

The Christian Journey

The Invitation and Acceptance

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I. The Invitation from God

To become a protégé of Jesus, you must first trust Jesus Christ and receive His invitation to be saved. To be saved means to come into fellowship with God by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and establishing a personal relationship with Him.

The Invitation: Scriptural Foundation:

1. **John 3:14-19** - And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
2. **Acts 2:38** "...Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
3. **Romans 10:9** - "If thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."
4. **Revelation 3:20** - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
5. **John 1:12** - "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God even to those who believed on His name."
6. **Romans 10: 5-13** - "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [A] 6But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' [b]" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7"or 'Who will descend into the deep?' [c]" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," [d] that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." [e] 12For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord

is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13for, and “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

What Do These Scriptures Mean?

This means that by the grace of God you have come to this point and time in your life where you can exercise your faith in Jesus Christ and change the direction of your life from sin, shame, loneliness and ignorance, to a life of Hope, Deliverance, and Victory, through Jesus Christ.

Action: Here Is What You Should Do to Accept the Invitation

1. Surrender:

- a. *Admit your need (I am a Sinner).*
- b. *Be willing to turn from your sins (Repent).*
- c. *Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave (Faith).*
- d. *Pray and invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Let Christ in your heart).*
- e. Here is an example of a prayer you could pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I want to turn from my sins. I invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust you as Savior and follow you as Lord, in the fellowship of your Church.

Signature _____ Date _____

Action: Here Is What You Should Do After You Have Accepted Christ and Received Salvation

1. Trust God’s Word for Assurance

- a. *“For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Romans 10:13.*
- b. *“He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son has not life. These things have I written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God”(I John 5: 12-13)*

2. Deepen your relationship with God in the Newness of Life. By receiving Christ, we are born into the family of God through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in every believer; this is called regeneration or the “new birth.” This is just the beginning of a wonderful life in Christ.

- a. *Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.*
- b. *Talk to God in prayer every day.*
- c. *Tell others about Christ.*

- d. *Worship, fellowship, and serve God in a church where you will experience good preaching and teaching about Christ.*

3. Faith in Action as you grow in Grow in Grace

- a. *Develop a prayer discipline*
- b. *Reading Protégé, by Rd. Morrow, particularly chapter one*
- c. *Learn Bible Basics*
- d. *Attend a Beginners Bible Study*
- e. *Have a personal devotional every day*

4. Bibliographies

- a. *The Gift of Grace Part 1 Prevenient Grace*
- b. *Protégé, by Rev. Russell M. Morrow*
- c. *The New Life, Words of God for Young Disciples of Christ, By Rev. Andrew Murray*
- d. *Bible Basics, Compiled by Rev. Russell M. Morrow*