

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST (NLC)

NOW THAT YOU ARE BORN AGAIN, *welcome home!*

The decision you just made (to believe and confess Jesus Christ as Lord) is the most important decision of your life. This pamphlet is to help teach you the next steps to take so that you can make further progress.

1. As you have believed the gospel and confessed Jesus Christ as Lord, you have become a child of God.

- *'That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.'* (Romans 10:9).
- *'But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them He gave the right (authority) to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.'* (John 1:12).

2. You are now born again. To be born again is to be born of God. God is Spirit. (John 4:24). Just as a lion gives birth to a lion, God gives birth to spirits. It is your spirit (what is also called the inner man) that got born again. It is a spiritual birth.

- *Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (John 3:3).
- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new".* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

3. The implication of the new birth is that old things (your past) have passed away. What are the old things that passed away?

- Your old nature: God has given you a new nature in Christ. Now you must allow that new man in Christ to grow. How?

*'Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy'. (Ephesians 4:22-24).*

- Also God wiped away all our sins by the blood of Jesus Christ.  
*“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins. (Isaiah 43:25).*
4. All things have become new. What are the things that are new?
- You now have a new nature and a new life, and should live so.
  - You are no longer a slave to sin. You should not live like the people who have not received this new nature of Christ. The devil does not have power over you, except you return to your old ways.
  - You have received the free gift of righteousness from God and you are now righteous. (Ephesians 2:4-9).
  - You are now a child of God. God has adopted you as His child and as a member of His household. (Ephesians 2:19).

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT?

1. You need to grow.

You are just like a new born baby. Every new babe needs basically two things: pure milk and loving care. The pure milk is the word of God. *‘As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,’ (1 Peter 2:2).* Just as no new baby can feed on her own, you need to be fed with the milk of the word of God. This is what will make you to grow. But you have to desire milk as a hungry baby desires her mother’s milk when she is hungry. God’s milk is His word.

Also every baby needs loving care and a healthy environment. The church provides the required family environment and loving care. *‘God sets up the solitary in families.’ (Psalm 68:6).* Here in Hermon Christian Centre, we are willing to help you grow up to maturity in Christ Jesus and to receive all the great and precious promises God has for you.

You can take the next steps by enrolling in our ‘Grow in Grace’ classes. The facilitator will help you to enroll if you are interested.

2. You need to have a daily personal time with God.

You need to have personal time with God where you meet with Him daily. Schedule a daily time of devotion where you pray, study the Bible and meditate on the word of God. This will help you grow and mature in the things of God and in all areas of your life. It is highly recommended to start your day early in God's presence. *'I love them that love me; And those that seek me early shall find me.'*

(Proverbs 8:17). The Lord Jesus Christ had a habit of seeking God early daily during His earthly ministry. Imitate Him. *'Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.'* (Mark 1:35).

3. You need to be planted in a church so you can share fellowship with others.

No matter how good your personal time with God is, it cannot replace meeting together to worship God with other believers and to have fellowship with one another. *'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching'.*

(Hebrews 10:25). The new life in Christ is an assembly life. Make sure that you belong to a Bible believing Church and that you partake and participate in church services and programs. We will be very glad to have you to be part of our Church family here at Hermon Christian Centre. The facilitator will guide you on your next steps. You can also either fill the 'contact form' on our website [www.hermoncentre.org](http://www.hermoncentre.org) or send email to [admin@hermoncentre.org](mailto:admin@hermoncentre.org).

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