

The House of Prayer Ministries

New Disciples Packet



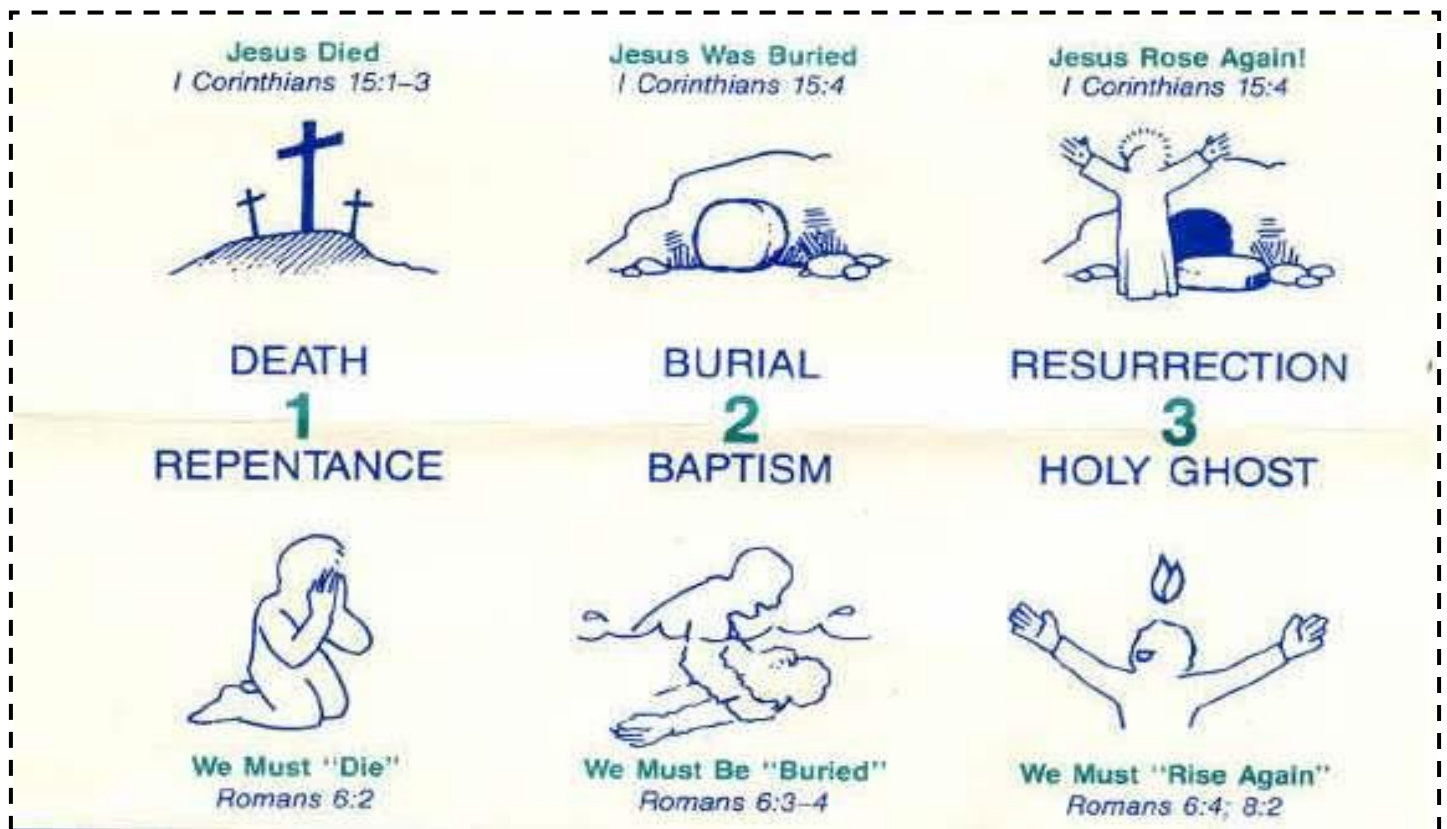
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)

Grace & Peace in Jesus name!

We are truly thankful that you have chosen to be born again into the kingdom of God. Our prayer is that you will grow into being a mighty disciple that will make other disciples for the kingdom of God. You have now been reconnected with your loving heavenly father, and this is the beginning of a joyful relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ! We believe that the Lord wants to work through you to be a world changer, which will build the kingdom of God, and tear down the kingdom of darkness. We believe that the Lord wants to partner with you so that people will be born again, so that the sick will be healed, the dead will be raised, demons will be cast out, that you will serve your community with love and compassion, and change your environment for the glory of God. Through the new birth God has invested much authority in you, and lives will be changed because of Christ in you. This New Disciple resource is a tool to help equip you with some essentials so that you can be strong in Christ. We love you and we are here to support you in your new walk in the Lord!

Pastor Rob & Lady J

The Plan of Salvation



Step 1: Repent and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and has died on the cross for you. Turn away from all sin and dead works, recognize your need of the Savior, and turn to God to give your life completely to him. (Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19)

Step 2: Be Baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ

Be buried with Him by total immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12-16, Acts 19:1-5)

Step 3: Receive the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues

Believe and expect God to feel you with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift that God has promised to give to them that obey Him, so that we may do that which is pleasing in His sight. (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:45-46, Luke 11:13)

Growing & Maturing In Christ

1. Importance of Church Attendance (Hebrews 10:25)

- Just like a student must go to class and learn the material in the course, a Christian must go to church to learn the principles of Christ. It is imperative to hear the preached word of God on a consistent basis, and to fellowship with other believers. Hearing the word of God preached, and fellowshiping with like-minded people is crucial to spiritual growth and maturity in Christ. There is something unique about corporate worship that cannot be duplicated by yourself, which is why it is extremely important, to press your way to the house of God each week.

2. Prayer & Fasting (Luke 18:1, Matthew 6:9-13, Isaiah 58:3-9)

- Prayer is our communication link with the Almighty God. Just like we make time to talk to our friends and relatives, we have to make time to commune and fellowship with God. Prayer is the outpouring of the soul before the living God; it connects the believer to God's presence and, creates relationship. Without prayer, you will have no direction, no strength, and you will be vulnerable and prone to Satan's devices. Fasting serves as an assist to prayer. Many times in the scriptures when individuals desperately wanted God to move on their behalf, a fast was declared. Fasting, abstaining from all things that satisfy the natural appetite, helps to keep our carnal flesh under subjection, so that we will be in tune with the voice, and the will of God. Fasting, accompanied by prayer will always cause one to triumph in their walk with Christ.

3. Reading the Bible (Matt 4:4, Psalms 119:105)

- The Bible, which is the word of God sets the foundation for spiritual growth. Without reading and studying the word consistently the believer will die spiritually. We only know God, what he expects of us, and his promises to us through His Word. The word brings comfort, strength, and is our spiritual weapon against the enemy.

4. Dealing with Temptation (Mark 14:38, Matthew 5:28-29, Gal 5:17, I Thess. 5:22)

- Temptation is all around, and comes in many forms. You cannot escape it, but must learn to deal with it, through the power of the Holy Spirit. There is temptation from the opposite sex, temptation to disobey God's Word, the temptation to compromise, and many other fashions and forms that temptation comes in. Because there is a constant battle between the flesh and the Spirit, we must always be prayed up, and remain spiritually strong to deal with the temptation that comes across our path. Remember that God will not allow us to be tempted with something that is too heavy for us to bear, and with every temptation, God always makes a way for us to escape, so that we will be able to bear it.

5. Setting Yourself Apart (James 4:4, Matt 5:16, Romans 12:1, II Corinthians 5:20,)

- Have you ever ran into a person, who claims to be a Christian and yet their lifestyle is no different from someone who is not a believer? People like this are all around, and God is not pleased. Since God has filled us with the power of the Holy Spirit, he expects holiness from us. Setting yourself apart does not mean 'never talking to your friends and people that are not saved'. Rather it means in any given situation you always ask 'What would Jesus do?' or is 'Is God pleased with this?' So instead of going out to the party or getting drunk, you ask 'What would Jesus do?' We follow after the example that our Lord Jesus Christ has left, and do what He would do in any given situation. Then and only then will we begin to set ourselves apart from the world, and bring glory to God.

Important Things to Know in Your Walk with God

- Never underestimate the power of prayer and fasting. God always responds and works on behalf of those that are diligently seeking Him with a sincere heart. Set aside 10-15 minutes for prayer, where you can talk with and commune with God. As time progresses your prayer life and your relationship with God will grow.
- Remember that we are in spiritual warfare, and the devil seeks to destroy you. In this warfare, our only weapon of offense is the word of God. Reading, studying, and meditating on the word of God, and the promises of God will equip you as a soldier in this battle. When you know the word of God, you know the will of God for your life, and you will know who you are in Christ. And when you know who you are in Christ, there will be nothing that the devil can do to defeat you.
- Growing in God is a lifetime process!!! You will never know everything there is to know about God! Continue to be consistent & committed in bible study, church attendance, studying your word, praying and fasting. It is not wise to think that you will become spiritually mature overnight. Please do not compare your spiritual walk with God to other people. Focus on you and God, and in time God will take you on unto perfection.
- It is a misconception to think that once one becomes saved, that they can just relax or return to the former lifestyle prior to salvation. The journey does not stop after receiving salvation, it is actually just beginning. So, in our new life we are striving to put God first, and to please Him, and God will mold us and shape us into the person He has called us to be.
- Be aware of the power of associations. We tend to take on the characteristics and traits of our closest friends. Begin to pray and ask God to take away those people, who are not beneficial for your spiritual walk with God, and to add friends that will help you to grow in Christ. Remember there are many people that receive salvation, but because they choose not to associate themselves with spiritually minded people; they fall back into the lifestyle in which they have left. Believe that God has your best interest at heart, and he wants you to succeed, even more than you do. While you are growing closer to God, you may have to lose some friends, but God is always faithful to bring more friends into your life that are even more beneficial than the former ones, and will help you to continue down the path of righteousness.
- In this day there is a tendency to compromise. There is a tendency to think that one can serve God while simultaneously doing those things which are not pleasing in His sight. You absolutely will not be bringing glory to God, and be called a child of God while actively engaging in fornication, lying, cheating, drinking and many others types of sins. You may not even be viewed as a bad person, and you may not commit any major sins, but if you are not serving God through prayer, reading His word, and striving to be active in ministry; you are not bringing glory to God either. You will either be for God or against God. Please know that there is no in between, and that we must strive to love and serve God with our whole heart, mind, and soul.
- Remember that you will make mistakes. All of us have made plenty of mistakes! It will not be a perfect walk with no mistakes or slips ups. Know that God is merciful, and He is faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse us when we fall down, as long as we turn to Him with a repentant heart. The mistakes that we make, and the problems that we face in many cases, God uses to mold us and shape us into His image, and it is just apart of the process that God has ordained to work everything together for our good!!!
- Our goal is to see His face in peace, and to be with God in heaven for all of eternity. This is our expectation, and whatever sacrifices you have to make in this life, even though they may seem large right now, in the long run it will be a small price to pay in comparison to where we will spend eternity. Our life on earth is very brief, and is simply a preview of the life to come. If we strive to do what is pleasing in God's sight today, we will be able to reign with Him forever and ever in eternity.

Encouraging Scriptures... YOU MUST KNOW!

- “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Romans 8:37)
- “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)
- “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Ephesians 3:20)
- “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:27)
- “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)
- “I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth;” (Isaiah 51:12-13)
- “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:” (Isaiah 26:3-4)
- “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)
- “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” (Psalms 118:6)
- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” ((Psalms 46:1)
- “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;” (II Corinthians 4:8-9)
- “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” (Mark 9:23)
- “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)
- “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” (II Corinthians 12:9-10)
- “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (II Corinthians 4:17-18)
- “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:2-4)

- “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” (Joshua 1:9)
- “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)
- “And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)
- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (I Corinthians 10:13)
- “Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.” (Luke 18:29-30)
- Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17)
- For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (II Timothy 1:7)
- I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. (Psalms 37:25)
- But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:57-58)
- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?(Psalms 27:1)
- For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalms 84:11)
- The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalms 145:8-9)

We are praying, believing, and expecting that you will have a victorious walk with Christ, and that you will also see the Lord's face in peace at the appointed time!!!

Suggested Music & Media for New Converts

Media

Please note that these sermons and teachings can be found online at youtube.com

Dr. Gerald Jeffers

- *Condemnation interferes with Intimacy*
- *Threefold purpose of man - To Know Him, To Be Like Him, To Please Him*
- *One of the Greatest Questions from the Cross*

Johnny James

- *It's Still God's Church*
- *Bible Sense*
- *Jesus Name Apostolic Preaching*

Matt Maddix

- *Soul Winners Fire*
- *Addicted BOTT 05 (UPCI) - FULL MESSAGE*
- *Please Don't Let Me Go To Hell*

Andrew Wommack

- *God Wants You Well*
- *The Authority of the Believer*

David Bernard

- *Oneness Vs. Trinity Debate- David Bernard and Gene Cook*
- *Apostolic Teaching- David Bernard- "Principles of Holiness"*
- *Gospel of Jesus Christ-David Bernard*

John Bevere

- *Honor's Reward by John Bevere*
- *John Bevere - The Fear Of The Lord*
- *The Bait Of Satan message by John Bevere*

Music

Please note the suggested music below can be purchase via itunes or amazon.com. If unable to purchase the entire cd's can be listened to online at youtube.com

Jesus Culture

- *Still Believe*

- *Unstoppable Love*
- *Jesus Culture Awakening*
- *Jesus Culture w Martin Smith Live from New York*
- *Your Love Never Fails*

Tasha Cobbs

- *Grace*

Casting Crowns

- *Until the Whole World Hears*
- *Come to the Well*

William McDowell

- *Withholding Nothing*
- *Arise*
- *As We Worship Live*

Kari Jobe

- *Majestic*
- *Where I find You*

Tye Tribbet

- *Greater Than*
- *Victory Alive!*

Chris Tomlin

- *How Great is Our God*
- *Burning Lights*

Fred Hammond

- *Free to Worship*
- *Spirit of David*

Michael W Smith

- *Worship*
- *A New Hallelujah*

Shana Wilson

- *The Nations Are Waiting*
- *I Love You Live*

Helpful Links

Blueletterbible.org

Note: Blueletterbible is a online bible that allows you to look up the definition of bible words in their original language. Blue letter also has many different bible commentaries and other resources to access

Biblegateway.com

Biblegateway is another bible resource that allows you to easily compare different bible versions. For example you can read KJV, and read NET version side by side

Exministries.com/ex-news-2/

This site provides current events of things going on in the world from a biblical perspective

Fuelforsuccess.tv

This site is a daily internet show ran by Christians that offers motivation, guidance, and personal development in the areas of Health, Finances, Spirituality, Business & Family. An excellent resource that offers guidance in every area of life

Whoisjesus.com

This site gives in depth scriptural insight on the oneness of God in Christ. There is a myriad of scriptures that will help build your understanding on the nature of God

ministrycentral.com

Every Christian that is saved is a minister, this site provides awesome tools and wisdom on becoming more effective in the ministry endeavors that you pursue

settingcaptivesfree.com

If you are struggling with a sexual temptation or any addiction, this site offers a 60 day course that will help you have victory in whatever area you are struggling in

<http://www.raymondwoodward.com/resources/bible-studies/>

If you are looking for different topics in the bible to study, this site offers a variety of bible studies to read and meditate on for spiritual growth

Recommended Books

1. *The Bait of Satan by John Bevere*
2. *Essential Doctrines of the Bible & A Handbook of Basic Doctrines by David Bernard*
3. *Fear of the Lord by John Bevere*
4. *Boundaries by Henry Cloud, John Townsend*
5. *21 Qualities of a Leader by John C Maxwell*
6. *Success Principles by Jack Canfield*
7. *SMART Goals made simple by SJ Scott*
8. *The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale*
9. *The Power of Speaking Positive by Joy Haney*
10. *How to Study the Bible for Yourself by Tim Lahaye*

- 11. *Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer
- 12. *Prayer* by Andrew Murray
- 13. *Fasting* by Jentezen Franklin
- 14. *Love Revolution* by Joyce Meyer
- 15. *Do Yourself a Favor...Forgive* by Joyce Meyer

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Weekly Services

Sunday

Sunday School.....10:00am
Worship Service.....11:00 am

Wednesday

Discipleship Training.....7:00 pm