

# I'm Saved — What Do I Do Now?



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# Spiritual Birth Certificate

I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ today, and today I am saved. I repented of my sins and asked God for forgiveness. I am not ashamed to say that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

*Romans 10:9-10 tells us "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." NKJV*



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## Letter from Pastor Thomas

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and congratulations on your decision to live “A Brand New Life!”

We at Love and Faith Christian Fellowship Ministry would like to welcome you into the family of God. Whether this is the first time you have received salvation, or if you are rededicating your life to Jesus, this is a rewarding lifelong journey.

As a new believer in Christ, you may have some questions about your new life such as, “What does all this mean, or now what?” Well, be encouraged because there are answers to these questions. To help you gain some understanding and build a firm foundation in this new life, we invite you to attend the New Converts Class. Whether you attend this church or another church body is not important. What is important is that you attend a body of believers that is hearing and obeying the Voice of God. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact the church office at 336.632.0205.

We will continue to pray for you as you begin your new life and believe God with you that He will meet your needs.

May God bless you as you seek His direction for your life.

In His Service,

  
Michael Thomas, Pastor

# Assurance of Salvation





## **ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**

Based on the word of God, if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you are saved. If you believe that, in the sincerity of your heart, then you can be assured of your salvation.

Salvation is not based on your feelings or emotions. Salvation is based on the word of God. Remember, your flesh did not get saved. As you grow and mature spiritually into a disciple of Jesus Christ, you will be able—with the help of the Holy Spirit—to bring the flesh under subjection.

You have received forgiveness of your sins, the free gift of salvation, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Never doubt His love for you! You are now a child of the most high God—of the only true and living God.

God has a purpose and a plan for you and for your life, but you can only discover that through Him.



***If you ever find yourself doubting your salvation, read the following scriptures for reassurance:***

• **The simplicity of salvation** — *Romans 10:9-10* That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

• **Forgiveness of your sins**—*Isaiah 43:25* I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

• **Free gift of salvation**—*II Corinthians 5:17* Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

• **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**—*John 16: 7-8* Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

Although we don't practice sin, we do sin. God loves us and has told us in His Word what to do when we sin. According to the Word of God, we can confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

• **Confessing your sins**—*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.

# Water Baptism





## WATER BAPTISM

Now that you are saved, make arrangements to get baptized. Jesus commanded that we do so. No, baptism does not save us; however, once we are saved, it is God's will that we be baptized. Jesus even set the example for us. Baptism is a public acknowledgement and an outward act that symbolizes the change that has taken place inside of you. It symbolizes both death to your old ways and your new life in Christ. Baptism allows you to identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ because it symbolizes death to sin and the old life and resurrection to a new life in Christ Jesus.

### Scriptures RE: Water Baptism

• **Commanded by Jesus**—*Matthew 28:19-20* Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

• **Jesus, our example**—*Matthew 3:16-17* And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

• **Raised to a new life in Jesus**—*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.



# Baptism of the Holy Spirit





## BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now that you are saved, God has so many wonderful gifts for His children! The most important gift for those who are saved is the Baptism (or Infilling) of the Holy Spirit. He, the Holy Spirit is the most important person in the earth realm. We receive so many benefits, including our prayer language—which is also called speaking in tongues. The Word says that we shall receive Power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon us. If we are going to live a successful Christian life that God has designed us to live, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit. He has been described as the perfect gentleman and will not violate or override our free will.

***Ask the Father to Fill You Today with His Precious Holy Spirit.***



## Scriptures Re: Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- **Receiving His Power**—*Acts 1:8* *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
- **Speaking in other tongues**—*Acts 2:4* *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- **Speaking in unknown tongue to God**—*I Corinthians 14:2* *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*
- **Making intercession (praying) for us**—*Romans 8:26-27* *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
- **Building us up**—*Jude 20* *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost*

# He, the Holy Spirit





## **ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE YOUR LEADER AND YOUR GUIDE**

He, the Holy Spirit is our Helper, our Leader, and our Guide. Sometimes referred to as the Holy Ghost, He is the one who convicted you of sin, who drew you to Jesus for salvation, and He is the one who now resides within you, to lead you and to direct your life. There is no Christian life without the Holy Spirit. God never intended for us to live the Christian life on our own. We need to know the person living inside of us. He is the abiding guest, and He is with us until the end. The Holy Spirit is God as Father in creation, as Son in redemption, and as the Holy Spirit in the church. The Holy Spirit is our only connection to heaven, and He is absolutely central to the Christian life. You can develop to know His voice by spending time with Him through prayer and through reading and studying the Word of God.



## Scriptures RE: Holy Spirit & His Role in Our Lives

- **The Holy Spirit is our only connection to heaven.** —*John 16:13* *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*
- **The Holy Spirit is our guider in righteousness (right living) and in making decisions.** —*Psalms 32:8* *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*
- **The Holy Spirit is a person, our counselor and comforter, the abiding guest, and our teacher.** —*John 14: 16-18; 26* *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*
- **The Holy Spirit is with us until the end.** —*Matthew 28:20* *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

# Prayer





## **DEVELOP A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER**

Prayer — communication with God — is vital for the Christian believer. Talking to God and listening to Him is the way a believer fellowships with God. Prayer is both listening and obeying. Prayer is approaching God in order to ask Him to accomplish His will in the earth. All true believers are called to a lifestyle of prayer. Prayer for the believer makes our lives much more focused, efficient, and peaceful. Daily, spend time in prayer, talking with the Lord. Be sure to allow time for Him to also talk to you. Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. Enjoy His presence. This is one of the primary ways we develop our relationships with Him and develop to know His voice. It's about quality time with Him—not quantity. It is very important that we learn how to pray correctly. What Jesus explained to His disciples is a model or pattern for prayer. Include the following as a part of your prayer time: acknowledgement of who He is, adoration and praise for who He is, confession of sin, thanksgiving and supplication. As you grow and mature in Christ, your prayer life will become more effective as you begin to pray the Word and to pray in the Spirit.





## Scriptures RE: Prayer

- **Listening and obeying**—*Ecclesiastes 5:2* *Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.*
- **Effectual, fervent prayer**—*James 5:16b* *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*
- **The secret place**—*Psalms 91:1* *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
- **Acknowledge Him**—*Proverbs 3:6* *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*
- **Praise Him**—*Psalms 150:6* *Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*
- **Confess sin**—*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.*
- **Thanksgiving**—*I Thessalonians 5:18* *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*
- **Supplication**—*Philippians 4:6* *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*
- **Praying His word**—*Isaiah 55:11* *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*
- **Praying in the Spirit**—*Ephesians 6:18* *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit*

# The Word of God





## **DEVELOP A LIFESTYLE OF READING & STUDYING GOD'S WORD**

The Bible is the Word of God for the people of God. It is our standard. It is our guidebook. Every believer should let the Word of God be the only source of authority on which they make the decisions of life. A true believer listens, receives, and accepts the Word of God. The Word of God can transform any situation or person. The Word of God releases grace, power, and revelation into the believer's life. The Word of God is the sword that God has given us to fight against Satan, and the Word of God has power to bring revelation. It is very important for God to reveal Himself to us if we are going to know Him.

Spend time daily reading the word of God. It is your spiritual food. As you prepare to read and study the Word of God daily, select a time that works for you, and remember, it's about quality, not quantity. Start with a few verses each day. Begin with the New Testament Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), and be sure to choose a version you can understand. Before reading and studying, pray that God will open your understanding and that He will provide illumination of His word. Let God's Word do its work in you!



## Scriptures RE: Importance of the Word of God

- **Meditate on the Word of God.**—*Joshua 1:8* *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*
- **Study the Word of God.**—*II Timothy 2:15* *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
- **Grow from the Word of God.**—*I Peter 2:2* *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*
- **Fight against satan with the Word of God.**—*Matt. 4:1-4* *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

## Join a Local Church





## **JOIN A LOCAL CHURCH**

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church so that you may grow into a disciple of Jesus Christ. Going to church doesn't save us, but after we're saved, we ought to go to church. The local church is a place where you can be discipled and grow from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity through hearing the preached and taught Word of God, for the Pastor has been charged with feeding the sheep, thereby aiding in your spiritual growth and development. In addition, the local church can assist you in discovering your spiritual gift(s) and is a place where you can use your gift(s) in the service of the Lord. The local church is a place where you can fellowship with other believers. In addition, the local church is where you are to give your tithe and offering. Being a part of a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church is essential for your Christian growth.



### Scriptures RE: Necessity of the Local Church

- **Don't forsake coming together.**—*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.*
- **Shepherds who feed you**—*Jeremiah 3:15* *And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.*
- **For the perfecting of the saints**—*Ephesians 4:12-13* *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*
- **The tithe**—*Malachi 3:10-12* *Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the window of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for our sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.*
- **Faith comes by hearing the Word.**—*Romans 10:14-17* *And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

# Love and Faith Christian Fellowship



**Motto:** *The ministry where Jesus Christ is Lord and the People are Loved*

**Vision Statement:** *To equip the saints of God to do the work of ministry*

**Mission Statement:** *To effectively develop spiritual leaders by exemplifying the love and faith of God through the teaching of His Word and Christian fellowship*