

New Life in Christ

The Believer's Guide to Victorious Living

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Introduction

Welcome to the family of God! The decision to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life is by far the greatest decision you could ever make. Today is a new day for you, and you are a brand new person in Christ. The sins and mistakes of your past have been washed away by the blood of Jesus. The Bible says in the book of 2 Corinthians,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Accepting Christ into your heart is not just a lifestyle change; it is a complete transformation. Your old life is gone, and a new life has begun!

This booklet will help you to understand how to live a victorious life in Christ. You will learn about your redemption in Christ, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, living in victory over sin, God’s will for your healing, and the soon return of Christ. Let’s get into it!

Chapter 1 Jesus Christ the Redeemer

Your current reality as a new believer in Jesus Christ is that you are *redeemed*. The word “redeemed” means *freedom through the payment of a price*. What price has been paid for you? The precious blood of Jesus on the cross. The Bible says in the book of 1 Peter chapter 1,

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18-19

The blood of Jesus was the only thing powerful enough to set you free. You might wonder, “What did I need to be set free from?” The answer is *sin*. In the beginning of time when Adam and Eve sinned, their sin spread to every man. This resulted in every person falling short of God’s glorious standard. Every single person needed a redeemer because sin came to every person through Adam. Sin separates man from God and makes it impossible to ever live a life that is pleasing to God. This is precisely why Jesus came to earth as a man, lived a sinless life, and had the sins of all humankind put upon him on the cross. He was raised from the dead and then seated at the right hand of God which signified the completion of his redeeming work. God loved you so much that he sent his one and only son, Jesus Christ, to pay the ultimate price for your freedom from sin and hell. The Bible says in the book of John,

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

When you decide to put your faith in Jesus Christ, confess him as your Lord, and turn from your old life of sin, you are *born again*. In Christ you are no longer bound by sin. You are washed in his blood and a brand new creature! You are redeemed!

Chapter 2 The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

After Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, he spoke something very important to his disciples before finally ascending into Heaven. In the book of Acts it states,

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:4-5

Jesus said that his disciples would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Why did they need the baptism of the Holy Spirit? The scriptures go on to say,

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

The primary purpose of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is **power**. Jesus did not intend for his followers to live the Christian life without power. That is why he commanded them to wait for the promise of the Father! Every believer is supposed to be endued with power! In the book of Luke, John the Baptist said,

“I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3:16

John the Baptist spoke of Jesus in this scripture. Jesus is the mighty baptizer in the Holy Ghost! As a new believer, it is important to know the difference between baptism in water and

baptism in the Holy Spirit. When you are baptized in water, it is a public declaration that you have died to your old life of sin, and you are raised to a new life with Christ. Going into the water symbolizes your death to your old life. When you come up out of the water, it symbolizes you being raised to new life with Christ! Baptism in the Holy Spirit, however, is a separate experience. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit whenever you accept Jesus into your heart at salvation, but there is a supernatural outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is available to every believer. After the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the believers in Acts Chapter 2, Peter said,

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39

The baptism of the Holy Spirit empowers you to be an effective witness of the gospel and to live a life of power over sin and the devil! You were not created to strive to live pleasing to the Lord as a Christian. When you are baptized in the Holy Ghost, you are given a supernatural ability to live as God intends for you to live on this earth. The baptism of the Holy Ghost gives you **POWER!**

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Ghost. It is a supernatural experience that is available to you!

Chapter 3 Victory Over Sin

Jesus died on the cross and rose again not only to forgive you of your sin, but also to set you free from the power of sin. Now that you are a new creature in Christ, sin is no longer your master. You do not have to obey the desires and lusts of your flesh. You can live in total dominion over sin now that you have a new identity in Christ Jesus! Check out this powerful scripture:

“knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” Romans 6:6

This means that when we are born again, our old sinful self has died. The life we used to live in bondage to sin is dead and gone. We are no longer slaves to sin! We can enjoy a new reality of freedom from sin! The Bible also says,

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

As a new believer, you operate under a new law now. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is what makes you free from the law of sin and death. Your spirit has been infused with the same life that God himself has. Jesus defeated the power of sin, and because you are in Him, you also have victory over sin!

As you begin to read the scriptures and understand your new identity in Christ, you will find that the old sinful habits that used to have a strong hold on you will begin to melt away. What begins to take place is a supernatural displacement. Your hunger for God will displace your hunger for sin and this world. The Holy Spirit will begin to speak to you about relationships and influences that must be severed in order for you to walk in purity. The Bible says in the book of Psalms,

***“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.”
Psalm 119:9.***

As you spend time with the Lord through prayer and reading God's Word, you will continue to experience victory over sin and a supernatural ability to walk in holiness!

Chapter 4 Jesus the Healer

Divine healing is included in the package of salvation. Jesus paid the price for you to be free from sickness and disease. The Bible says in 1 Peter,

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

As previously mentioned in this book, Christians have died to sin. Your old life of sin has been done away with. By the same token, your old life of sickness and disease has been done away with. Salvation and healing go hand in hand! Jesus Christ paid for your physical healing at the whipping post. By his *stripes*, or the lashes that he suffered, you have been made whole. His beating brought you healing!

We see in another scripture that Jesus suffered in order for you to experience divine healing. The prophet Isaiah wrote,

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:4-5

The original translation of this passage reads,

“Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains -- he hath carried them,”

Isaiah 53:4 Young’s Literal Translation

Matthew references this scripture during Jesus’ earthly ministry as many people were being healed of their ailments and infirmities. The Bible says in the book of Matthew,

“When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 'He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.'” Matthew 8:16-17

Why should you bear what Jesus bore for you? He took your sicknesses and your pains. The faith you used to receive Jesus as your savior is the same faith you need to use to receive Jesus as your healer! Jesus paid too high of a price for you to remain diseased, sick, and hurting. Receive your divine healing today by faith!

Chapter 5 Jesus the Soon Coming King

The Bible tells us that Jesus is currently seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. He is, however, returning to Earth to gather his saints at *the rapture of the church*. The rapture simply means the great *catching away* of the church. Jesus is coming for his pure and spotless bride and taking us to Heaven with Him! The Bible says in the book of 1 Thessalonians,

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

We must always live ready for that great day when the Lord Jesus returns for his church! The Bible also states,

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” Revelation 19:7

The best way to be ready for the return of the Lord is to live a life of faith and obedience to God’s Word. Live on fire for God and sell out to Him alone! The return of Christ will happen suddenly, so that is why we must always be ready and looking. Check out this scripture concerning the return of Christ:

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

The return of Christ is nothing to be afraid of for those who are living for the Lord on Earth. Jesus is coming soon to receive his bride! When you see the signs of his return, take heart because soon we shall be with the Lord forever!

