



STARTING POINT

STEP ONE - KNOW GOD

*THE THIEF COMES ONLY TO STEAL AND KILL AND
DESTROY; I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE,
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.*

JOHN 10:10, NIV



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OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:17-18

I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers.

Ephesians 1:17-18, *The Message*

YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONSISTS OF FOUR STEPS

1. _____

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'

Matthew 7:21-23

2. _____

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

3.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

Romans 12:6

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV

4.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:8-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

KNOW GOD

Who is God?

The one true God is the Creator of all things. His power and glory is beyond our comprehension, but we can know some things about Him. God is all-powerful, present in all places at all times, and knows all things - including the thoughts of our hearts. God loves us, wants to have a relationship with each of us, and assures us that if we put our trust in Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, we will have eternal life.

What is sin?

Sin is the natural result of our sin nature, a condition of our spirit caused by mankind's disobedience. Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

What Should You Do?

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN:

1. _____ that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

2. _____ that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose from the dead and is alive today.

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10, NLT

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

3. _____ God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Our relationship with God is not restored by anything we do but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. _____ Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the Lord of your life.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

John 1:12-13, NLT



YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMPLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD:

“Dear Jesus,

Thank you for creating me and loving me even when I’ve ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life. I confess that I am a sinner, living life my way instead of yours, with a heart far from you. I ask you to forgive me and to heal my heart. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. I confess you as my Lord and receive you as my Savior. I believe you are alive. Now help me to live for you as you died for me. I accept your free gift of salvation and pledge to live for you.”

OUR CHOICES:

1. I can _____ or I can receive what has
_____ .

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

John 5:39-40

2. I can try to earn _____ or I can receive
_____ .

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

3. I can obey out of _____ or I can obey
out of _____ .

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Real Christianity is about more than just _____ ;
it is also about a _____ .

The difference between all other religions and Christianity comes down
to two words: _____ and _____ .

- Other religions: what we do
- Christianity: what God has done

WATER BAPTISM

We practice baptism by immersion in water, which is the way Jesus
was baptized and the way the Bible describes.

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out
of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn
open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.*

Mark 1:9-10

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

Who should be baptized?

- Every person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- At Calvary, we wait to baptize children until they are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism.

When should I be baptized?

- As soon as you receive Christ in your life.

BY BEING BAPTIZED IN WATER YOU ARE:

1. Following the _____ set by Christ.
2. Symbolizing your _____.
3. Declaring your commitment _____.

Water baptism declares _____ what has happened _____.

NEXT STEPS

If you haven't already:

1. Give your heart to Jesus to be saved.
2. Declare your relationship with Jesus publicly.
3. Complete the remaining steps of Starting Point.

Step Two - Connection. Community.

Step Three - Discover Purpose

Step Four - Serve Others

ANSWER KEY

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PAGE 11: religion, relationship; do, done

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