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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

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## You Just Got Saved Where Do You Go From Here?

When you have been saved you have been freed from the fires of Hell, but there is more to the Christian life than just salvation from Hell. One must be saved and *converted*. To be converted is to be following God's commandments. Jesus said The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:29-31). What does obeying these two commandments involve?

Jesus spoke of our duties to God that fulfill the commandment to love God and love our brother. He taught us how to do that in ways that are not always the same

as we think they should be. In John 15:1-8 Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you...5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

God wants us to be perfect servants to Him, and in doing so we get the things we ask him for. If we are working for God, He will purge us and make us better for Him. If we are not working for God, he will remove us from his blessings and I would have to imagine we would then get our blessings from Satan. We can do nothing without Christ. But, one may ask, what exactly is it that I have to do to please God?

The Christian life comes in four points which can be likened to the four posts that hold up a cube house. As long as you maintain those four posts (or points) the house will not fall. If we are actively engaged in these four points, we can maintain our relationship with God and we can grow. God promises certain blessings for us, but I want you to remember: the martyrs of the Dark Ages were the most obedient Christians that ever lived and they were tortured and killed for it. The four areas I am talking about are church, Bible, prayer and soul winning.

<u>Hebrews 10:25</u> urges us **to go to church.** Church is where the pastor teaches us the Bible and how to live



(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher). There is a great amount of rejoicing over someone who gets saved, but does it end there? God has a lot of blessings for us in this life, and sometimes he does not have blessings, but in either way he does require a certain amount of service on our part. Soul winning, church, prayer and reading the Bible are an outline for our life service to God.

the Christian life. We can fellowship there and find our purpose for God. Church is where we can go to help others also with whatever needs they have.

In <u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> God taught us *to read the Bible*. The Bible is the Word of God and it was inspired by God even though it was written by man. In the word of God we learn about God, the history of the world, how to treat one another, the laws and many other things.

James 5:16 teaches us to pray. When we pray we ask God for things as well as worship and praise Him, thank Him for all we have and for what He has given others, confess our sins and pray for our leaders in America and around the world.

<u>Mark 16:15</u> teaches us **to go soul winning**. It is important for us to get the gospel to as many people as we can from friends and relatives to complete strangers. People at work should get the gospel off work time, and

we should be handing out tracts on a regular basis. Such is the nature of this newsletter—to go soul winning.

In order for us to have much fruit, we need to be exercising these 4 points, especially soul winning and inviting people to church. Our fruit is our converts. When we begin to do this for God we please Him.

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