

steps for new believers...

Get a Bible in a version that you can understand.

Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Scriptures to read: John 3:3,5:6; Acts 1:1-8; Romans 8:14

Stay in a Bible believing church that is on fire and alive in the Word of Truth.

Scriptures to read: Psalm 1:2-3

Study God's Word and attend church.

Scriptures to read: Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 133; Romans 10:14

Pray & read the Word of God everyday.

Scriptures to read: Luke 18:1; Matthew 5:9-15

Learn that you are an heir to the Inheritance of God.

Scriptures to read: Genesis 17:1-3; Romans 8:17

Make God's way the only way you live for the rest of your life.

Scriptures to read: Matthew 4:4 / Acts 5:29

Do not be deceived.

Scriptures to read: Galatians 6:6-10

Know and use your authority in Jesus.

Scriptures to read: John 8:32-36; Matthew 16:17-19

Become a witness for Christ.

Scriptures to read: Mark 5:1-20



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Now that I am saved...

What's Next?

Congratulations on the best decision you could ever make in your life!

Since you've recently given your life to Jesus Christ, the Bible says you are a new creation. You have been born-again. Just as a newborn baby comes into the world and needs nourishment to thrive, such is the case with your spiritual birth—you need spiritual sustenance.

The following steps and principles will help you establish a lifestyle that allows Jesus to guide and direct your new life in Him. As you take time to do these things, God's plan for you will begin to unfold.

As a new believer, if you take these steps and establish these vital principles early in your Christian walk, you will become a strong disciple of Jesus Christ and you will live a fruitful, victorious Christian life. You will never regret this decision.

Welcome to God's family!

Pastors Kenneth & Shirley Lawrence

some basic principles...

•**Prayer** (talking to God) Prayer is the biblical word for talking to God. Prayer is communication between you (a child of God) and your heavenly Father (God). Prayer does not have to be in King James English in order for God to understand you. God created you as you are, and He wants to spend time communicating with you, His child. Go ahead and thank Him for the beautiful day. Ask Him for guidance in difficult circumstances. Most important, ask Him to give you strength and wisdom to live a life that pleases Him. As you open your Bible each day, ask Jesus to open your eyes and heart to see and hear what His Spirit says to you.

Scriptures to read: 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18; Philippians 4:6–7; Psalm 34:1–8; Luke 18:1

•**Study** (getting to know God) The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:2: . . . as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word [the Bible], that you may grow thereby . . . How would you feel if you had not eaten anything for three days? You would feel like passing out! With spiritual nourishment, the principle is the same. When you go three days without reading the Bible and spending time with Jesus, you are spiritually starving. But when you spend time with Jesus daily, you will be satisfied spiritually. Before going to sleep each night, ask yourself, "Did I learn something new about Jesus today? What promise did Jesus reveal to me today? How have I become more like Jesus today?"

Scriptures to read: 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:1–3; Psalm 119:9–16; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

•**Fellowship** (being with believers) Fellowship is just a fancy word that simply means to hang around or interact with other Christians. To illustrate this, let's picture a barbecue with red, glowing charcoal. If you reach in with tongs and remove one of those little pieces, setting it apart from the others, what will happen? It will go out! It will get cold! But if you take that same piece and place it back into the fire with the others, what will happen? Once again, it will take on the same characteristics of the other pieces. So it is with the Christian walk. If you surround yourself with other Christians and begin to share and pray together, you will not grow "cold" in your walk with Christ.

Scriptures to read: Acts 2:42–47; Philippians 2:1–4; Ephesians 5:19–21; 1 John 1:5–7; Hebrews 10:24–25

•**Witnessing** (telling others about Jesus) When you begin living your life according to the other three principles, you will be noticeably different. Those who know you will be able to see a change in your life. Witnessing, or sharing your faith, is simply telling others what Jesus has done to bring about that change. In Mark 16:15, Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Share what Jesus has done in your life. Give others the same opportunity you were given to live for eternity with Jesus Christ in heaven.

Scriptures to read: Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:14–16; Ephesians 6:19; Acts 4:13–21; Acts 10:42–43