

Rejoicing In Our Salvation: A 14-Day Guide to Growing Your Relationship With Jesus

Saved & Born Again

Romans 10: 9-10 tells us, "If you **declare with your mouth**, "Jesus is Lord," and ***believe in your heart*** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Many people know who God and Jesus are, but have not been taught this, unknowingly. And today, God revealed this to you, amen! You EXPERIENCED the tangible receiving of the Holy Spirit! It is a MARKED change within you. The Bible says that even the demons believe, so it is not enough to simply believe Jesus. What is the difference between us and them? When we receive the Holy Spirit!

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it tells us, "**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a *new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**" You are a NEW creation. Sealed with the Holy Spirit! In Ephesians 1:13-14, it tells us, "**In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were *sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.**" Our inheritance is heaven and everything that Christ has access to, everything that belongs to the Father - wisdom, peace, authority, and more. We possess the SAME Holy Spirit as Jesus! There is only one Holy Spirit and it dwells within you now.

You will start to see the actual fruits of that change as you continue to grow in your relationship with Christ and he starts transforming you to be more like him. That will be the proof to you and to all that you have received the Holy Spirit. John 15:1-5 tells us, "**I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. *Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.*** Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Spiritual Foundations for Salvation

1. **Submit to God Daily** – James 4:7: "*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*"
2. **Salvation Is Necessary** – John 3:3: "*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*"
3. **Salvation Is Not Earned** – 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.*"
4. **Renew Your Mind with the Word** – Romans 12:2: "*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*"
5. **Keep a Life of Worship and Thanksgiving** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances...*"

6. **Walk in the Spirit** – *Galatians 5:16: "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."*
 7. **Use Your Authority in Christ** – *Luke 10:19: "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy..."*
 8. **Put on the Armor of God** – *Ephesians 6:11: "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."*
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Standing In Your Power And Authority

The enemy lost another one! Amen! And he is angry that he lost a soul, so put on the Armor of God daily and stand up against the enemy! He will try to lure you back into darkness with temptations or doing things that don't seem "that bad." He doesn't come with horns and a pitchfork, he will deceive you in other ways. Ask yourself daily, is what I am doing glorifying Jesus? Or is this hurting my relationship with him? You can confront the enemy or his demons and tell them to get out of your life because of Luke 9:1, which tells us, **"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases."**

14-Day Guide to Growing Your Relationship With Jesus

Week 1: Getting Into The Word

- Purchase your first Holy Bible! Have fun with this! The NIV (New International Version) and ESV (English Standard Version) are very easy to digest. It is better to understand than try to read a harder version. You can use the internet to look up New King James translations for reference, also.
- Spend at least 15 minutes in the Bible reading every day; or at least 2 chapters every day. Start in the New Testament in Matthew and **read out loud.**
- After you read a paragraph, tell yourself in your own words what you just read.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand anything you are not understanding. If you still cannot understand, do an internet search to ask, what does this passage mean? Pray first for understanding before using the internet, however.
- Once you find out the meaning, go back and re-read the passage with this new understanding.
- Journal what God is speaking to you through the scripture.
- Remove any ungodly things from your home and throw them away; do not give them away (books, television shows, music, photos, sculptures, clothing, etc.) Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you things you might have missed. We are closing doorways to the enemy daily!

Week 2: Strengthening Your Prayer Life

- Along with reading the Word, **pray** and listen to **worship music** every day.

- When praying, pray that you will only hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and nothing else. You will feel that the voice of the Holy Spirit is calming, patient, and kind. Any voice of condemnation or guilt or pressure is not of the Lord.
 - When praying to Jesus, end every prayer in, "In Jesus name, amen!"
 - Pray for anything and everything. Talk to Jesus as if he is right next to you or in front of you, because he is! 😊
 - Prayers do not have to be perfect; you can even come to Jesus if you are upset or confused. Tell him how you feel and wait for his response. He wants us to bring everything to him.
 - Create a worship song playlist or ask me for one! Have fun with this! Add songs that bring you joy and lift you up. Add songs that move you to tears for the gift of your salvation.
 - Sing worship songs **out loud**, and play them in your home and car. Every worship song is a prayer and also a literal weapon against the enemy!
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Reminder Of Ongoing Daily Habits

- ✓ **Pray and read the Word daily.**
 - ✓ Confess Scripture over your life.
 - ✓ Stay accountable to godly mentors and friends.
 - ✓ Maintain a lifestyle of worship and gratitude.
 - ✓ **Resist temptation** and immediately renounce any attack from the enemy.
 - ✓ Keep your home and life free from demonic influences.
 - ✓ Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you every day.
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Helpful TIPS For This Day Onward

1) Powerful prayer - **putting on the Armor of God**. Based on Ephesians 6:11-17, say this prayer, "In Jesus name, I put on the full armor of God. I put on my helmet of salvation, my breastplate of righteousness, and my belt of truth. I take up my shield, which is my faith; my sword, which is the word of God; and I have my feet that are grounded in the gospel of peace and that the enemy is ALWAYS under."

2) **To fight the enemies' lies at any time, say, "In the name of Jesus, I rebuke (whichever spirit or lie) and I cast you into the abyss!"** Example, "In the name of Jesus, I rebuke the spirits of guilt and shame and I cast you into the abyss!"

3) **To declare a prayer/blessing over yourself** say, "In the name of Jesus, I declare.... (the prayer/blessing) over myself." Example, "In the name of Jesus, I declare that I am a powerful man (or woman) of God and that I am God's child. It is written in God's word that I am holy and blameless before God."

4) **Pray in Jesus' name for your sleep.** Ask Jesus to protect you while sleeping and come against any nightmares, night terrors, insomnia, or sleep paralysis. Ask Jesus to give you a restful peaceful sleep with anointed dreams of him.

5) With **any** overwhelming feelings, never let them build up, and just say, "Jesus, I come into your throne room of grace. I place (whichever feeling/thought of depression, anxiety, worry, fear, doubt, etc.) at your feet. **I give this to you.** Please take it from me. Please give me peace & joy. Please give me comfort and a smile. Help me to feel your presence and love right now. In Jesus name, amen. Thank you Jesus."

5) When you feel like you are lacking faith or hope, *ask Jesus for stronger faith and more hope.* You can ask him for anything like more strength to keep going or more forgiveness in your heart.

Final Encouragement

"But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation" - Colossians 1:22

May you continue to walk in the beautiful salvation given to you through Jesus Christ! You are forgiven. You are redeemed! If you need further support, reach out to a pastor or spiritual leader. Stay strong and free in Christ!