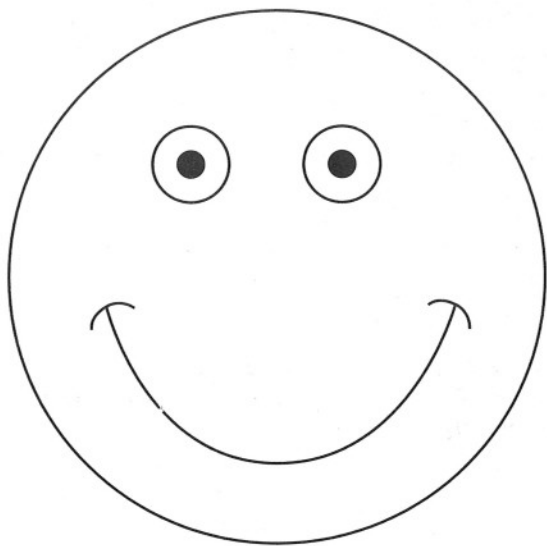


Hey!



I'm Saved!

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MY PERSONAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Name _____

Place I became a Christian _____

Date I became a Christian _____

Date I was baptized into a church fellowship _____

Persons who helped me know Christ _____

Date I began work in **Hey! I'm Saved!** _____

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

In your own handwriting, record your personal testimony, in as few words as possible, using Paul's testimony (**Acts 22 & Acts 26**) as your model:

- A. *"I've not always been a Christian."*
- B. *"Here's how God got my attention."*
- C. *"Here's what I did when God got my attention."*
- D. *"Here's how my life changed"*

Preface

You are important to God. He wanted someone just like you so He created you. Before you were formed in your mother's womb, God knew what He wanted you to be (**Psalm 139:13-16**). Consequently, no one can take your place before God.

He did not make you a robot, but God made you in His own image, which includes the power to choose. When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3**), his spirit died to God. Everyone born since Adam, including you and me, were born dead to God because of his sin. But God's love caused Him to send His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to earth. His death, burial, and resurrection for our sins is the Gospel message (**I Corinthians 15:1-4**).

You heard the Gospel and responded by making a decision to put your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Lord. Faith did not save you, but it brought you to Jesus who saved you when you acknowledged your sin of unbelief, believed that Jesus died for you that God raised Him from the death, and confessed with your mouth that you had trusted Him as Lord (**Romans 10:8-13**).

You are saved. Your name is written in Heaven's book (called the Lamb's Book of Life), the Holy Spirit lives in your spirit, and you will go to Heaven when you died, not to Hell. Your spirit, which was dead to God, is now alive to God. You have been born again and have new life.

You have made life's most important decision. You now need to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (**I Peter 3:18**). The purpose of *Hey! I'm Saved!* is to help you get started right! Each study is important. Take your time. Meditate or think through each Scripture. If there is something you don't understand, contact me directly or talk with your pastor.

Congratulations! Welcome to the Family of God! Be faithful in sharing with others what you have done because God's way is for each of His children to be a witness.

Yours in Calvary love,

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Spiritual Warfare
The Model Prayer
Upper Room Discourse

Chapter 1 - Assurance

THAT'S



GRRRREAT!!!

BUT --- are you SURE you are saved?

1 John 5:13 - These things are written that ye may know that ye have eternal life.



- .. Well, I guess soYou should know so!
- .. Well, I think so.....You should know so!
- .. Well, I hope so.....You should know so!

BE SURE YOU'VE DONE WHAT GOD SAYS TO DO!

GOD SAYS: **John 1:12** - But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

Romans 10:9 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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

Answer These Questions:

1. Have you asked Jesus to come into your life and forgive you of your sins? _____
2. Did you mean it? _____
3. Can God lie? _____ (NO!)

If you said YES to the first two questions God says you are SAVED! (Read the scriptures)



If you are saved NOW then you will ALWAYS be saved!

John 10:27-29 - *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me, and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father which gave them Me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.*

Check the things that will help save you:

- _____ 1. Being good
- _____ 2. Being baptized
- _____ 3. Going to church
- _____ 4. Going to church every Sunday
- _____ 5. Not getting sick
- _____ 6. Taking an apple to the teacher every day

ANSWER: ***NONE***

Nothing you do can help save you.
You must trust Jesus to do it all!



Now that you are saved, the devil will try to trick you and make you doubt that you are really saved.

BUT REMEMBER —————> God Can't Lie!

Chapter 2 – Church Membership

OK

I KNOW I'm Saved...

...what do I do NOW?



1ST



You should join a church that teaches the Bible, and that teaches you to be saved. Usually, the best church to join is the one where you learned how to be saved.

But How do I join the church?



At the end of each church service the Pastor has a time when he invites you to come forward. Go forward then and tell him you have been saved and want to join the church. He will take care of the rest.

That's Easy!



Once you become a member of a church you should try your very best to attend each service, every week (Sunday school, morning service, evening service, Wednesday prayer meeting).

Chapter 3 - Baptism

2ND

You should be **BAPTIZED**



What's that?

BAPTISM is a picture of what happens when you are saved.

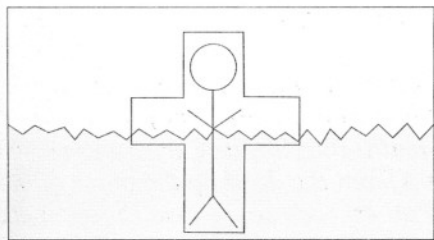
The pastor takes you into the water, and then very gently and carefully dips your whole body under the water and raises it back up, holding his hand over your mouth and nose.

If it is picture -
What does it show?



Here's What It shows:

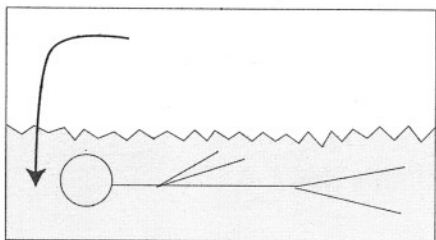
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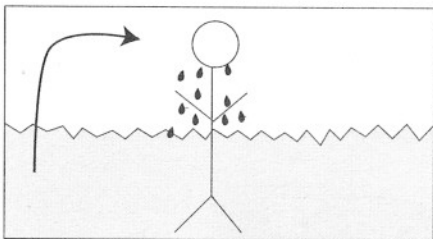
Jesus - died for your sins on the cross

You - are turning from your sinful way of life, and dying to yourself

Step 2



Step 3



That's neat!

Jesus - was buried in the grave for three days and three nights.

You - are burying your old life. All your sins (past, present and future), were forgiven when you were saved!

Jesus - rose from the dead and is alive today, living in heaven!

You - your life no longer belongs to you. It belongs to GOD! You want to let Him live it for you now because He can do a much better job of it than you can!

Acts 8:36-38 - *And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*



Colossians 2:12 - *Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised Him from the dead.*

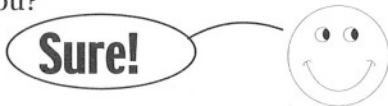
Romans 6:4 - *Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Chapter 4 – Spiritual Growth

You are a little baby!



That's right! When you were saved you were born into God's family as a little baby! Little babies can only grow up if they get the right kind of food. You want to become a grown-up Christian, don't you?



Well then, you have to have the right SPIRITUAL FOOD to grow up spiritually and become an adult Christian.



YOUR SPIRITUAL FOOD:

1. ***BIBLE READING***
2. ***PRAYER***
3. ***CHURCH ATTENDANCE***

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT:

Bible Reading?

1 Peter 2:2 - *As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.*

Psalm 119:9 - *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse His way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.*

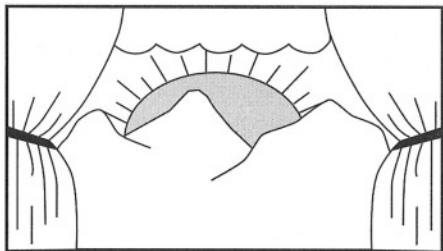
God speaks to you as you read His Word (the Holy Bible). When God saved you, from then on, He wants to use your life. Your life becomes His! The only way to know what He wants you to do then is let Him talk to you and tell you.

PICK YOUR FAVORITE TIME TO READ THE BIBLE:

It may be in the morning
when you get up...

Proverbs

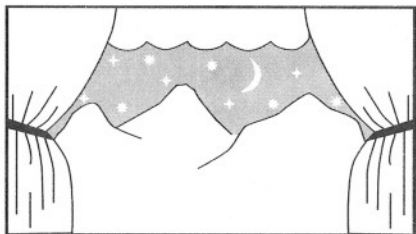
30:5 - *Every word of God is pure*



Luke 4:4 - *and Jesus answered him, saying, It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

...or it may be at night
before you go to bed.....

Romans 10:17 -
*So then faith
cometh by hearing
and hearing by
the Word of God.*



..... read at the SAME time EVERY day

Note: The scriptures in **Hey! I'm Saved!** are from the KING JAMES TRANSLATION. If you have trouble understanding KING JAMES, talk to your pastor about other translations. Choose one that you understand.

**BE SURE YOU READ THE BIBLE
EVERY DAY!**

This is important for you to keep growing strong!

P.S. When you find out what God says to do -- do it!

James 2:20 - *Faith without works is dead!*

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT:

2. Prayer?

I Thessalonians 5:17 -
Pray without ceasing


Philippians 4:6 - *Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

God speaks to you through the Bible. You speak to God through PRAYER.



How do you pray?

You pray and talk to God just like you talk to your friends. God is now your closest and best friend! Does it hurt you when your friends don't talk to you? Well, it hurts God, too. He wants you to talk to Him.



When does God want me to talk to Him?

All the time! The Bible says to pray without ceasing. No matter where you are, you can talk to God out loud or silently. Tell Him about your problems, no matter how small they are. He's listening and wants to help! [Note: It's a good idea to have a special prayer time at the same time you read your Bible. Start each day with God.]

Psalms 5:3 - *My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.*

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT:

3. Church Attendance?

Acts 2:1 - ...they were all with one accord in one place.

Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

John 20:19 - The same day at evening, being the first day of the week...came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

After you join a church you need to try the best you can to attend each service.

Sunday → Sunday school
Morning service
Evening service

4 Wednesday → Prayer meeting

There are 4 good reasons to go for each service:

1. You will learn much about the Bible from the pastor as he preaches.
2. You will meet Christian friends and be able to talk with them more often. We call this fellowship.
3. You will gain spiritual strength to help you be a strong Christian through the week.
4. MOST IMPORTANT! → GOD SAYS TO DO IT!

Chapter 5 – Witnessing

**now...
BUT!!**

We've talked about some things that are very important to you as a new Christian!

There is still much more!

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT:

Witnessing?



**That sure is
a big word!**

Yes, it's a big word, but it simply means:
Tell everybody else about Jesus and what
He did for you!

Acts 1:8 ...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

Mark 1:19 - Howbeit Jesus suffered Him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.


God lives in you now! The only way He has of speaking to others, unless they read the Bible, is through you. He wants to use your life in two ways:

1. To make it happy for you.
2. To let other people know that He wants to save them like He saved you.

God used someone to tell you about Jesus. Now He wants you to tell someone else.



**Have you heard
that God loves you?**



**Have you ever
been saved!**



**Jesus saved me
this week!**

Chapter 6 – Separation

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT: *Deciding Right from Wrong?*

Now that you are saved, you belong to God. You are a child of God! (**John 1:12**). God wants His children to be good and do the things that are RIGHT. It makes God very sad when we keep sinning and doing wrong.



I want to please
God

But how do you know
what is right?



If you think something might not be right, ask yourself these questions:

1. Does the Bible say it is wrong? If you don't know, find out!
I Thessalonians 5:22 - *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*
2. Would it bring praise or glory to God?
I Corinthians 10:31 - *Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*
3. Would Jesus do it? **I Peter 2:21** - *...Christ also suffered for us, leaving me an example, that ye should follow in His steps.*
4. Would you like the Lord to find you doing it when He returns? **I John 2:28** - *And now little children, abide in Him, that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.*
5. Does it bother your conscience to do it? Remember, God lives in you now. Your body is His temple (or house).
I Corinthians 6:19 - *What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
6. Remember, you are a child of the King! Would it be proper conduct for the child of a King?
7. Would there be a chance that it would keep someone from getting saved, or cause a saved person to do something wrong, or hurt his faith in God.
8. Is there any doubt in your mind?
If you doubt it, don't do it!

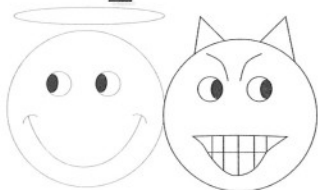
That will solve
a lot of problems.



Chapter 7 – Temptation

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT:

Temptation?



Temptation - wanting to do something you know is wrong.

Many times, especially when we are first saved, we still want to do things we know are wrong. This hurts God, and makes Him very sad when we want to keep doing something wrong.

But Guess What??

Jesus said “...ALL POWER IS GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH - **Matthew 28:18**. Since Jesus is now living in you, He will give you power to get rid of your temptation!



- 1** ■ You must want to get rid of it. Pray that God will take away the evil desire from your heart.

- 2.** Find three or four scriptures in the Bible that talk about your temptation, and help you overcome it.

MEMORIZE THESE!

Galations 5:16, James 1:13-14

- 3.** Thank God every day for giving you strength to overcome the temptation.
- 4.** Do the opposite of what you are tempted to do.

When you do wrong at home, does your Daddy spank you?



Ouch! Yes!



This means he loves you and wants you to grow up right!

We are God's children and He spans us in different ways, when we do something wrong. (The Bible calls this chastisement.) His correction reminds us that God loves us and wants us to grow up right spiritually!

If you do something wrong, God will punish you, but don't forget! He'll always forgive you! All you have to do is ask Him.



I John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Chapter 8 - Stewardship



WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT: *Money?*



What?

IT'S ALL HIS!

Well, I've Got \$4.62 in
my piggy bank.



Yes, but God says that everything in the world belongs to Him.

Psalm 50:10 - *For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

God let's you use what is His, but He wants you to give Him back 10% out everything you get. (That's 10¢ out of every dollar and \$1.00 out of every \$10, etc.) This is called your tithe. You put it in the offering plate when it is passed on Sunday in church.

Leviticus 27:30 - *And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.*

I Corinthians 16:2 - *Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*



Then that
means we don't
have to worry.

God says He'll give you everything you need
(not want, but need).

I can give
a lot more
than 10%

When you give to God, you are really just giving Him what is already His! He wants us to be willing to do it. If we are willing to give it back, then He can give us much more!



Chapter 9 – Bible Study

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT: *Bible Study?*



Psalm 119:11 - *Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.*

I Timothy 2:15 - *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

As you get older, you will find opportunities to take Bible study courses. These will help you a great deal. There are also good home Bible study courses that you can use right now. Ask your pastor, or Sunday school teacher about how to get one from your church.

One of the BEST ways to study the Bible is to **MEMORIZE** it!

NO IT'S NOT!! → There is a
very easy way to
memorize!

**It's too hard to
memorize!!**





Pick out the verses you want to memorize.
(About five each week is a good amount to start with.)



Say each scripture verbatim, and where it is found

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

five times in the morning
and five time in the evening
for the seven days (one week)



If you stick to it every day, at the end of a week you will have memorized those verses!

Even I can do that!!



TRY IT!

Chapter 10 – Conclusion

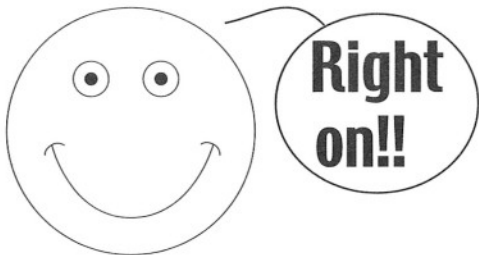
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God wants you to do!



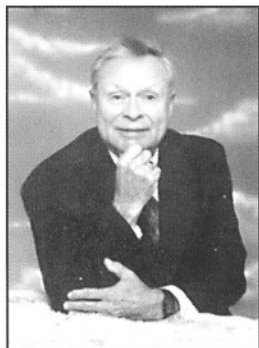
The only way a saved
person can be happy
is to know that he is
doing what God says to do!

Keep this booklet and read
it over once in a while, but
it's not enough just to read
about doing it...

...DO IT!



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