

From the Process to the Product

The Scripture said in **John 8:31-32** that just believing is **NOT** enough. The Lord said we **MUST** go further; we must keep going; we must keep learning. (**Matthew 11:29**) Learning is a process. Growing is a process. The Scripture in **2 Peter 3:18** tells us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Knowledge is knowing the fact and facts are found in the books, chapters, and verses of the Bible. Change is the result of acquiring knowledge from God's Word. **2 Timothy 2:15** commands us to study. Study means to read in detail with the intention of learning and applying what is learned to our lives.

The journey of becoming a believer begins with simply believing in God. The only source of knowing anything about God comes from the Word of God. There are many things that can make us aware of God. For example, the expanse of the oceans, the sound of a great waterfall, the fierce wind of a hurricane, the miracle of the birth of a baby, or a beautiful sunset. None of these things can give us the who, what, where, or why of the knowledge of God. It is only in the Word of God that we can find the information about the great God of Heaven.

When the journey of faith begins, so begins the process of becoming. Faith simply means taking God at His Word, believing He said what He meant and meant what He said. When we read and study the Word of God, we begin to acquire the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. (**Hebrews 11:1**) An obvious Truth is that you cannot believe in someone or something that you have never heard of or know nothing about. (**Romans 10:13-15, 17**)

Let's read some facts that are clearly stated in the Word of God. (**John 1:1, 13-14, Colossians 1:16**) Now let's travel back to the Book of Genesis to read what happened at the beginning of creation. (**Genesis 2:7-8**) In **Genesis 2:16-17**, we read what God said to Adam. We read how Adam and Eve decided to disobey this commandment of God. As a result of their disobedience, sin and a carnal nature entered into the world. (**Romans 5:12**) The good news is that the Bible tells us that God got involved with what man needed most, a Savior. (**John 3:16-17, Romans 6:23**)

The two great men of power in the Bible were Adam and Jesus. Adam was the death giver; Jesus is the life giver. (**Romans 5:19**) When sin came, so came death for everyone; our parents, our children, our friends, death came to everyone.

For thousands of years, people have tried everything to fill a spiritual void in their lives. They have tried everything from alcohol and drugs, to different lifestyles and ideologies. Nothing will fill that spiritual void. Nothing will satisfy that longing in your very soul. Only a spiritual presence from God can satisfy the human soul. (**Psalms 145:16**)

People that are thirsty will look for a drink. People who are hungry will look for something to eat. **(Isaiah 55:1-2, Matthew 5:6)** The end result of seeking and searching for what will give you satisfaction is found at the end of your journey. **(1 Corinthians 15:55-57, 2 Corinthians 5:1) Colossians 3:1-2** instructs us to set our affections on things above not on things on the earth. There is a definite process involved for us to achieve the end result of becoming a true child of God. **(2 Peter 1:5-8)**

Just as an automobile in a car factory has its beginning on an assembly line. It starts out in the body shop and is molded and put together from numerous individual parts and raw materials. That automobile will travel through each department where it is assembled. After all the parts are assembled, it goes into a paint department for its final exterior look. Then it is driven off the assembly line as a finished product. Without the process, you can never get the finished product.

Conclusion

There always has to be a process in order to attain a finished product. The end result of the process of Truth making you free is becoming a mature born-again child of God who has forever in your life. The end result of reading and studying your Bible is gaining knowledge that will renew you into the image of God. **(Colossians 3:10)** The end result of becoming is the power to overcome every obstacle. The finished product is the inheritance of all things and eternal life which is being with God forever. **(Revelation 21:7)**

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