

YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Living in the reality of your salvation

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Introduction

Dear Saints,

Allow me to congratulate you for confessing, believing, and accepting The Lord Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. The Free Gift of Eternal life which He provides is now yours.

Contained in this book are profound verities or truths that are central to your new life in Christ, study and meditate on them earnestly. As you do so you will have laid an unshakable foundation for your life in Christ.

My Prayer for you is that as The Word of God permeates your heart, you will be enlightened to your glorious life in Christ. Welcome to the best days of your life. God bless you abundantly in The Name of The Lord Jesus.

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1

Welcome to your new family

"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. "Galatians 3:28-29 NLT

Welcome to your new family in Christ. This family is the family of faith comprised of all who believe and have confessed The Lord Jesus as Lord and Saviour. I call it the family of the Victorious in Christ. From the scripture above you can see that your new family is global, your geographical location, tribe, and tongue are now " In Christ " We all are United by one name, The Name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Now that you are part of this Triumphant family in Christ, it's imperative to quickly acquaint yourself with the culture and the life of your life and new home. Welcome to the best days of your life where thriving comes divinely. Let's get started.

2

You are a new creation

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Now that you are in Christ i.e. having received the Eternal life of God, you are NOW a new creation, the old you no longer exists. The scripture above refers to "old things" that expression signifies your old life before accepting The Lord Jesus as Lord and Saviour. There is no trace of that life in you. Your body may look the same, you will still speak the same dialect but Your old life has been supplanted. Hallelujah!

The other expression to take note of is the later part of the same verse is, "all things have become new ". That phrase isn't referring to tangible matter, it's referring to your new life in Christ. This means all that concerns you is made new. You are a new creature, one that never existed before. So do not allow anyone or anything to remind you of the old life. Just like it is futility to try to explain to a newborn baby things of past years, they know nothing about it, they have no memories of the past they never experienced. The same is true about your new life in Christ. Glory to God !!! Welcome to your new family, the family of new creations in Christ Jesus.

"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 NKJV

The scripture above is a conversation that took place between The Lord Jesus and Nicodemus. In that verse 3 The Lord says unless a man is born again he can not see the kingdom of God. Let's examine where it says " he can not see the kingdom of God ". Dear saint this is not referring to one's optical ability, The amplified version shades more light on it:

"Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God." John 3:3 AMPC

Pay attention to the words in brackets (Know, be acquainted with, and experience). These words speak of the benefits of being part of The Kingdom of God. Let's for instance take the expression " experience ", this means to come in touch with something or someone. Now then " experiencing or seeing " the Kingdom of God refers to the benefits you have come in contact with courtesy of the eternal life you NOW have in Christ. Hallelujah! You are NOW a member

of God's Kingdom. Welcome to God's
Family, His Kingdom of which you are
NOW part of. Hallelujah!!!!

3

You are a child of God

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13 NKJV

As a born-again Child of God, it's imperative for you to NOW know that God has given you the power and privilege to be His Son or Daughter. This is big !!! Allow this to sink in and settle in your spirit. You are a product of God's Will, your salvation is not accidental but divinely orchestrated with the end in God's mind, to make you a child of God, which you are NOW.

Dear saint you are a CHILD OF GOD !!! It may not feel like but the more you meditate on this fact the more of a reality it becomes to you.

" For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26 NKJV

Considering the scripture above we can see and conclude that our faith in Christ has transmogrified everyone who believes in The Lord Jesus into the sons of God. That means completely changed into a new nature. You are indeed a son or daughter of God. Keep living by faith.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

I John 3:1 NKJV

Behold means "look and observe or pay attention. Look at the love The Father has bestowed upon us, that He has honoured us or gifted us with this inexplicable as a result we are now called the Children of God. What a privilege brothers and sisters.

4

You are justified

"who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification." Romans 4:25 NKJV

**• "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"
Romans 5:1 NKJV**

With great joy, I want to call your attention to the scriptures above. The first passage says The Lord Jesus was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification." In Christ's resurrection is our justification. Now then what does that word "justification" mean? It means to be declared not guilty. Not guilty of what? You may wonder. Not guilty of all the sins that had you in bondage. As far as God is concerned you are not guilty because The Lord Jesus took the sins of the world upon Him, yours included when He died on the Cross. Hallelujah!!!!

The second scripture says having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, I would love to consider the rendering of that passage in the New Living Translation (NLT) version of The Bible. Look at it,

**" Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."
Romans 5:1 NLT.**

Pay attention, particularly to the second part of that passage. " we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us". Isn't that amazing !!! Your relationship with The Father is restored because of what The Lord Jesus has done for us. Note it says " He has done " This is a done deal or a settled matter. Hallelujah!!! The Lord Jesus has brought peace between the new creature and God The Father. As long as we have faith in His Finished work on the cross we are declared not guilty. Dear saint, you are JUSTIFIED!!!

5

You are delivered

"giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:12-14 NKJV

Now that you are born again, it's important to know and understand that you are delivered. To be delivered means "to be set free ", it means you have been set free from the influence of the devil and his demons. Note what the scripture says, He has delivered us from the power of darkness into The Kingdom of The Son of His Love. The power of darkness also means the influence of the darkness. So The Father did not deliver you from darkness and left you to fend for yourself.

A thousand times NO !!! He made sure that you are part of His Kingdom for your eternal safety.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1 NKJV

Now that you know your deliverance is a done deal, the passage above encourages you to stand firm in the freedom or in the delivered state in which you now live. Don't be entangled or coiled up with the manners of your former life you are NOW under a different kind of influence, God's influence. Your place of abode is eternally changed. Now CHRIST is your abode. Child of God YOU ARE DELIVERED !!!

6

You are sanctified

"Sanctify them by Your truth.

Your word is truth."

John 17:17 NKJV

It was God's Will to sanctify you even before you were born again. The passage is taken from The Lord's Prayer in John 17. While praying for His disciples and those who would believe in Him through their word He made this remarkable statement. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." Now then what does " Sanctification " really means? Contextual to a born-again Child of God, It means to be set apart from the world for God's special use. It also means to be cleansed " Therefore when The Lord Jesus made that statement He meant The word of God would set His Disciples, you included

apart from the world. He meant The Word of God would cleanse and transform their mind in the newness of their lives(Romans 12:2) to see things and themselves different from the world. The Scripture below also communicates the same truth in 1 Corinthians 6:11

"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:11 NKJV

In the scripture above we see the Corinthians Believers being reminded (take note of the tenses) that they were washed, sanctified, and justified this is the reality of a born-again believer. They are washed from the filthiness of their past, set apart for God's Glory, and Justified by Christ's resurrection! Don't wish for it. It's already yours to freely enjoy. Glory to God. CHILD OF GOD YOU ARE SANCTIFIED

7

You are the righteousness of God

**"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II
Corinthians 5:21 NKJV**

The Lord Jesus never sinned, what the scripture means by saying He became sin for us is referring to Him taking our nature for the sole reason of taking our place of dying on the cross as a punishment for the sinful nature of humanity. This is what we can refer to as divine exchange. He took your nature and died on the cross, He gave you and me his nature and we became the righteousness of God in Him i.e. in Christ. Hallelujah! With this exchange done, we now have peace with God The Father (Romans 5:1) and we can boldly come before the Father and obtain mercy and Grace (Hebrews 4:16) CHILD OF GOD YOU ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST.

8

The Word of God is a gift to you

"as a newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby," 1 Peter 2:2 NKJV

The Word of God is God's greatest to His Children. As a born-again child of God, The Word of God should be of great importance to you. Your growth in this new life is directly connected to your intake or study of God's Word. Just like new babies in the natural depend on milk to grow so does the believer on the milk of God's word. Not studying God's word will hinder your growth. Start now with God's Word to make your Christian life worthwhile. Let's look at another scripture on this.

- **" So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32 NKJV**

Note that The scripture above says the Word of God is able to build up, yes The Word of God is God's spiritual building material, no one who is consistent in the study of God's Word remains the same. Every time you study God's word is like putting blocks upon blocks on your spirit thereby rising like an edifice. The latter part of that Scripture says The Word is able to give us an inheritance among those that are sanctified. Every one of your benefits in Christ is wrapped up in God's Word. Note that it says among those who are sanctified, you, beloved are sanctified in Christ. Hallelujah! Unless you unwrap God's Word you will never know what God Has for you. You have an inheritance it's wrapped up in God's Word, go for The Word.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13 NKJV

The beauty of The Christian life is that you don't depend on your ability to interpret God's Word in your life. The passage above says when He, The Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; that means He will enlighten and make you understand and most importantly He will help you apply what you study in your life. He will also bring to remembrance that which you have studied. (John 14:26). From the treasures deposited in your heart He will bring it forth when you need it in your day-to-day life. Once you go for The Word of God your life is on a flight from glory to glory.

9

Your fellowship with your Father

"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart," Luke 18:1 NKJV

As with any natural family, fellowship and communication is very important. The same applies to your new family. Fellowship with The Father is a pillar of your new life in Christ. The Lord in the scripture above is teaching us that we "always ought to pray". Note that He says "always ought to pray". That instruction does leave room for options. Start practicing prayer from the onset it will set you apart for a life of victory and perpetual relevance. The place of prayer is the place of personal fellowship with your father. It's there you get to know The Father at a deeper and personal level.

It's there where your heart desires and any burdens are laid before The Father. (1 Peter 5:7). As you pray, you also must believe and know that The Father is well able to answer your prayers. (Mark 11:24)

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Your relationship with The Holy Spirit

Now that you have a clear understanding of the facts and truths of your new life in Christ, it's equally vital to know and understand your relation with The Holy Spirit. As a born-again Child of God, you need to understand that God did not call you to his family and leave you to fend for yourself. Instead, He has come to dwell in your heart through The Holy Spirit. Let's consider some scriptures which cement this truth.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17 NKJV

The scripture above is a promise of The Lord Jesus to his disciples that He would send them The Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when the believers were gathered together in the upper room (Acts 2:1-4).

Note that He is called " The Spirit of truth", He is the one who reveals greater truths as you embark on this great life and journey. These truths are contained in The Word of God. The latter part of the same scripture says " for He dwells with you and will be in you." Remember The Lord Jesus spoke these words before the Holy Spirit had been given. Now that you are a new creation yours is different, He now dwells with you and He is IN YOU. This is your reality The Holy Spirit lives in you

" But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."John 1:12-13 NKJV

Everyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour has therefore the right to become His Children. Beloved you are a child of God. Greatly love of God Hallelujah! Isn't that Wonderfull? Your spirit has The Father's DNA. You and The Lord Jesus have the same Father (Hebrews 2:11). Let's examine more scriptures.

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"" Galatians 4:6 NKJV

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15 NKJV

The Holy Spirit in you makes The Father real to you, He enables your spirit to perceive and accept the fact God almighty is your Father. Note the similarity between these two scriptures quoted above. They both communicate the same idea e.i. The Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to know God as our Father. Without The Holy Spirit, we will never know or understand who God is to us. Thank God for the Holy Spirit for He leading us into all truth.

11

Speaking in other Tongues

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;" Mark 16:17 NKJV

From the scriptures above we can hear The Lord Jesus instructing His disciples about preaching the gospel and giving signs which will follow those who will believe in the gospel of The Lord Jesus. The scriptures say they will speak in new tongues. This is an ability given by the Holy Spirit as a gift to all God's Children. With this gift you can communicate directly with The Father (1 Corinthians 14:2). Note that the scripture says he (the believer) is the one speaking not The Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit only gives the ability but you must exercise that ability.

"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church."

I Corinthians 14:4 NKJV

When you speak in tongues you are also edifying yourself, to edify means to build up. The scriptures in Jude 20 encourage believers to pray in the Spirit thereby building themselves up in their most holy faith. In the beginning, you may not be fluent but the more you speak in other tongues the more fluent you become. Hallelujah !!! This is a divine gift unto you. Leverage this gift and many more gifts of The Holy Spirit will begin showing forth or manifesting in your life

12

You must be baptized

As per the scriptures, we believe that baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, or The Lord Jesus ordained it and commanded it. (Mathew 28 vs 19-20 Mark 16 vs 16).

In lieu of the scriptures above, as long as this age exists before The Lord Jesus comes back again, we are to be making disciples for Him by teaching what He has taught us, and baptizing them in the process. Therefore, water baptism is an act of obedience and submission to Christ's teachings.

How Baptism is to Performed

Baptism is to be carried in the name of The Triune God. This means immersing the believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Mathew 28:19: "Go . . . make disciples . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

There is a holy appeal to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to be present in this act, and make the portrayal true and real in what it says about the work of redemption. There's no salvation or newness of man without the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one God in three persons. When we call upon their name — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What Baptism Signifies

United with The Lord Jesus Christ

When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, our lives become united with Him.

Baptism symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It represents the dying of one's old sinful life and being raised to new life in Christ (Romans 6:3-4, Colossians 2:12).

The act of baptism will be a reminder of the fact that we have died and continue to die daily to sin and have been born anew in Christ.

Public Declaration of faith in Christ.

Water Baptism is a public declaration of one's faith in The Lord Jesus Christ and a commitment to following him. It is a testimony to the Christian community and the world (Acts 2:41, 8:12). The Lord Jesus taught his disciples the importance of living the faith in public as well as in private. He challenged his disciples to confess their faith before others and to walk before others as his disciples (Matthew 10: 32-3; 16: 13-17, 24). The nature of baptism is that of a public act.

A Celebration of New Life in Christ

Acts 8 v26-40 the Ethiopian after hearing The Word of God was Baptized by Philip right there on the side of the road without any delay, this was a celebration of new life and the profession or declaration of his faith in Christ. .

Likewise, baptism represents our death to the old life of sin and our new birth into resurrection life and freedom from bondage to sin: "Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was .

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin" (Romans 6 vs 5-7).

13

Your relationship with other believers

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NKJV

Everyone who believes in The Lord Jesus as Lord and Saviour has been baptized into the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is The Church which The Lord Jesus Prophesied about in (Mathew 16:18). The Lord Jesus is The Head of His Body or His Church (Colossians 1:17-18). The Holy Spirit is The One who baptizes us into the Body of Christ. Our membership was made possible by The Holy Spirit, making us all " ONE IN CHRIST".

It is therefore important to understand that you belong to The family of God, The Body of Christ, The Church.

- "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

The Church is a place of your growth. Note that the scripture calls believers to stir up one another in love and good work. This only be achieved when we regularly meet with other Christians. We edify each other as well as share in all the ordinances as prescribed in the Word of God. It's in The Church that you will discover the many gifts The Holy Spirit has gifted you with and find a platform to exercise them and grow to a new level. Find yourself in a Spirit-filled Church and start participating for your growth.

14

Stand firm in your faith

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

Beloved now that you are born again there will be times when your new life will be questioned. Your old friends and relatives may not take you seriously but remain steadfast and immovable. Consider the scripture above it says you **MUST CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIM**. What a great encouragement that is. It says let your roots grow down into Him, this means your foundation must be deeper into Christ. Just like the engenders, when planning to build a tall building they ensure that the foundation is deeper so it can hold and sustain the building.

As you read The Word of God, fellowship with other believers, and spend time in prayer with The Father your foundation is being established. That is how the Christian life is built. It also says let your life be built on Him. With your steady life, you are continually building your life on Christ. Look at the scripture below.

"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18 NKJV

Look at it, it says it shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. That entails from growth to growth. There is no limit to your growth in Christ. Hallelujah!!! What a life we have in Christ.

Now then let's go back to Colossians 2:6-7. This is what it says, Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, this means as you trust The Lord Jesus in your walk with Him, the more you experience His love and grace in your life. Remember it says "In the truth you were taught ". This means the growth of your faith is directly connected to what you are taught. That is why it's imperative for you to be in a Bible-believing and teaching Church, without this your faith will be limited.

Let us consider another scripture.

"Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. "But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."

Hebrews 10:38-39 NKJV

The scripture above is teaching us the importance of not drawing back. The scriptures say " But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." Note that this is quoted words of The Father Himself speaking. He has no pleasure in those who draw back.

which means you will believe until the coming of The Lord. Beloved keep holding on your redemption is near. Beloved You have a new life in Christ keep living in the reality of who you are