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saying yes! to Jesus.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Saying **yes!** to Jesus begins with believing in Him. God calls us, we believe in Jesus and what he has done for us, and we are saved. Salvation is the miraculous work and gift of God for every person who believes and follows Jesus. It's also the beginning of life transformation. We're providing this packet to help you understand what it means to follow Jesus.

A NEW life HAS BEGUN...

The Bible tells us that those who become **Christians** become **new persons**. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone.

Even though you just said **yes!** you probably still have some **questions**.

This booklet contains a few of the most common questions we hear. If you have more, we encourage you to bring them to a pastor or a trusted friend who is also following Christ.

*“Anyone in Christ is a New Creation.”
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Question: HAS GOD FORGIVEN ME OF EVERYTHING?

Have you ever wondered, “**Can God forgive me of _____?**” or thought, “**I’ve done too many wrong things for God to be able to forgive. I’m afraid that I’m stuck with my past.**”

Answer: HE HAS COMPLETELY FORGIVEN YOU.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

This scripture passage tells us that no matter what we’ve done, God is both willing and able to forgive us of everything and set us free from all our sin - past, present and future.

Question:

DO I HAVE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE TO BE SAVED?

For many, salvation by grace through faith in Jesus seems too good to be true. Many people struggle with the thought that God must require more from us in order for us to be accepted as his sons and daughters, and to have a place in Heaven.

Despite the saying, “The best things in life aren’t free,” the Bible clearly teaches that, **the greatest gift the world has ever received was freely given.**

Answer:

JESUS PAID IT ALL.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

We could never do anything that would merit God’s gracious gift of forgiveness. He chose to forgive us based on his abundant mercy. All he requires is that we believe and follow him.

Question:

HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM SAVED?

Take a moment to answer these questions:

Do I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God in human flesh? (John 1:14; 1 John 4:2)

Do I believe that Jesus Christ paid for my sins by his death on the cross? (1 Corinthians 15:3)

Do I believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead to give me power to live a new life? (1 Corinthians 15:4; Romans 6:4)

Do I sincerely want to follow Jesus? (1 John 2:6)

Answer:

BELIEVE & RECEIVE.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“For as many as received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

If you answered **yes!** to these questions, we trust the Holy Spirit will provide you with the assurance of belonging to him.

Question:

DO I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GOD LEAVING ME?

Because we all experience disappointments in life, we might wonder if God will abandon us because we fall into sin, or that we will let him down by making bad decisions.

Answer:

“I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.”

Hebrews 13:5

JESUS SAYS:

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and He is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

John 10:27-30

This scripture assures us that Jesus will never allow us to slip through his fingers. We never did anything to earn salvation, so it makes sense that we can never do anything to lose it. It has always been an unmerited gift. The blood of Jesus covers all our sins, even the ones we have yet to commit. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, we become a **permanent** part of the family of God.

Question:

HOW CAN I CLEARLY EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL TO MY FRIENDS?

Even though there is a gap between us and God due to our sin, he still longs to be in a relationship with us. He still pursues us and his love for people has never changed.

Look at what the Bible says in John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son (Jesus), so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

Out of love and obedience to His Heavenly Father, Jesus willingly came to earth to bridge the divide between God and all humanity. There is no way for us to get to God other than through Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.”* (John 14:6)

Jesus became that bridge when he was sent by God the Father to live on earth. He was fully God and fully human, yet had no sin. Jesus willingly laid down his life and after three days, rose from the grave. In doing this he paid the penalty for our debt of sin.

Romans 5:8 says: *“God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”* This act of love required Jesus to lay down his life, to suffer death on our behalf, so that we can freely enter into a personal relationship with God.

Forgiveness cannot be earned. It is a gift.

Look at what the Bible says about this:

“He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life, through the Holy Spirit. He declared us not guilty because of his great kindness. And now we know that we will inherit eternal life.” (Titus 3:5-7)

Question:

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

CELEBRATE

If you haven't already done so, celebrate your new life in Christ by getting baptized. Baptism is the way God wants us to show others that we are following Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:38)

WORSHIP

Worship God with other Christ followers in a church where the gospel message is proclaimed. Each of our weekend services (Saturdays @ 5pm, Sundays @ 9am and 10:45am) offer vibrant musical worship and relevant bible teaching. More information about our services may be found at www.cpcdanville.org.

CONNECT

Connect with God by reading the Bible and praying so you can get to know him better. We suggest that you begin reading in the gospel of John (4th book in the New Testament). Prayer is simply talking to God.

Connect with others by joining a group (small group, men's, women's, etc.) or attending the next CONNECT event.

SERVE

Use your gifts to serve God and others. A great place to start would be here at CPC or in your local community.

LET GOD TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

The Bible tells us that our new life in Christ will be evident through the way that we live. Look at these verses today: Luke 6:42-45; John 13:35; Titus 2:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:15-17; Romans 12:1-2.

GO TELL SOMEONE

Go and share the good news! Tell someone close to you about your new commitment to Christ.

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