born again) and the baptism of the Spirit (renewing of the Holy Spirit) is reference to being saved by the grace of God. Baptism is conditional upon belief in Jesus Christ for salvation. Believe and be baptized.(Mar.16:16;Acts 8:26-40) Jesus said that to enter into the Kingdom of God, a person must be born of water (baptism) and the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) (John 3:5) So, if a person obeys what Jesus taught, then they will experience the true plan of salvation! We are baptized for the remission of sins or washing away of our sins.(Acts 2:38) When we are baptized we "put on Christ"(Gal 3:27) Complete submergence in water is necessary because it is symbolic of burial. We are baptized into His death symbolizes burial of our old sinful nature. By being raised out of the water gives us new life, it symbolizes the resurrection. Baptism is our circumcision where we cut off the sins of the flesh.(Col 2:11)

Now to the third step of salvation; the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial sign (evidence) of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. The final of a born again experience peaks when a person is filled with the power of God. It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables a person to spiritually re-unite himself with God. It is through the Holy Spirit that fellowship is restored. In the Old Testament it was prophesied that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all flesh (available to all) (Joel 2:28) John the Baptist came saying that Jesus was going to come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.(Mat 3:11) In John 7:37-39, *He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; Anyone who believes on the Lord shall have rivers of living water flow from their belly. Jesus tells us that promised Comforter is the Holy Spirit come to us and dwell in us.*(John14:16-17, 26)

Next we are going to look at what Jesus taught about speaking in new tongues. In Mark 16:16-17, "these signs shall follow them that believe; they shall speak with new tongues. In Acts 2:4, Jesus was saying that one of the signs that believer is they will speak in a new language (tongues). In Act 1:4-9 Jesus told them to tarry that they were going to receive the Holy Spirit with fire, the promise of that he spoke of. Then He tells that they are going to receive power to become His witnesses. When He was done, he ascended into heaven. In the bible people received the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues and fulfill the prophecies of Jesus. There were about 120 believers in the upper room and they all received the Holy Spirit and fire. The Holy Spirit was poured out on all them that believed. They began to speak in new tongues". Paul said *“I thank God because I speak with tongues more than all of you”* The teaching to *“be filled with the Spirit”*(Eph5:18) is for those who already received the Holy Spirit to lives a Spirit-filled life. And being filled with the Spirit is a continuous process throughout our lives.(1Co.14:39) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.(Mat.5:6) We are to pursue righteousness - the doing of the will of God with the determination of pursuing spiritual things. *Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*(Rom 8:9)

## Discipleship

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*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.(Mar.8:34) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.(Mat.11:28-30) Jesus sought out and choose the disciples, and then He told them to "follow Me" and He will make them "fishers of men"(Mar.1:17) He tells us to follow Him, but if we truly want to be His disciple, we must deny ourselves and take up our cross and study and grow in the grace and knowledge of God. And when He says "follow me" and "learn of me," it is being disciplined by Jesus is a process. A disciple is a learner and a follower. We must sit at his feet and learn of Him and how He works. Jesus said, without me, you can do nothing. He will reveal His promises to us. He'll tell us what we are going to do in His Kingdom. He is going to begin a work in us and teach us how to resist the devil, the world and our own fleshly desires. This time period is often referred to as a "wilderness." This period is to work things out of us that are carnal and destructive to us.*

The word "disciple" literally means "a learner". It denotes one who follows another's teaching. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news or doctrine of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit to overcome pressures and trials of this present world and become more and more Christ-like. This process requires disciple to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions. A disciple on the other hand is a student who has the goal of becoming like his teacher.(LUK6:40)To be Christ's disciple, then is to strive to be like Him! A disciple is someone called to live in Christ, equipped to live like Christ, sent to live for Christ, and to share in the sufferings of Christ. A person who's trusted in Christ as abiding in Him and if you are abiding in Him, you are becoming more like Him. And in our lives, bear fruit, love our neighbors, loving one another so others will know we are His disciples.

God's goal in redemption of mankind, that be conformed to the image of His Son.(ROM8:29) to presenting every man perfect in Christ! There are some identifying marks of discipleship for true disciple of Jesus. a) One who abides in Jesus words; If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.(JOH8:31) b) One who loves the brethren; "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"(JOH13:34) Disciple would make every effort to go to know his brethren and encourage them. c) one who bears much fruit; When you bear much fruit, My Father is glorified and you show yourselves to be my disciples.(JOH15:8) Jesus talking about a life and character which prompts people to glorify God! (MAT5:16).To be a disciple of Jesus Christ means it requires commitment, especially in regards to the teachings of Christ, the love of brethren, bearing fruit to the glory of God. We must forsake all to follow Christ, this kind of commitment involved in the cost of discipleship. Do you have a strong desire to follow Jesus and become like Him?

Bible tries to picture how Jesus walked with his disciples. He is still alive among us. Now, we need to open our spirit to Him and allow Him to call to us. He can disciple us just like He did the disciples. That means, we can communicate with Jesus just like the disciples! We can see and learn by watching what He does! When Jesus called twelve disciples, they had to be taught for 3½ years under complete teachings of Jesus. They had to be around Jesus continually. They were taught how to be fishers of men and were influenced by his presence and how He operated in the will of God.

If we are sensitive to the voice of Jesus, we to can hear him say, "learn of me" a voice very small and gentle. This call is an invitation to learn some of the deepest truths and most powerful things you can know of God. Jesus can be trusted with what He gives us. He will not force himself on us. The Kingdom of God is a Spiritual kingdom. We need to know the Word and operate in the "Spirit", we have to understand how the Spirit moves and operates.

We have to spend time with Jesus. If God really wants our attention, He has ways of getting us to seek him. But rather we come to him and sit at His feet willingly, just take some time each day studying, meditating and praying. The important thing we can do while we are spending time with Him is to just listen spiritually to what is happening in realm of the Spirit. Not all communication with God is talking. There must be times in your prayers that you listen and feel for him in the Spirit. We must be sensitive, soberness, humility attitude to Jesus and obey him, because we need to do what he wants. He wants us to fellowship with him out of love and desire for Him. We must perfect a sensitive ear to His desires. For this type of relationship to develop, a person must go through tests and trials. God allows trials so we can bend with the wind (storms). These types of storms perfect our relationship with God. For when the storms come, we learn to be led by Him. And as we bend and trust God, we learn to do and work His will.

Self-denial goes against our desires and will. Self-denial is the perfect factor to a happy life in God. Self-denial molds us into the image of Christ... for He even denied his own desires! Jesus also asks for self-denial because, it keeps us out of the way. It sharpens our desire to know Him greater. Simply put, it helps us do His will, His way. Jesus made this statement, "What I see the Father do, I do likewise." Jesus prayed and kept his will out of the way, so He could hear what the Spirit says and will of Father wanted to do. Then, He could obey and do the will and work of God. Jesus did not operate his own will, but the Fathers! God will use us if we are obedient to His plan. Being used of God should be every person's desire, but one must understand that there has to be a time period of sitting and "learning" of Him. *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.(Galatians 5:24)*

## **Sow in Tears; Reap in Joy**

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*Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes forth weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* (Psalm 126:5-6) We all go through hard times and sometimes sorrow, it feels like it will never end. When you are going thru a time of difficulties, Psalm 126 conveys a powerful message of hope. It tells you that God will turn your sorrow to joy and your tears to laughter. This encourages you to marvel at how God has helped you in the past, and trust God to do it again! That's faith life. Sowing is simply the work that has to be done even when there are things in life that make us cry. But there is a field to be sown (a burden to get the Gospel into the field of the world) If we are going to eat next winter we must get out in the field and sow the seed. You've got to go out with your seed even in tears, to scatter the seed and be willing to wait, and to wait upon God and let Him bring forth a harvest of blessing. Don't be afraid to sow even in tears, so that you'll reap with songs of joy.

William Booth the founder of the Salvation Army received word from his converts that they were coming home. They said, "We've tried everything. We've tried preaching on street corners, beating drums, passing our tracts, and nothing works." William Booth sent them a telegram that said simply, "Try Tears." Booth later said, My ambition is the souls of men." It was the priority and passion of Lord Jesus! Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost! And He did it through tears! As He looked over the lostness of Jerusalem, Luke 19:41 *"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it"* We need to see people like Jesus sees them! He saw people in their trespasses and sins! He saw people without hope! He saw people without direction! He is not willing that any should perish!

The spiritual law of sowing and reaping holds significant way in the scripture and it will help us live a fruitful life. *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.* (Gal.6:8) Your life is like a field, or a garden, every day you are sowing seeds in that field. Whatever becomes of your life, what becomes of you is first sowed in your mind and heart. When you make spiritual deposit by the word of God (good seed) into your heart, you will harvest "everlasting life". It refers to the overcoming life. We need to take the correct actions of making the investment into spiritual decisions and disciplines. *for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* (v.7) It's comforting to those who faithfully labor under difficult circumstances. Faithfulness in such situations will produce a rich harvest for our Heavenly Father always keeps His promises. Sow Righteousness... Reap Reward (Prov.11:18) Our choice is about God—His glory and honor is evident in our right decisions. There's reward when we press ourselves to sow righteousness. There are tears which are themselves the seed that we must sow; tears of sorrow is grieving over sins against God, our own and others, (repentance is the right kind of sorrow); tears of sympathy with people turn to idols; tears of tenderness in prayer. Learn to sow steadfastly.

When God does a work in your life, it brings glory to God and joy for us. *The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.* (Psalm 126:2-3) These verses remind us of our responsibility to tell others what God has done for us. Do you share testimonies of God's goodness with those around you on a regular basis? Look at verse 4: *"Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev.* The captives were back in Jerusalem, but there was still much work to be done. They needed to rebuild the temple and rebuild the walls. They faced discouragement from within and opposition from without. You may face fresh troubles each day, but God has fresh mercies for you each day to face them. Do you ever feel like your life is a desert? Spiritually dry and thirsty? Then you need to pray for God to restore you. Restoration begins with having the humility to ask for it. God says in Joel 2:25: *"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten."* Pray for God's full restoration and blessing. Ask God to pour out his Spirit in your life like streams in the Negev. We need to pray this not only for ourselves but for the church. This is a prayer for revival. The return from captivity for Israel was something only God could do. And in the same way revival is something only God can do. We need to pray for God to open the floodgates of heaven and to pour out his blessing on the church in these last days. God is working and waiting through us. It's God's miracles and God's providence.

Did you know that God keeps a record of all your tears? Psalm 56:8 says: *"You have kept count of my lament; put my tears in your bottle; Are they not in Your book?"* In a difficult time, David is expressing a deep trust in God—God will remember his sorrow and tears and will not forget about him. David is confident that God is on his side. He says in the midst of troubling time, "This I know, God is for me" and "In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" God remembers all the things that happen in our lives, including the suffering endured for His sake. God keeps track of all your tears, and one day He will share His joy with us, He will wipe the tears of joy from your eyes.

Let us learn to give thanks to the Lord by being faithful to His promises whose ways are the ways of pleasantness, and whose paths are the paths of peace. Who are those sang a new song before the throne of God in heaven? (Rev.14) They are overcomers who have trust in the Lord always through trials, temptation and affliction and have come into the Lord's glory and His presence, sung songs of Zion. Mount Zion represents the place where God will dwell with His holy people. Psalm 126 is a song that looks back to when the captives returned to Jerusalem. They had suffered so much, and now they suddenly found themselves back in the beloved city of God. God had delivered them and lets them taste of the sheaves which they have reaped. Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning. (Psa30:5) And one day we will leave all the sorrows of this world behind for the eternal joys that await us in heaven.



In Revelation 14, John sees a vision three angels (messenger of God) flying in mid-heaven and records their messages after victorious the Man-child rapture.(v.1-5) The first angel "*had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation, tribe, language and people*"(v.6) The angel proclaim the everlasting gospel to the whole earth with the good news of God's salvation that is an eternal message, and prediction of something that will happen in tribulation. God will give all of mankind one last opportunity to turn from their sin and trust in Christ to receive His gift of eternal life before seven final judgments the seven bowls. The angel announces to all people "*Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water*"(v.7) The second angel announces the fall of Babylon the Great. Babylon means: a false god, city of confusion. It is used as symbol of a wicked religious and political system. The third angel warns those who worship beast and receive his mark will be severely punished because Supreme Judge of the universe is near us. Merciful God is appealing to mankind one final time to reject lies and false teaching of Satan's confused, dangerous which is false doctrine of the Antichrist and his false prophet and respond to the truth of everlasting gospel of God. Eternal Gospel is proclaimed to everyone, because everyone is responsible to know God's eternal power and His divine attributes. Everyone will have to make a decision whom they will serve and worship. No one falls outside of accountability to the God Almighty who brought the entire universe into existence who is worthy for our reverence, praise & worship.

The judgment of the nations by the Lord will be with a warning. After proclaiming the eternal gospel, God will finish His work of judgment upon sinful world in the day of the Lord. Jesus will return in power and glory. His coming will be final manifestation of wrath of God upon a sinful world and puts down all unrighteousness. The rebellion of Satan, demons, wicked men is contained, put down and judged. The first tempt to sin in human history occurred in Garden of Eden thru serpent. Since then humankind has replaced One True God with various types of idols.(ROM1:21-25) We need to remember that we are mere creatures who must give an account of our lives to the righteous Judge of universe. Everyone must fear The Triune God, believe in Jesus Christ as the Lord of creation and salvation and worship Him.

In Rev.13:8 the inhabitants of the earth will begin to worship a world leader who is the antichrist. Rev.12:9 calls him the great dragon that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, who leads the whole world astray will deceive people by performing signs and lying wonders through his subtle power.(1TH2:9,10) All people living on earth will worship it, except those whose names were written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.(2TH2:4) Rev.13:14-18 tells us that the mark of the Beast is the mark of the Antichrist. In order to participate in the global economy will have to agree to satanically controlled world government and its false religion. When make this pledge, they will be issued a number (mark of the Beast). Without this number they will not be allowed to buy or sell anything. A person who takes this mark has effectively denied Jesus as his exclusive path to salvation and will be eternally lost. And will be forced to worship the image of the beast. We know that the content of the gospel of grace is to repent and to believe. But the content of the eternal gospel is to fear God & worship Him only. The nations need to fear God since time of judgment is coming and worship God as their Creator thru obedience, and experience in trusting Him as Creator of the heavens, and earth. *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.*(v.9-12)

At the end times the man of lawlessness is revealed, the Antichrist who will try to change times, laws, exalt himself, persecute God's people. "Peace and safety" is a delusion from the Antichrist. The false prophet makes people of the world worship him, other alternative will be death. It is as if the angel will testify to all nations that the Antichrist is not their creator, warn people not to worship beast. As such those who stand against God, surrendering to Antichrist, bows down before his image, receives the mark of his name or number will all fall down by plagues of God and be thrown into eternal hell fire. In Rev.18:4 tells us that terrible judgment is coming to Mystery Babylon, that we must come out of her so we don't receive her plagues. Verse 12 says *Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.* Who are God's people, the Jews who keep commandments and left behind Christians. Antichrist will set up an image in the temple as an idol and Abomination of Desolation will occur. But God's true believers will recognize the Anti-christ for who he really is and they will not believe the lie and refuse to worship his image being sacrifice their lives for testimony of Christ and die as martyrs. *They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives to death*"(REV12:11) They must persevere through in patience (or steadfast) in Tribulation by believing in the Lord like Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and stand firm to the end.(DAN3:16;REV2:10) There will be no true peace until the "Prince of Peace" Jesus Christ reigns.

Finally, a voice from heaven promising comfort to those who die in the Lord from now on. Verse 13 says, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from this time forth.*" The saints must therefore defend their faith and embrace their martyrdom of faith. The Lord Jesus will return to rapture the saints at the final Harvest. He will resurrect the saints who will have been martyred in the tribulation to defend their faith and for faithful witness. They are so blessed, that they will live with the Lord in glory of His millennial Kingdom and His eternal Kingdom of Heaven forever.(REV20:4)

*Then I saw the soul... for their witness to Jesus,..And they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

Where are you? Do you ever feel discouraged and dissatisfied? Do you ever have feelings of unrest and fear of the future? Does the thought of death and the hereafter haunt you? Are the issues in your life causing you pain and, therefore, you're unhappy and joy in your life is lacking? Would you say you're truly happy? - There is a way to have continual peace, joy and happiness in your life. You can lose all fear of man and what the future may bring. Even death can be made to lose its terror for you. You can know what it means to have joy and peace in your heart instead of fear and disappointment to wake up in the morning without fear for the day, knowing that God will take care of you and guide you each moment of the day!!! You may ask how all this possible? The condition of your heart is the key to having true joy. *Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*(PRO4:23)

If you truly desire happiness then desire God. Jesus said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give your rest"*(MAT11:28) *"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you"*(ISA41:13) *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near"*(ISA55:6) *If you search for Him with your whole heart, you will find Him"*(JER29:13-14) God knows all about you. He knows where you live; He knows your name. He knows the thoughts and the secrets of your heart. *For, what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*(MAR 8:36) *how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?*(HEB 2:3) *I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.*(2CO 6:2) Jesus is the way. *Jesus said. I" am the way, and the truth and the life"*(JOH14:6) *"I am the gate; whoever enter through me will be save. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand"*(JOH 10:9,14,27)

My Friend: I am asking you important question of life. Are you saved? (Saved from hell and get yourself to heaven) Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die? Bible teaches us that in order to go to Heaven, you must be born again. Jesus said in John3:3,7, *Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.*(from above) Spiritual birth creates spiritual life. God gives us a plan of how to be born again, born as a new creation into a God's eternal family.

God's precious gift of salvation extends to all of us. How to be born again which means to be saved? (right now, today) First, you must realize you are a sinner. As it is written: *"there is no one righteous, not even one" for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*(ROM3:10,23) *The wages of sin is death.*(ROM 6:23) *That if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*(ROM10:9)

God loves you and created you to have a personal relationship with him. "God is love"(1JO 4:8) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son(Jesus),that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life* (JOH3:16)*"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"*(1TI 1:15) He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.(1JO 2:2; ROM8:3) God demonstrates his great love for us by sending Christ(Messiah) to die for us while we were still sinners. (ROM5:8) Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Understand how my sins and your sins were laid upon Jesus as He died in our place when He became our sacrifices. Realize that Jesus loved you to bear your sin and died for you that we deserved to die, live the life that we have failed to live and to rise again as the head of a new creation.

My friend, "God...now commands all people everywhere to repent means turning away from sin and asking God to forgive us. Therefore, repent of your sins, humble yourself before God, asking Him to be merciful to you a sinner. Just pray: "Oh God, I come to You now. I believe in Jesus the Son of God, I confess I have sinned and failed you in many ways. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died for my sins on the Cross. I accept Jesus as my Lord & Savior. Thank you for forgiving me, saving me and give me new life because of Your merciful grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance. Believe and you will be saved. Salvation and eternal life is a free gift to all, those who will receive Jesus Christ into their heart. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Oh! What joy comes in when Jesus really enters your life? Do you realize that there is no death who accept, follow Christ? That when their lives end here, they go right to paradise to be with Him. After you are saved there are three things to practice daily for spiritual growth:

**Pray**-you talks to God. **Read** the Bible-God talk to you. **Witness**-you talks for God. Be baptized in obedience to Jesus as a public testimony of your salvation without delay; unite with a biblical/Spirit led church. Remain faithful till death.

If you strive to do your part, God's power will save you, keep you saved and enable you to live a victorious Christian life. Stand on God's promises. Remember that those who trust in God will find strength, deliverance, true happiness. Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.(ACT16:31) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."(1JO1:9) Those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God.(JOH1:12) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.(ROM15:13) Be content, God has provided to each one of us everything we need for life and godliness. This new creation, a new birth is a free gift from God, a gift from the surpassing riches of His grace. Human souls are so precious. Lord has plan for men to give hope. Receive the new born experience and spend eternity with Jesus Christ. God Bless you, Remember JESUS IS LORD!