

NEXT STEPS SOON AFTER BECOMING A CHRISTIAN●1

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After becoming a Christian, there are now some good things to do.●2 They can include the following:

- * Begin attending a Bible Church that has a good doctrinal statement and teaches much from the Bible - including how we live the Christian life and do evangelism; Attend a good Sunday School Bible class. (Avoid churches and groups that mainly work for consensus and the felt needs as seen by man.)
 - * Try to find a beginners Bible class that orients you to the Christian life and understanding the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. These can be called Boot Camp or and Orientation Class.
 - * Find someone to mentor and disciple you; one who has been a Christian for some time and knows the Bible and the Christian walk and is involved in ministry. This will help you grow in Christ.
 - * It helps to meet with a friend to study the Bible and pray together regularly. You can discuss the issues.
 - * Understand that God wants us to become Christ-like for now and for the sake of eternity.●3 Begin to pursue this course and avoid being entangled with world activities that impede this process. Avoid activities and relationships with unbelievers that can lead you astray.
 - * Key on living by sacrificial love, serving God and others. Love is central to the Christian life and one cannot become mature without living by love. Learn to love God as the first priority in your life and love others as second priority. Study 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. We cannot know God without living by love. We demonstrate our love by keeping God's commandments (John 14:15; 15;10)
- Matthew 22:37-40 - And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*
- * Make the commitment to use only the Bible to guide your life. Commit to going all the way with God even if others do not. Pursue becoming mature in Christ, living as Christ lived. (I John 2:6; Hebrew 6:1) It helps to present yourself as a living sacrifice and an instrument of righteousness each morning for God's purposes (Romans 6:8; 12:1-2). Ask Him to greatly bless your life.

1. **QUESTIONS:** You may e-mail me with questions.

2. **OTHER REPORT:** These steps are also included in our report: *Becoming a Christian*.

3. **MATURITY IN CHRIST:** To become mature in Christ, one must learn and live out: (1) worshiping, glorifying, pleasing, honoring, and obeying God; (2) living a godly life patterned after Christ's walk with the Father using faith and sacrificial love; (3) being involved in accomplishing ministry including evangelism, discipleship, building godly families, planting new churches, and reaching out to and helping the needy; and (4) learning and standing strong on the doctrines of the Christian Faith.

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Romans 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 12:1-2 - I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- * Memorize many Bible promises and use them to live by faith. (See my publication: *Living By God's Righteousness* for a list of promises.) *We gain revelation and more wisdom of the Bible when we walk by faith.* Appreciate that God will lead you into trials and testings so you can develop your faith.
- * As you learn subjects or topics from the Bible, write a doctrinal paper on them, using your computer. Then update them as you learn more.
- * Begin deleting bad and sinful habits from your life - live out repentance.
- * Pray to God for yourself, others, your church, and ministries each day. Give praise to God and ask Him to train you and direct your life. Read several chapters of your Bible each day. I suggest beginning with the Gospel of Mark, the first eight chapters of Romans, Proverbs, Psalms, and New Testament epistles.
- * Study only from the most accurate Bibles such as the King James and the New American Standard.●4
- * Begin reading a few pages daily of my report: *Living by God's Righteousness* available under Training on the web site. This publication has Psalms by which to praise God, Promises to memorize, Commandments to obey, the Attributes of God, the spiritual requirements for leadership, how to live by love, and some thoughts on prayer. Memorize the promises and other Scriptures.
- * Read my paper on *Eternal Security in Christ* to know that once one has salvation, one can never lose it. This will keep you trusting in God to keep you saved and not depending upon any works after becoming a Christian. Then you can rest more in God as He leads you to become mature in Christ.
- * Find a good home Bible study group and attend for learning the Bible and good Christian Fellowship. The people can be of good help to you.
- * Begin to support others in the ministry. Attempt to learn of the spirituals gift that God has given you for the ministry. As God leads, become involved in ministry.
- * Begin to attend Bible Study Groups such as *Bible Study Fellowship* and *Precepts Ministries*.
- * Ask forgiveness for wrong and sinful doings and attempt to say in fellowship with all others as far as it depends upon you. Confess your sin to God to restore any lost fellowship. The blood of Christ will cleanse you from all sin.

4. **BIBLE CHOICE:** This avoids learning error and misconceptions from Bibles that present mch interpretations instead of only translations from the original languages.

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1 John 1:5-10 - And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- * Begin to read the documents on my web site for more in-depth learning. Know what the future will bring.
- * Avoid sexual sin and immorality. This impedes your spiritual growth and God may discipline you. We can expect some discipline.
- * Be aware that world government can come at any time that will lead to many problems and to the Second Coming of Christ.