



## HOW TO GROW WITH GOD

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### STEPS TO TAKE

1. **Be baptized** - Baptism is an outward testimony of the work which has been accomplished in the believer's life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).
2. **Join a Word-based church** - The church is a fellowship, a family, the body of Christ and a flock (Ephesians 2:19; Acts 2:42; 1 Peter 3:8 and John 21). Here at the Covenant, we welcome you to become a member and a part of our church family.
3. **Attend regular (weekly) church services** - Church services exist to celebrate God's presence, to demonstrate God's love, to communicate God's word, incorporate God's people into His family (which is fellowship) and to educate God's people about the Bible-which is discipleship (Psalm 122:1; John 13:35; Ephesians 3:10; Hebrews 10:24-25 and Ephesians 4:11-13).
4. **Become a disciple of Christ** - Spiritual maturity is not automatic, someone needs to teach you. A disciple of Jesus Christ is simply defined as a follower, someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of Jesus Christ, accepting the Bible as the only source of true Christian faith (Romans 12:2; John 15:7 and Joshua 1:8). The Covenant offers Christian Life And Service Seminar monthly (C.L.A.S.S.) a series of classes created to assist you in the journey towards spiritual maturity and knowledge of God's Word.

#### Salvation

- God loves you and wants a relationship with you (Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10).
- But sin separates you from Him because He is holy (Habakkuk 1:13; Ephesians 2:1).
- So God sent His Son to earth as a man - Jesus - to die on the cross and pay the penalty for your sins (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 6:23).
- You can become a child of God by accepting Jesus' gift of salvation in faith and placing your trust in Him (John 1:12; Romans 10:9-10).

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### CONTINUE....STEPS TO TAKE

5. **Daily pray and fellowship with God** - Practice the habits that will help you grow and mature in God which are: The Habit of God's Word, The Habit of Prayer, The Habit of Giving and The Habit of Fellowship (Romans 12:2; Matthew 6:9; Deuteronomy 14:23 and 1 Peter 4:10). At the Covenant, we offer Small Groups which allow our church body to fellowship, study God's Word and participate in active conversation. It's the perfect setting to build community.
6. **Read the Bible daily** - This is called having a devotional time with the Lord where you read His Word and allow God to speak to you through prayer and scripture (2 Timothy 3:16,17 & 1 Peter 3:15).
7. **Serve** - We fulfill the vision that God has given us by helping others. We call this to minister and we were made for ministry. Through serving and attending to the needs of others, without expecting anything in return, we fulfill what we've been created for. As you grow in the spiritual gifts God has given you, for the church body, it produces maturity and stability in the church family (Ephesians 4:16; 1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 2:10 & Eph. 4:11-13).
8. **Share the Gospel with others** - We call this evangelism - when we share our life story and how God, through His Son Jesus Christ, has changed us. We were made to have a relationship with God, to become like Christ and to serve God's purpose. We were made to last forever in one of two places - heaven or hell. We share the Good News of this gospel to our friends, co-workers and loved ones that they, too, may be saved (Ephesians 1; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 John 3:2; Ephesians 2:10; Ecclesiastes 3:11 and John 3:16).



#### Prayer of salvation

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against You and need Your salvation. Please forgive me. I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, fully trusting in the work He accomplished on the cross on my behalf. Thank You for saving me, accepting me, and adopting me into Your family. Help me to walk in close step with You. Amen.

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### Commemorate this special day:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ accepted Jesus as my Savior today on \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray that in the coming months and years, your relationship with God will continue to grow. May this remind you of God's never-failing, unchanging love for you.

We hope you'll tell those closest to you about your decision to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. And if you are not already a part of a local, Bible-believing church, we encourage you to find one in your area. You're always welcomed to join ours too!

If you have any questions about your new life in Christ or would like someone to pray with you, please call 626-796-6774 or email us at [thecovenant@thecovenantmail.org](mailto:thecovenant@thecovenantmail.org). For more information visit us at [www.thecovenantchurch.org](http://www.thecovenantchurch.org).

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