

I'm New

Class #2

What's Next



A. Three vital keys to growing as a believer and staying in the _____ of God:

1. Make a _____ commitment to read the Bible.
 - a. Don't read just to say you read it. Read to establish God's will and plan for your life.

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

- b. Think on how you can _____ what you read to your daily life.
- c. FACT: It is impossible to grow in your faith in God if you are not involved with His Word. (Rom. 10:17)

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. Make a daily commitment to _____ to God. (Matt. 6:11)

Matthew 6:11

Give us this day our daily bread.

- a. Prayer is simply _____ to and _____ to God.
- b. God is your _____. He wants to have "fellowship" with you. He wants you to build a relationship with Him, to know Him in a personal way. (1 John 1:3)

1 John 1:3

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

- c. God is your Father. He _____ to meet your needs. (James 4:2)

James 4:2

You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:2 (msg)

You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you?

- d. God is your _____. He wants to lead you in His good plan for your life. (Psalm 32:8; John 16:13)

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

- 3. Make a _____ to a local church. (Heb. 10:24,25)

Hebrews 10:24-25

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.

- a. God has a _____ in the body of Christ for you. (1 Cor. 12:18)
- b. You will flourish in your Christian life when you are _____ in a local church. (Psalm 92:13)
- c. God has provided ministry leaders so they can _____ you to do what God has called you to do. (Eph. 4:11,12)

B. Jesus said to make disciples of all people and baptize them. (Matt. 28:19)

- 1. You must first _____ Jesus as Lord of your life and then you can be baptized.

“Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’ Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.” (Acts 8:36-38)

- a. Some religions teach that a person can be baptized as a baby. This is not scriptural as there is no way a baby has yet chosen whether or not they are going to follow Christ. Jesus did not baptize children but instead put His hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)
- 2. When you are _____ as a believer in Christ, you are following Jesus in several experiences of His life. (Rom. 6:1-4)
 - a. His death.
 - b. His burial.
 - c. His resurrection.

3. The baptisms throughout the New Testament , including the baptisms of John, were all done by _____. The people all went down into the water and then came up again.
- a. Baptism is an outward testimony or expression of what has taken place on the inside of a person who has committed their life to Christ.
 - b. The water represents the grave where the burial took place.
 - c. In going down into the water, you become one with Him in dying as He did.
 - d. In coming up out of the water, you become one with Him in being raised to life as He was.

“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized...”
(Acts 22:16)