

WELCONE TO GODS FAMILY

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" – John 1: 12 ESV

We really want to congratulate you on your wise decision to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour this day.

As a result of this decision you have just made, there is a celebration going on in heaven; the angels are rejoicing before God on your behalf.

"...there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth"—Luke 15:10.

Now that you have become a child of God, there are five (5) important things you need to know and do in order to remain in God's family.

1. Read, Study and Meditate on the Word of God Every day

1 Peter 2:2 says "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby".

You must realize that you now have a new life which you have never lived before. It is therefore important that you get into the Word of God - the Bible- to find out how you are expected to live and behave in God's family. This

you can do by reading the Bible, memorizing its verses, studying it and meditating on its truths in order to become sanctified and spiritually mature. If you must grow and live a victorious Christian life designed for you on earth without going back to your old sinful ways, you need to live by the word of God – Matthew 4:4, Psalm 119:9,11.

To make this easier for you, you can start by studying the Gospel according to St. John. You can read one chapter a day, and you will notice your appetite for God's word increasing.

2. Pray Every day

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says "Pray without ceasing".

In this family, the language with which all God's children communicate with Him is prayer. You will have to learn to pray in order to communicate with your Father in heaven.

It is not a difficult task though; prayer simply means talking to God in the Name of Jesus. God wants to hear your voice in prayer, and He is willing to answer your prayers as well – Jeremiah 33:3a.

Don't bother yourself about being able to speak the right grammar; God knows your heart already. All He wants is your ability to use your mouth to tell Him what is in your heart in the language you can best express yourself with, and He will answer you because He understands all languages. Don't allow a day to pass without you talking to God — by thanking Him, praising Him for His good works and asking Him for whatever you need. Remember, He is now your Father.

Also in your prayers, ask Him for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is your Helper Who will assist you to pray the right kind of prayers according to Romans 8: 26. If you ask, God will give you because He already promised to do so in Luke 11:13.

3. <u>Fellowship Regularly with other</u> Believers

Hebrews 10:25a(TM) says "Not avoiding worshiping together as some do..." God has ordained the gathering together of His children from time to time, mainly for the purpose of fellowship and edification. You will have to carefully and prayerfully locate a church around you where Jesus Christ is being honoured as the Lord and Saviour of mankind. Join the assembly and fellowship with the believers there. You can meet the Pastor in charge of such assembly and tell him/her you are a new member of God's family. Such a Pastor will offer you the necessary assistance you require to become established in the kingdom.

However, be very careful. Don't fall victim of false prophets running false churches. Make sure you pray and allow God to lead you to the right assembly.

4. Be actively engaged in Kingdom Service

John 9:4 says "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work". God expects you to work for Him with the new life He has given you. As a matter of fact, 'you were saved to serve'. Also, He rewards everyone who works for Him here on earth and even in eternity (Revelation 22:12). Therefore, get engaged in kingdom services like singing in the choir, ushering in the church, visiting and following up new converts, cleaning of the sanctuary, organizing crusades, planting of churches, writing and

printing of gospel tracts, sending of welfare materials to mission fields among others. None of these services will go unrewarded –Hebrews 6:10. God has deposited some gifts and talents in you. Think about them; and once discovered, start using them to the glory of His Holy Name. That is what it means to engage in Kingdom service.

5. Become His Witness

Mark 16:15 says "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature".

Someone told you about the love God has for sinners; you embraced it and you became born again – a child of God. Now that you know, it is your duty to tell others so that they too can be saved.

Use every opportunity you have to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ – through direct contact with persons, through sharing of tracts, Radio/TV broadcasts or any other relevant means.

God wants His family to increase in number, and He is depending on you to achieve this. That is why He saved your soul. Become His witness today; let others know that **JESUS STILL SAVES!**

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