**BOOK 1 BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST**

**BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE SERIES**

The Christian life is not meant to be just a list of rules and regulations or a programme of rituals and ceremonies. God intends us to have a vital, personal relationship with Him. This is why He revealed Himself to mankind in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This booklet is part of a series designed to help a believer grow in his relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**Beginning your new life with Christ**

Every Christian can have the assurance that a right relationship exists between himself and God. Without this confident, it is impossible for one to experience true happiness and complete fulfillment in life.

The moment that you, as an act of faith, receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, He comes into your life. This is what He promises in Revelation 3:20.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with him…

1. Have you received Christ in this way? If so when?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where is Jesus Christ right now in relation to you?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. According to Hebrews 13:5, will Christ ever leave you?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Since Christ has promised never to leave you, how many times do you need to invite Him into your life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have received Jesus Christ by faith into your life you have established a personal relationship with Him. You have now become a true Christian. You do not become a Christian by living a good life or by being born into a Christian family. A Christian is a person who has Christ living him.

The Bible tells us that many things happen when Christ comes to live in you. Let us look at some of these things.

**Your sins are forgiven**

1. Against whom do you sin? Psalm 51:4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. According to Mark 2:7, who is the only one that can forgive sign?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many of our sins has God forgiven us? Colossians 2:13\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You are saved**

What is salvation? Salvation is God’s favor, freely given to man when he puts his trust in Jesus Christ as savior and Lord, which results in the forgiveness of sin.

1. (a) Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How is salvation obtained?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Is salvation the reward for a person’s good works?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You are born into God’s Family**

1. What did you become when you received Christ? John 1:12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Since other Christians are also God’s children, when is your relationship with them? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You are given eternal life**

1. (a) Where is eternal life found? Read 1 John 5: 11-13\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If a person has Christ in his life, what kind of life does he have? (verse12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Can a person know that he has eternal life right now? (verse13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (a) Who can take you away from God’s hands\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you have eternal life when will you perish?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You experience God’s plan**

1. When you received Christ, you entered into God’s plan for your life. What do you think God’s plan for your life includes? Ephesians 2:10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion**

On the basis of this study, what are some of the things that are true of your life right now?\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to thank God right now for what He has done for you? Thanking God demonstrates faith.

**Action Points**

1. Read the gospel of John.

2. Tell someone that you have received Christ.

3. Keep thanking God for what He has done for you.

4. Read or give the Four Spiritual laws to someone.

**Next Appointment**

*Day/Date………………………………………………. Time………………………*

**Bible verses used in this booklet**

1. Hebrews 13:5 – Keep your lives free from the love of money and be contented with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’.

2. Psalm 51:4 –Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

3. Mark 2:7 ‘Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgives sins but God alone?’

4. Colossians 2:13 – When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

5. Ephesians 2:8-9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

6. John 1:12 – Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

7. 1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life and he who does not have the Son does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

8. John 10:28 – 29 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

9. Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Answers**

1. Yes

2. In my heart (or life)

3. No, Christ will never leave me.

4. Only once

5. We sin against God.

6. Only God can forgive sin.

7. God has forgiven us all our sins.

8. (a) Salvation is obtained by grace through faith

(b) No

9. A Child of God

10. Other Christians are my brothers and sisters.

11. (a) Eternal life is found in Jesus

(b) Eternal life

(c) Yes

12. (a) No, none

(b) Never

13. Doing good works