



EXCEL CHURCH
God's People Excelling in Life

SALVATION

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5

Making the decision to receive Jesus as your Lord and accept His free gift of salvation is the smartest and most important decision you will ever make in your life. Pastor Zelfhia and I are thrilled that we are able to contribute even in the smallest part to this decision in your life.

The foundation scripture for EXCEL Church is *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."* (Proverbs 4:7). In keeping with our God given assignment, we want to share some information with you regarding the subject of Complete Salvation.

God's Original Plan for Man

In the beginning, God and mankind enjoyed daily intimate fellowship together. God placed within their habitation, the Garden of Eden, everything they could ever want or need. God only had one rule; they could eat from every tree in the garden, except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told Adam that the day he ate the fruit, he would surely die. [Genesis 2:16-17](#)

As we see in [Genesis 3:6](#), both Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Immediately, life departed out of their spirits, their souls were filled with fear and although it took several hundred years, their bodies began to die. When Adam sinned, he caused every person born after him to bear the nature of sin.

Man's Need for Salvation

Man's status as a sinner is due to the sin nature we are born with, not because of any particular thing that we have done (sinful actions are only the fruit of the inward corruption). Because of this, we cannot earn our Salvation. [Psalm 51:5](#), [Romans 5:12-15](#)

The only way to return mankind back to his original status with God is through His Son, Jesus Christ. [Acts 16:30-31](#), [John 14:6](#)

What Does "Born-Again" Mean?

To be "born-again" means to receive the life of God into your spirit. It literally refers to your spirit man (the real you) being delivered from death to life. [I Thessalonians 5:23-24](#), [John 3:1-8](#), [Ezekiel 36:26](#), [II Corinthians 5:14-21](#)

What Does Salvation Mean?

Salvation comes from the Greek word, "Soteria". Soteria literally means preservation, soundness, safety, and deliverance from all temporal and spiritual evils. This has to do with both God's place in you and your place in God. It encompasses the rebirth of a man's spirit, the renewing of his mind, and the redemption of his body.

Receiving Complete Salvation

Receiving salvation is an easy process. There are five understandings necessary to receive Complete Salvation:

1. You must realize and recognize that you are a sinner. Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23, I John 1:8

2. You must repent of your sin.

Repent literally means to change your heart, mind and direction. It is a 180-degree turn from the world and lordship of Satan towards the light and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38, I John 1:9, II Corinthians 7:10, Acts 26:18

3. You must believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.

This is the central act of the Salvation process. Through confession, we establish the personal Lordship of Jesus. Through belief, we establish our position as the righteousness of God in Him. Romans 10:9-10, II Corinthians 5:21

4. Receive Water Baptism and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I. The Baptism in Water

This is an outward expression of an inward change; symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and our old man/life.

II. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

This is the accompanying gift of Salvation that adds power to our lives and witness.

5. Live a life of obedience.

The following five points are vital to successfully living a life of obedience.

1. Read and Study the Word of God. Romans 12:2, II Timothy 3:16-17

2. Establish a prayer life. Luke 18:1, Philippians 4:6-7, I Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18

3. Attend a Bible-based church. Jeremiah 3:15, I Corinthians 12:18, Hebrews 10:25, Ephesians 4:11-12

4. Fellowship with other believers. I Corinthians 15:33, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 24:6

5. Be a witness to others. Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:18-20, II Corinthians 5:18

This is the beginning, not the end. There may be times of temptation and sin. If you fall down, get back up and keep on going. Philippians 1:6, Mark 4:1-24, I John 1:9

What Do I Do Now?

Great question. In fact, there are two questions that every new Christian should ask.

#1 Who are You Lord?

#2 What do you want me to do?

The Apostle Paul asked the same questions on the day he encountered the Lord Jesus for the first time. Acts 9:5-6 By living a life of obedience as listed in this brochure, you will discover the answers to these two very important questions.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR NEW IDENTITY

- You are of God I John 4:4
- You are healed I Peter 2:24
- You are a new creation II Corinthians 5:17
- You are a joint heir with Jesus Romans 8:17
- You are a citizen of heaven Ephesians 2:19
- You are seated in heavenly places Ephesians 2:6
- You can do all things through Christ Philippians 4:13
- You are more than a conqueror Romans 8:37

PRAYERS FOR STAYING PLUGGED IN!

Now that you have been born-again, stay plugged in! God has wonderful things in store for you, your family and the countless other people whom your life will touch. These are a few simple confessions that will aid you in staying "on track" with God.

- Father, this day I am filled with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I walk worthy of You, pleasing You, and bearing fruit in every good work. I increase in my knowledge of You and I am strengthened according to Your glorious power. Colossians 1:9-11
- I receive and walk in the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. The eyes of my understanding are enlightened today. I know the hope of God's calling for my life. I know the riches of the glory of his inheritance laid up for me. Everyday I know and understand more clearly the exceeding greatness of God's power to and for me. Ephesians 1:18-19
- Father I acknowledge You in all of my ways and I thank You that You direct and make straight and plain my path. Proverbs 3:6
- Thank you Father that the thoughts and plans You have for me are for peace and good, not evil. Today, I choose to cooperate with the leading of the Holy Spirit and I will see God's goodness in my life. Jeremiah 29:11