

Now that you have believed in Jesus and become a Christian, what's next?



How to grow in your RELATIONSHIP with God!

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Congratulations! If you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins, and you have asked Him to be your Savior, you have become a Christian! Becoming a Christian, a child of God, is the most important decision that you will ever make.

Knowing Jesus Christ will give you a peace and hope that nothing else can give. You can be sure that God will always be with you and you will go to heaven some day.

There are some very important steps that a child of God must take to grow:

1. Talk to God about everything.....This is **PRAYER**
Philippians 4:6-7

You can pray out loud or silently. God wants you to talk to Him. Just remember **P-R-A-Y**.

Praise. Praise God and thank Him for who He is.

"I will praise you, for you have heard me, and have become my salvation."
Psalm 118:21

Repent. Pray when you have sinned (done something wrong.)

"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

Ask for others. Pray for others who need help. Pray for family and friends who do not believe in Jesus.

"Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray."
James 5:13

Your needs. Pray when you need help. Pray as you read the Bible and ask God to help you understand what He is teaching and telling you.

"Open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things in Your law (Bible)."
Psalm 119:18

2. Listen to God by reading the Bible.....This is **BIBLE STUDY**
Hebrews 4:12

God wants you to learn who He is and how we are to act. God gave us the Bible as a guide for you to live by. A good place to start is the book of John, located in the New Testament. Ask God to help you understand the Bible and teach you about Him and how to live.

"Your word I have hid in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 199:11

3. Go to church.....This is **FELLOWSHIP**
Hebrews 10:25

Spend time with others who know God personally. If your family has a church, go! If not, pray that God will lead your family to the right church for them.

4. Help others to know God personally.....This is **DISCIPLE-MAKING**
Matthew 28:19-20

Tell others about Jesus. You show you are a Christian by loving others and telling them about Jesus. Remember the verse John 3:16? Share it with others!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

5. Submit to God daily.....This is **OBEDIENCE**
John 14:15

Let God daily direct your life. Pray each day for God to help you do what He wants you to do.

To share Jesus with someone, just remember the ABC's...

ABC's to Knowing God Personally

"A" stands for Admit. Admit you have sinned and are in need of a Savior.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"B" stands for Believe. Believe that Jesus Christ died in your place and rose again to be your Savior-providing forgiveness for your sins.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, will not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"C" stands for Call. Call upon the Lord and put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior.

"Whoever will call upon the name of the LORD will be saved." Romans 10:13

After a person admits to God that he is a sinner, believes that Jesus is God's Son sent to die to pay for the sins of the world, and calls upon the Lord and puts his trust in Him, he is a Christian and knows Jesus as his Savior!

A sample prayer could be:

Dear God,
Thank You for choosing to love me! I know I am a sinner. I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. I believe He rose again and lives today. Thank You for Your amazing love and for changing my life forever. I put my trust in You. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Kids! Bring your family and join us Sunday mornings for church, and again Sunday afternoon, 4:30-6:00pm for Awana during the fall and spring.