

# Now I'm Born Again, What Next?

## Congratulations!

You have found that there is more to this life than living and dying. Remember the date you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. You see, it has been three years since I made the decision to follow Lord Jesus and let me tell you, based on experience, life as a Christian is exciting! It was February 14, 1993 when I received Him as Lord and Savior and it was March 28, 1993 when I got water baptized in the name of Christ and I still remember the dates because it was memorable and my life has never been the same. You see as a student once, I know what it's like to make your own destiny. But frustrations lead me to believe that I was insignificant until He came along and showed me how special I am. Purity and holiness are words foreign to the youth of this generation--the Generation X but you see, you can really enjoy your life while being pure and holy to God.

**CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR.** Jesus already paid the price. There should be no more striving in order to please God so that we can have eternal life. No religion. No institutions. No amount of hard work can ever match the requirements set by God to escape the punishment for every sin that we have done and will ever do because Jesus already paid it in full when He was crucified. So you can be assured that every work that you do will be rewarded in both here and in heaven not that we can enter heaven but as a prize. Because Jesus, though He died he never remained dead. He lives physically and spiritually, preparing a special place for us all.

**CHRIST AS LORD.** The word 'Lord' means 'Boss' or 'Sir'. As our Lord, Jesus Christ must be obeyed 100% not 97% not 98%, but in full. Whatever sin that He asks us to give up we should freely give up, no ifs no buts. What if I fail? If we stumble and fail, we just need to stand up again and confess our weaknesses and then ask and believe God's forgiveness. You see being a Christian does not mean that you become sinless. But it means: growing Christians hate sin more and more. Don't worry the Holy Spirit will help you go through it all, with flying colors!

**THE WORD OF GOD.** It is only through the Bible we can learn more about God, the Lord Jesus and even our destiny. Although personal experiences and testimonies of other friends help us to know more about God, it is, however, very subjective. The Bible, on the other hand is not, and contrary to the belief of many, it is an 'open book.' It means it can be easily understood if you sincerely desire to know God, especially now that you have made the decision to follow Christ. The Holy Spirit is promised to help us understand what we need to understand. Anyway, at this stage you are what we call a 'baby Christian.' You need to do what babies do--drink milk. For new believers, the Bible is their spiritual milk but as they grow the Bible becomes their spiritual food, it becomes meat even. In order to grow you should read your Bible daily, starting from the **Book of John**. Set a certain time where you can devote it for knowing more about God. A chapter a day will do as long as you make sure you understand what it says on every verse. Ask God to reveal His word to you on that verse and how it can be applied into your life. Anyway, we will be there to help you understand should there be any questions. You have to grow so you read your Bible--daily!

**PRAYER.** Prayer is the sweetest form of communication. Because through prayer we can talk to God. Talking to God is much like talking to dad and our love ones. The key in prayer is sincerity, God knows our heart and our motives. He knows our intentions before we even come to Him to pray. Another key in prayer is concentration or 'focus'. When reading comic books or watching our favorite TV shows, we do not let anybody loose our concentration. When we talk to God, we also should do the same and not let our thoughts wonder. Anyway, you can ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray. The Lord promised that if we ask anything in His name, as long as it is according to His will and timing, and with the right motive we can be assured that it will be answered. No request is too small or too big for God. You may also ask God for good grades or pray for your mom or dad so that they will not worry often.

**FELLOWSHIP.** The Bible says 'bad company corrupts good character' you must associate with fellow believers at this stage so that you will be built up in knowing Jesus. You see how can we know God from people with tongues full of cursing. There are good Christian friends you can find and their fun to be with--I can tell! Taking part of a Small Bible Study Group (also called Cell Groups) will help you know Christian friends from Generation X.

**WORSHIP.** There are many Bible believing Baptist churches across this country where you can attend worship services what you just experienced is only one of the fulfilling parts of Christian experience--worshipping God. You see, thousands of mighty angels worship God in heaven and it is a privilege for us to take part in celebrating God's grace and provisions. In worship we give everything to God, even our songs.

**TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST.** Jesus said, "Whosoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in Heaven." (Matthew 10:32). Therefore, tell your friends and loved ones what He just did to you. You may start by telling us about it.

I wish to tell you more about being a Christian. We have several helpful tips that would help you grow in your personal relationship with God. Just click on the right-hand menu.