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Welcome to the Family of God

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A work illuminating what God desires from you now that you have accepted Jesus Christ into your life.

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DEDICATION

This work is first and foremost dedicated to **our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**, who gave His life that we might have eternal life and who commanded us to **"Go ye into all the world"** and share the Good News of the Gospel.

Secondly, this book is dedicated to **Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, Missionaries, ministry leaders, and every believer** who has answered the call to reach the lost and lead others to Jesus Christ.

It is especially dedicated to those who understand that our responsibility does not end when a person accepts Christ. **Salvation is the beginning of a new life, and new believers need to be discipled, developed, encouraged, and nurtured as they grow in their relationship with God.**

May this book serve as a simple but valuable tool to help new believers understand some of the foundational steps of their Christian walk and encourage them to continue growing in

faith, in the Word, in prayer, in fellowship, in service, and in sharing Christ with others.

And to every new believer who reads these pages:

Welcome to the Family of God.

Your new life in Christ has begun and there is so much more ahead.

INTRODUCTION

"Wow! This is where it all starts!"

If you prayed the Sinner's Prayer found in the following section, or a similar prayer, and sincerely meant it from your heart, you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. **You are saved. You have been born again!**

But salvation is not the end of your journey; **it is the beginning of your new life in Christ.** As you continue to live this newfound Christian life, there are some things God desires and expects from you as you grow in your relationship with Him.

That is the purpose of this mini-book: to help walk you through some of the foundational things God desires from you now that you have given your life to Christ. Let me be one of the first to say…

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

Throughout this book, we have taken the Scriptures and explained them in a simple and

practical way to help you understand what the Bible says and what God desires for your life.

From this moment forward, every believer you come in contact with is your brother or sister in Christ. Together, we are all part of the **Body of Christ**.

It is our prayer that as you read this mini-book, you will not simply read the words but begin to **put what you are learning into practice**.

Don't wait. Don't put it off. Start today!

THE SINNER'S PRAYER

Dear God:

I come to you now, in the name of Jesus.

Asking you to forgive me of my sins.

Make me whole again.

I believe in my heart that you, Father, raised Jesus up from the grave just for me.

I confess him now, as my Lord and Savior.

Live your life through me and help me live for you from this day forward.

And fill me with your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name I pray.

AMEN.

FIND A CHURCH HOME

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.

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

There are six things in particular that God is expecting from you as you begin this new life. As you mature, you will find that He requires more. The six things listed are simple, not hard and can be done by you.

The first thing God is now expecting from you as one of his Dear Children, is that you **"Find a Bible believing, Bible teaching Church to not just go to, but to join up with. Put your name on the roll."**

This is important because:

- It will be your spiritual home base where you will learn, grow, and come into spiritual maturity.
- It will provide spiritual leadership, guidance, and covering through leaders who will continually pray for and with you.
- It will be a place where you can develop relationships and fellowship with other like-minded believers who will encourage and strengthen you in your Christian walk.
- It will be the place where you can actively participate in building God's Kingdom, serving others, and doing charitable works.

Understand that there is a difference between attending a church and being connected to a church family. Attending means you are present for the service, but being connected means you are becoming part of a body of believers where you can grow, be encouraged, receive instruction, and be

accountable as you develop in your relationship with God.

Ephesians 4:15–16 [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— [16] from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

In other words, every believer has a place and a purpose in the Body of Christ. Just as the different parts of our natural bodies work together, God designed His Church to function as one body, with each member contributing to its growth and strength. Being connected to a local church helps you grow spiritually while also allowing you to become a blessing to others.

A Bible-believing church is important because it does not operate simply from a set of man-made rules and regulations. A Bible-believing church uses the Bible, which is God's Word to

us, as its foundation and guideline for what we believe, how we live, and how we serve God. Believe it or not, there are churches that do not use the Bible as their primary guideline for living.

Remember, you were not meant to walk this Christian journey alone. God has placed us in the Body of Christ so that we can grow together, encourage one another, and help one another become all that He has called us to be.

Don't just find a church to attend. Find a church home where you can belong, grow, serve, and become spiritually mature.

STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)
As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

The second thing that God desires from you is that you begin to read and study the Word of God for yourself.

Just as a newborn baby needs milk to grow and develop physically, a newborn believer needs the Word of God to grow and develop spiritually. **You cannot expect to grow spiritually if you are not feeding yourself spiritually.** That's why reading and studying the Bible must become a regular part of your new life in Christ.

This will require that you get or purchase a Bible (Old and New Testaments) if you don't already

have one. May I suggest that you ask the church where you joined to help you obtain a Bible? You are not necessarily asking them for money to purchase one, but rather for guidance on which translation to get, where to begin reading, or even whether they have an extra Bible for you to keep. I am sure they will be more than happy to assist you in some way.

Reading and studying the Bible for yourself is important because:

- You will begin to see for yourself what God desires from you and what He wants you to do.
- You will begin to develop a deeper relationship with God as He reveals Himself to you through His Word.
- You will begin to understand how to live a life that is pleasing to God, even while living in a world filled with sin.
- You will learn to recognize God's truth so that you are not easily misled by false teachings or the opinions of others.

- You will gain wisdom, understanding, and direction to help you make godly decisions in your everyday life.
- You will begin to grow in spiritual maturity as you learn not only to hear the Word of God but also to put it into practice.

Remember, reading the Bible and studying the Bible are both important. Reading helps you become familiar with what God's Word says, while studying helps you gain a deeper understanding of what it means and how to apply it to your life.

Don't become discouraged if you don't understand everything you read at first. As you continue to read, study, pray, and receive sound biblical teaching, your understanding will grow.

The more you get into the Word of God, the more the Word of God will begin to shape how you think, how you live, and the decisions you make.

Don't just own a Bible. Open it, read it, study it, and most importantly, live by it!

DEVELOP A LIFE OF PRAYER

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need.

The third thing that God is expecting from you is that you pray.

Prayer is not something that is deep and reserved for super-spiritual people only. It's simply communication or talking to our Heavenly Father in the name of His Son, Jesus. **I define prayer as open communication with God. You talk to God and then allow God to talk back to you.**

Just as communication is important in developing a relationship with another person, prayer is essential to developing and maintaining your relationship with God. The more time you spend communicating with Him, the more you grow in your relationship with Him.

Prayer is important because:

- It deepens our relationship with God as we spend time in His presence.
- It provides an avenue of communication whereby you can express to the Father your anxieties, concerns, wants, and desires. It is also a way the Father can reveal His desires, wisdom, and instructions to you.
- It reminds us that all our help and strength come from God and that we can confidently ask Him for what we need.
- It allows us to thank God for His goodness, worship Him for who He is, and acknowledge His presence in our lives.
- It helps us seek God's wisdom and direction when making decisions or facing challenges.
- It strengthens our faith as we learn to trust God and depend on Him rather than relying solely on ourselves.

Now, you may be wondering, "How do I pray?"

It's simple. You don't have to use big words, memorize long prayers, or sound like someone else. Just talk to God sincerely and from your heart. You can thank Him for what He has done, ask Him for forgiveness when you've done wrong, share your concerns, pray for others, and ask for His guidance.

And remember, prayer is not just about talking to God; it's also about taking time to listen. As you grow in your relationship with Him, you will learn to recognize His guidance through His Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Developing a prayer life requires consistency. Don't just pray when you're facing trouble or when you need something from God. Make prayer a part of your everyday life. Pray when you wake up, throughout your day, and before you go to bed. You can pray wherever you are because God is always available to hear you.

And don't become discouraged if you don't always know what to say or if your prayers aren't answered the way you expected. Keep praying, keep trusting, and keep growing in your relationship with God.

Remember, prayer is not about how long you pray or how impressive your words sound. It's about developing a genuine relationship with your Heavenly Father.

Don't just make prayer something you do when you need God. Make prayer a part of your everyday walk with God!

SUPPORT AND BE COMMITTED

The fourth thing God desires from you is that you support and be committed to the place of worship you feel God has led you to.

Your commitment needs to be expressed in **3 ways**:

1. **Presence.**

Each time you go into the house of the Lord to worship, God has something there for you. If you aren't there to receive it, you could very well miss out on what could be the very word that could change your life forever.

2. **Support**

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Malachi 3:10 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 host, if I will not open you the windows

of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

God has a specific plan as to how His Church is to be provided for by your giving. It's called tithes and offerings. Every entity and organization needs finances to operate. Many people believe that since the Church is God's House, He will supernaturally and magically take care of the financial needs of the Church. They don't understand that God works through people. **We** the **Church** can't expect the people of the world to support and provide the finances needed so that the Church can operate and function. This means that if the Church is going to operate, then the People of God (those that are committed to that local assembly) will have to support financially through their tithes and offerings.

3. **Commitment**

How you can express your commitment is covered in the next chapter.

PUT YOUR HANDS TO WORK

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The fifth thing God is expecting from you and the third way your commitment can be expressed is by you physically doing something to help build the Kingdom. Everyone can't be the Preacher, or the Organist, or the Chairman of the Board of Directors. But there is something you can do.

Maybe you are qualified to do some of those other things I mentioned. The point is, if the Body of Christ is going to function and fulfill the assignment that each local assembly has been assigned by Jesus the head of the Church, it's

going to take willing workers, on one accord, putting their hands to do what they can do.

Becoming a willing worker within the Church is important because:

- It equips that particular local assembly with things that are necessary for that local assembly to operate.
- It draws others to that local assembly.
- It helps maintain order and helps that local assembly fulfill it’s assignment.
- It helps your local assembly display Kingdom excellence.

So, join the choir if you can sing. Become an usher if you're a people person. Get involved with the Outreach Ministry or serve in the Women's, Men's, Youth, or Children's Ministry. Whatever your gifts, talents, or abilities may be, there is a place for you to serve in the Body of Christ.

The point is…do something! Don't just be a spectator. Get involved and put your hands to work!

Just like all the cells in the human body need to function in order for the body to work properly, the same applies to the Church. The Church needs all of its Members doing something so that the Body of Christ can function properly.

EVANGELIZE – SHARE YOUR FAITH

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV) [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

The sixth thing that God desires from you is that you tell others about Jesus Christ and what He has done for you.

This is called Evangelism!

Each and every one of us have people that are connected to us in some way, whether it's Family, Friends, Co-workers, or Neighbors. Each and every day we come in contact with people. More than likely many of them need Jesus Christ in their life. God doesn't require that you become some sort of a "Jesus freak." But rather a casual mention of Him from time to time lets people know where you stand. Soon enough

they will begin to ask you to pray for them or want to talk to you about spiritual things.

Also, a cordial invite to your place of worship is a great way to fulfill the great commission. Then there will be times when you need to tell your testimony. That's simply letting someone know where you were in life and how God saved you, delivered you, and set you free or helped you out of a dilemma.

You may also find yourself faced with an opportunity to pray the Sinner's Prayer with someone. These are all things that God desires from you now that you are one of his children. You can use the Sinner's Prayer in this book to pray with someone who wants to accept Jesus Christ into their life.

Telling other people about Jesus is important because:

- God desires that all be saved.
- it helps expand God's Kingdom.
- it lets those without hope know that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY

Your decision to accept Jesus Christ is not the end; it is the beginning of a new life in Him.
As you continue your journey with Christ, remember that spiritual growth does not happen all at once. Just as we grow naturally over time, we also grow spiritually as we consistently walk with God, learn His Word, and allow Him to work in our lives.
Throughout this book, you have been given some important foundational steps to help you begin your Christian journey. Now it is time to **put them into practice.**

- Stay connected to a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church.
- Continue studying the Word of God and developing a consistent prayer life.
- Be faithful and committed to your local church.
- Discover where you can serve and put your hands to work.

And as you grow, don't keep what God has done for you to yourself. **Share your faith and tell others about Jesus Christ.**

You will not know everything immediately, and you will still have questions along the way. But **keep growing. Keep learning. Keep praying. Keep trusting God.** Most importantly, remember that Christianity is more than attending church; it's about **developing a relationship with Jesus Christ and becoming His disciple.**

WHAT'S NEXT?

CONNECT → GROW → SERVE → DISCIPLE

- → **CONNECT** with God and other believers.
- → **GROW** in the Word, prayer, and your relationship with Christ.
- → **SERVE** God by using your gifts and abilities to help build His Kingdom.
- → **DISCIPLE** others by sharing Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

And as you continue to mature in Christ, **remember** you are not walking this journey alone. You are now part of the Body of Christ—you are part of the Family of God. So, **Keep Moving Forward!**

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

WHO WE ARE

Love Unlimited Christian Ministries Center is a Christ-centered ministry committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, building strong families of faith, and demonstrating the love of God in our church, our homes, and our communities.

Our founder, the late **Pastor Wesley Hayden**, had a genuine heart and love for the people of God. He believed that ministry was more than what happened inside the four walls of the church. It was about reaching people, helping them grow in their relationship with Christ, and demonstrating God's love through our words and actions.

That same heart and vision continue to guide our ministry today.

Our mission is simple: **STRONG FAMILIES OF FAITH**
Discipling, Developing & Demonstrating the Love of God.

It is our desire and prayer that you find a family of believers where you can grow spiritually, be nurtured in your faith, discover your God-given purpose, and begin demonstrating to others the same love of God that has been shown to you.

Whether you are a new believer, returning to your faith, or looking for a church home, we welcome you to worship, fellowship, and grow with us. And if you feel led to become a part of our ministry family, we would love to have you!

STAY CONNECTED WITH US

We encourage you to stay connected through our church app or website for current schedules, announcements, and any seasonal changes.

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WORSHIP & WEEKLY GATHERINGS

SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

10:15 AM — Corporate Prayer

10:30 AM — Sunday Morning Worship Service

Join us each Sunday for prayer, praise, worship, fellowship, and the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

KINGDOM CONVERSATIONS
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Kingdom Conversations is our weekly Bible study, where we explore God's Word, ask questions, share insights, and discover how to apply biblical principles to our everyday lives.

Summer Months — In Person

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Winter / Colder Months — Via Zoom

Monday Evenings (Meeting time and Zoom details are available through the ministry.)