



DISCIPLESHIP SERIES • VOLUME ONE

SALVATION

COME TO CHRIST

FOUNDATIONS FOR A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

A teaching and participant handbook prepared for new believers, disciple-makers, and small-group study.

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DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Welcome to the Journey

Salvation is the foundation of the Christian life. Before a believer can grow in prayer, understand doctrine, discover spiritual gifts, or serve in ministry, that person must first experience the miracle of salvation.

Christianity does not begin with self-improvement. It begins with new birth. Jesus did not invite people merely to become religious; He called them to repent, believe the gospel, receive new life, and follow Him.

PURPOSE

This handbook is designed to help a new believer understand how we come to Christ, what God accomplishes at salvation, and how the saved life begins to grow.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this handbook, the disciple should be able to:

- Explain the gospel and the biblical meaning of salvation.
- Describe repentance and saving faith as the proper response to the gospel.
- Identify the biblical basis for assurance of salvation.
- Recognize the believer's new identity and standing in Christ.



- Distinguish justification, regeneration, and sanctification.
- Identify a personal next step in following Jesus.

How to Use This Handbook

1. Read one foundation at a time. Do not rush the material.
2. Read every Scripture in its biblical context.
3. Discuss the reflection questions honestly with a disciple-maker.
4. Complete the personal response and prayer sections.
5. Return to the key truths until they become settled convictions.

YOU ARE NOT WALKING ALONE

As you respond to God's grace and begin your life of discipleship, we want you to know that you do not have to walk alone.

At Heart of Worship Ministries, there is a family of believers ready to walk beside you. Our leaders are here to pray with you, encourage you, teach you God's Word, answer your questions, and help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Do not be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. Growing as a disciple takes time, and God often uses other believers to strengthen and guide us along the way.

We are honored to walk with you on this journey.

The Four Foundations

- 01 Repentance** — Turning from sin toward God.
- 02 Faith in Jesus Christ** — Trusting Christ and His finished work.
- 03 Assurance of Salvation** — Knowing that you belong to God.
- 04 New Identity in Christ** — Learning to live as a new creation.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Disciples and Disciple-Makers

*Following Christ personally • Growing with biblical guidance •
Preparing to guide others faithfully*

This handbook may be read and studied by anyone. Every believer is responsible to open Scripture, pray, seek understanding, and obey Jesus personally. Yet the New Testament also shows believers growing in relationship with mature Christians who teach, encourage, correct, and model a faithful life.

A Disciple Follows Jesus. A disciple is a learner and follower of Jesus Christ. The goal is not merely to finish lessons, collect information, or become attached to a human leader. The goal is to know Christ, become like Him, and obey His Word.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” — Luke 9:23

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Healthy discipleship directs attention toward Jesus, strengthens personal responsibility, and remains accountable to Scripture and the church.



The Disciple and Disciple-Maker Relationship

Grace-filled guidance requires commitment from both the disciple and the disciple-maker.

The Disciple's Responsibility

- Follow Jesus first and measure every teaching by Scripture.
- Come prepared to learn, ask honest questions, and receive biblical correction.
- Practice what is learned through prayer, obedience, holiness, service, and love.
- Keep commitments, communicate honestly, and remain accountable without hiding.
- Respect godly leadership while remembering that Christ alone is Lord of the conscience.

The Disciple-Maker's Responsibility

- Teach the Word accurately and admit when further study is needed.
- Pray, listen, encourage, and correct with patience, truth, and compassion.
- Protect confidentiality except when safety, abuse, or serious harm requires responsible help.
- Model repentance, integrity, family faithfulness, service, and submission to Christ.
- Never manipulate, shame, isolate, exploit, or demand loyalty that belongs to Jesus.

What Biblical Submission Means. A disciple receives godly instruction with humility while remembering that Christ is Lord and Scripture is the final authority.



Formed Before Sent

God often prepares servants under faithful guidance before entrusting them to guide others.

Joshua Learned Beside Moses. Joshua served with Moses, witnessed God's work, and received public instruction before leading Israel. Moses laid hands on him and commissioned him before the people (Exodus 24:13; Numbers 27:18–23).

Elisha Followed Elijah. Elisha left his former life, served Elijah, remained near him, and learned through faithful presence before taking up prophetic responsibility (1 Kings 19:19–21; 2 Kings 2:1–15).

Timothy Was Trained by Paul. Paul called Timothy a true son in the faith. Timothy learned Paul's teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and perseverance before being entrusted to teach others (Philippians 2:22; 2 Timothy 3:10–14).

The Twelve Were With Jesus. Jesus appointed the Twelve first “that they might be with Him” and then that He might send them to preach (Mark 3:14). Presence, formation, and obedience came before public responsibility.

**TEACHER'S COMMENTARY****The Weight of Becoming a Disciple-Maker**

MATTHEW 4:19: “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Christ invited these men not only to walk behind Him physically, but to lean on Him, trust Him, remain close to Him, and learn from Him. This was not a simple invitation to tag along. It was a divine call to follow the Teacher and be shaped into the people Jesus already knew they could become through His grace.

Today, disciple-makers carry a real responsibility, but it is a joyful weight—not a burden. Those entrusted to us are precious. Like spiritual fathers and mothers, we care for them with love, patience, prayer, truth, and the desire to see them grow even farther than we have.

JOHN 13:33: Jesus called His disciples “little children.” Their relationship went beyond a weekly meeting. They heard His words, watched His conduct, and learned from His faithfulness during suffering. In the same way, a disciple-maker must be steady, honest, and appropriately transparent.

1 TIMOTHY 1:2: Paul called Timothy “a true son in the faith.” He did not view Timothy merely as a helper or an asset, but as someone to nurture and prepare.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1: “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” A disciple-maker does more than explain Scripture. Scripture should be visible in the way the disciple-maker lives, serves, perseveres, treats family, handles correction, and loves people.

A disciple-maker cares with the heart of a parent, but never controls another person. The goal is always to help the disciple know, follow, and obey Jesus Christ.

COMMENTARY BY ANGELO MITCHELL

Teacher, Heart of Worship Ministries



Qualifications and Accountability

A title does not qualify a person; the grace of God must be visible in doctrine, character, and relationships.

No disciple-maker is perfect, but a person entrusted with another believer's growth should demonstrate a credible, maturing life in Christ. Knowledge alone is not enough. The following qualities should be visible and confirmed over time:

- A genuine relationship with Jesus and a clear testimony of new birth.
- Sound doctrine and a willingness to remain teachable under Scripture.
- A consistent life of prayer, worship, repentance, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- Submission to appropriate spiritual leadership and willingness to receive correction.
- Humility, patience, self-control, and freedom from the need to dominate others.
- Integrity in speech, finances, work, ministry, and private conduct.
- Love for people, compassion for weakness, and courage to speak truth graciously.
- Faithfulness to family responsibilities and healthy conduct within the home.
- Ability to teach Scripture clearly through both words and personal example.
- A servant's heart that seeks another person's growth rather than position or recognition.

"Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12

**IMPORTANT**

A disciple-maker should never be self-appointed merely because they finished a handbook. Heart of Worship Ministries recognizes and entrusts disciple-makers through prayer, relationship, observed character, sound doctrine, and leadership accountability.

The Home, the Church, and the Testimony

The life closest to us often reveals whether our teaching is trustworthy.

The Home Comes First. Biblical leadership begins with faithful stewardship at home. A person cannot neglect, mistreat, or dishonor those closest to them while presenting a different image in ministry. Marriage, parenting, singleness, work, and family relationships should increasingly display repentance, patience, truth, service, and love (1 Timothy 3:4–5).

A Testimony That Can Be Observed. A disciple-maker's public words and private life should agree. When failure occurs, maturity is shown through honest confession, responsibility, correction, and change—not excuses or concealment.



VISUAL MEDITATION

The Call to Follow



Before we can faithfully guide others, we must first answer Christ's call to follow Him.

MATTHEW 4:19



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VISUAL OVERVIEW

Salvation: The Big Picture

The gospel movement from conviction to a transformed life

01

Conviction

The Holy Spirit reveals our sin, our need for Christ, and the truth of the gospel.

02

Repentance & Faith

We turn from sin toward God and trust Jesus Christ and His finished work.

03

Justification & New Birth

God declares the believer righteous in Christ, and the Holy Spirit gives new spiritual life.

04

Assurance & New Identity

We rest in God's promises and learn to live as forgiven, adopted, and redeemed children of God.

05

Sanctification

The Holy Spirit continues transforming the believer into the character and likeness of Christ.

REMEMBER

Salvation is received by grace, through faith, and it leads to a transformed life.



LEADERSHIP COMMENTARY

A Roadmap to Salvation

What a powerful truth you now hold in your hands: key truths and a roadmap to salvation. This is the gospel—the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Jesus saved us from sin and its eternal consequences: condemnation and eternity in hell. He gave His life for us, and I believe we should respond to that immeasurable gift by giving our lives completely to Him.

At the Cross, Jesus took upon Himself the penalty for our sins. But He did not only die for our sins; He rose again, victorious over death. Today, our faith rests in a living Savior and Lord.

This is the gospel: the Cross, where our Savior died; the Resurrection, where He conquered death; and reconciliation, through which sinful humanity can be brought back into relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ.

Salvation is not a license to sin. Salvation is given by His grace, and that same grace teaches us to live righteously. We may stumble and fall, but grace is never permission to continue pursuing sin. Salvation is freely received by grace through faith. Now that we belong to Jesus, we are called to surrender our lives to His will and lordship.

We do not surrender our lives to earn salvation; we surrender because of the mercy and grace by which He saved us.

The Cross shows us what He paid. The gospel tells us the Good News. The Resurrection shows us He is alive. Reconciliation shows us what His sacrifice restored.

Jesus died. Jesus rose. Jesus saves. Through Him, we are reconciled to the Father and saved. Glory to God!

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” —Romans 12:1 (NKJV)

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INTRODUCTION

What Is Salvation?

Salvation is God's work of rescuing sinful people from the penalty, power, and ultimately the presence of sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." — **Romans 3:23***

Sin is not merely something we do; it is our condition apart from Christ. Because God is perfectly holy and just, sin carries a penalty.

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." — **Romans 6:23***

Yet God is rich in mercy and love. He sent His Son to bear our punishment. Salvation is therefore God's work from beginning to end. It is received by grace, through faith, and it produces a transformed life.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." — **John 3:16***

CORE GOSPEL TRUTH

We do not save ourselves. Jesus Christ lived the life we could not live, died the death we deserved, and rose again in victory over sin and death.



VISUAL MEDITATION

Come to Christ



Salvation is God's gracious rescue. Christ calls us out of darkness and into the light of new life.

JOHN 14:6



FOUNDATION ONE

Repentance

Turning from sin toward God

Definition

Repentance is the God-given response to the conviction of sin whereby a person turns away from sin and turns toward God with a sincere desire to obey Him. It is not merely emotion; it is a transformation of heart that produces a new direction.

Repentance is the doorway into the Christian life. No one can truly come to Christ without acknowledging sin and turning to Him in faith. Throughout Scripture, repentance is presented as the first response to the gospel.

Repentance is not the end of the Christian life. It is the beginning of a lifelong posture of humility, surrender, and submission before God.

Key Scriptures

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” — **Mark 1:15***

Jesus connects repentance and faith. Repentance turns away from sin; faith turns toward Christ. They are two sides of the proper response to the gospel.

*“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” — **Acts 2:38***



Peter's first instruction after the crowd was convicted was not simply to agree with his message, but to repent. Genuine faith always includes a repentant heart.

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” — Acts 3:19

Repentance is connected with conversion. It marks the turning point from the old life toward the new life God gives in Christ.

HOW TO READ THE WORD STUDIES

The New Testament was originally written in Greek. Each study gives the English term, the original Greek word, its transliteration (Greek written with English letters), and its meaning in context. English wording may vary slightly between Bible translations.

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Repentance

ORIGINAL GREEK: μετάνοια

TRANSLITERATION: metanoia

BIBLICAL MEANING: A change of mind that reaches the heart and redirects the life. Biblical repentance changes how we see God, sin, ourselves, and Jesus Christ.

In Scripture, this is much deeper than changing an opinion. When the mind is changed, the heart is changed; when the heart is changed, the life is changed. Repentance produces a new direction.

The Biblical Pattern

- John the Baptist preached repentance (Matthew 3:2).
- Jesus began His ministry by calling people to repent (Mark 1:15).
- Peter preached repentance on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38).
- Paul proclaimed “repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).

**REMEMBER**

Repentance is not perfection. It is direction.

What Repentance Is

- Turning from sin to God.
- Agreeing with God about our sin.
- Confessing and forsaking rebellion.
- Surrendering our life to Christ.
- A willingness to obey God.
- The beginning of spiritual transformation.

The believer may still struggle with sin, but the heart has changed. The disciple no longer desires to live willingly under the dominion of sin.

What Repentance Is Not

- Feeling guilty.
- Feeling emotional.
- Crying at the altar.
- Being afraid of judgment.
- Trying to become a better person.
- Joining a church.
- Performing religious activities.
- Making promises to God in our own strength.

Judas felt remorse after betraying Jesus, but Peter repented and was restored. The difference was not merely the seriousness of the failure; it was the response of the heart.



TEACHER'S COMMENTARY

True Repentance

True repentance means turning your back on sin and turning your face toward Christ with the joy of salvation.

False Repentance

Genesis 19:26 records that Lot's wife looked back while fleeing Sodom and became a pillar of salt. Although she was physically leaving the city, her backward glance revealed a divided heart. Her example illustrates that repentance is more than outward action: the heart must turn from sin and toward God. We must hate the sin that separates us from God and love the God who graciously forgives us.

A STATEMENT TO REMEMBER

We must bear the fruit of repentance—not merely speak the words of repentance.

“Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.” — Matthew 3:8

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Repentance Produces Fruit

“Bear fruits worthy of repentance.” — Matthew 3:8

Repentance begins invisibly in the heart but becomes visible in the life. Good works never earn salvation, but they demonstrate that grace has changed us.

- A growing hatred for sin.
- A desire to obey God's Word.
- Love for Christ.
- Conviction when sin is committed.
- A willingness to confess sin.



Repentance Produces Fruit — Continued

- A forgiving spirit.
- Humility before God.
- A desire for holiness.
- Love for God's people.
- A hunger for Scripture and prayer.

A Picture of Repentance

In Luke 15:11–24, the prodigal son recognized his condition, admitted his sin, left the place of rebellion, returned to his father, humbled himself, and was restored. Repentance brings us back to the Father's embrace.

Psalms 51 shows the same heart in David. He sought more than relief from consequences; he longed for restoration with God and cried out for a clean heart.



VISUAL MEDITATION

Returning to the Father



True repentance turns away from rebellion and returns humbly to the Father who receives the repentant heart.

LUKE 15:11–24



Practical Application

Reflect & Respond

1. Have I truly turned to Christ, or have I only become more religious?

2. Is there evidence that God has changed my heart?

3. Am I willing to confess and forsake sin?

4. Do I desire to obey God's Word?

5. Is my life moving toward Christ?

Repentance is not a one-time emotional experience. It is the continuing posture of every disciple who desires to follow Jesus.

KEY TRUTH

Repentance is not merely turning away from sin; it is turning toward Jesus Christ. It is the first step of discipleship, where the old life is surrendered and a new life begins.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

How can you tell the difference between regret over consequences and genuine repentance before God?



FOUNDATION TWO

Faith in Jesus Christ

Trusting Christ alone

Definition

Faith in Jesus Christ is wholehearted trust and dependence upon Him alone for salvation. It is more than believing facts about Jesus; it is personally entrusting your life, eternity, and hope to Him as Savior and Lord.

Faith is the hand that receives the gift of salvation. We are not saved by works, morality, or religious effort, but by placing our confidence in the finished work of Jesus Christ—His death on the cross, His burial, and His resurrection.

Repentance turns us away from sin; faith turns us toward Christ. The two are inseparable in the biblical call to salvation.



VISUAL MEDITATION

Trusting Christ Alone



Faith leaves self-reliance behind and places complete confidence in Jesus Christ and His finished work.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9



Key Scriptures

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” — Ephesians 2:8–9

GRACE AND FAITH

Grace is the source of salvation. Faith is the means by which we receive it. Jesus Christ is the object of our faith.

*“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
— Romans 10:9–10*

Saving faith involves more than intellectual agreement. It is believing from the heart that Jesus is the risen Lord and confessing Him openly as Lord over our lives.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” — John 3:16

The promise is given to those who believe in Him—not merely those who believe that He existed, but those who place their trust in Him.

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” — Hebrews 11:6



WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Faith

ORIGINAL GREEK: πίστις

TRANSLITERATION: *pistis*

BIBLICAL MEANING: Trust, confidence, reliance, conviction, or dependence. The related verb *pisteuō* means to believe, trust, or place confidence in.

Biblical faith is not wishful thinking or blind optimism. It is confident trust based on the truthfulness of God's Word and the person of Jesus Christ.

Three Elements of Saving Faith

1. Knowledge — We must know the truth of the gospel. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). No one can believe a gospel they have never heard.
2. Belief — We must believe the gospel is true: Jesus is the Son of God; He lived a sinless life; He died for our sins; He rose again on the third day; and He alone is the way to the Father.
3. Trust — Saving faith becomes personal when we place our entire confidence in Christ. We stop trusting our good works, church attendance, religious background, morality, and our own righteousness.



What Faith Is Not

- Positive thinking.
- Blind optimism.
- Merely believing God exists.
- Agreeing with Bible facts.
- Emotional excitement.
- Religious tradition.
- Church membership.

“Even the demons believe—and tremble!” — James 2:19

The demons know who Jesus is, but they do not trust or submit to Him. Saving faith receives Christ and yields to His rightful authority.

Jesus Is Savior and Lord

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Lord

ORIGINAL GREEK: Κύριος

TRANSLITERATION: Kyrios

BIBLICAL MEANING: Lord, master, or ruler—a title of authority and divine sovereignty. The One who forgives us also has the right to lead us.

Jesus cannot be divided into two different parts. We cannot accept Him only as the Savior who forgives our sins while rejecting Him as the Lord who leads our lives.

It would be like saying, “Jesus, I want You to save me, but I do not want You to tell me how to live.” That is not complete faith in Jesus.

Jesus is our Savior because He rescues us from sin, forgives us, and gives us eternal life. Jesus is our Lord because He is our King, our Master, and the One who has the right to guide and rule our lives.



Receiving Jesus as Lord does not mean that we immediately become perfect or never make another mistake. It means that our hearts have surrendered to Him. We now desire to listen to Him, obey His Word, and follow where He leads us.

We do not obey Jesus to earn salvation. We obey Him because He has saved us, we belong to Him, and we love Him.

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

— **Romans 10:9**

The Object of Our Faith

Our faith is not in faith itself, our feelings, a church, a pastor, a denomination, or a religious experience. The object of our faith is Jesus Christ alone. Faith is only as strong as the One in whom it is placed. Our confidence rests not in the strength of our faith, but in the faithfulness of our Savior.

The Evidence of Genuine Faith

“Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” —James 2:17

Works do not save us, but living faith changes how we live. Evidence includes love for Christ, obedience to God’s Word, a desire for holiness, love for fellow believers, perseverance through trials, growing dependence on God, and willingness to confess Christ publicly. A living faith is an active faith.

Biblical Portraits of Faith

Abraham believed God’s promise when fulfillment seemed impossible, and his trust was demonstrated through obedience (Romans 4:3).

The woman with the issue of blood came to Jesus convinced that He alone could heal her (Mark 5:25–34). Her confidence was not in fabric but in the Savior.



The thief on the cross had no opportunity to build a record of religious works. He entrusted himself to the crucified Christ and received the promise of Paradise (Luke 23:39–43).

Practical Application

Reflect & Respond

1. What am I trusting for my salvation?

2. Have I placed my confidence entirely in Jesus Christ?

3. Do I believe Jesus is both my Savior and my Lord?

4. Does my life demonstrate the fruit of genuine faith?

5. Is my confidence in Christ or in my own performance?

Saving faith is not merely believing that Jesus can save. It is trusting that He saves all who come to Him in repentance and faith.

KEY TRUTH

Saving faith rests completely in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ. Faith does not earn salvation; it receives what Christ has already accomplished.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What personal achievements, religious activities, or feelings are people tempted to trust instead of Christ alone?



FOUNDATION THREE

Assurance of Salvation

Knowing that you belong to God

Definition

Assurance is the God-given confidence that a person who has genuinely repented and trusted Jesus Christ has eternal life. It rests on God's promises, Christ's finished work, and the witness of the Holy Spirit—not on changing emotions or personal performance.

Many believers struggle with doubt because they measure salvation by how they feel rather than by what God has said. Feelings fluctuate, but God's Word does not change. Biblical assurance produces confidence, peace, gratitude, and perseverance—not complacency or carelessness.

Assurance is not merely saying, "I hope I am saved." It is being able to say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12).

Key Scriptures

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." — 1

John 5:13



WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Know

ORIGINAL GREEK: οἶδα

TRANSLITERATION: *oida*

BIBLICAL MEANING: To know with certainty; to be fully convinced or possess settled confidence.

John did not write so believers would continue wondering whether they were saved. He wrote so they could know. God desires His children to live with settled confidence in Christ.

The Basis of Assurance

1. The Promise of God's Word — God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). If God promises eternal life to those who believe in His Son, His promise is trustworthy. Faith rests in His Word, not in our feelings.
2. The Finished Work of Christ — Jesus declared, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Nothing needs to be added to His sacrifice. Our salvation rests on His completed work.
3. The Witness of the Holy Spirit — The Spirit produces conviction, comfort, and confidence. He bears witness that we are God's children and progressively transforms us into Christ's image (Romans 8:16).
4. The Evidence of a Changed Life — Good works do not save us, but they demonstrate that salvation is genuine. Spiritual fruit confirms that grace is at work (Matthew 7:16).

**WORD STUDY****ENGLISH WORD:** It Is Finished**ORIGINAL GREEK:** τετέλεσται**TRANSLITERATION:** tetelestai**BIBLICAL MEANING:** It has been completed or brought to its intended goal. In context, Jesus declares His saving work accomplished.

*“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me... neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” — **John 10:27–29***

Our confidence rests in the Good Shepherd’s grip, not in the strength of our own hands.



VISUAL MEDITATION

Safe in the Shepherd's Care



Our assurance rests in the faithfulness of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and holds them securely.

JOHN 10:27-29



The Spirit as God's Guarantee

“Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance.” — Ephesians 1:13–14

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Guarantee

ORIGINAL GREEK: ἀρραβών

TRANSLITERATION: arrabōn

BIBLICAL MEANING: A pledge, down payment, or deposit guaranteeing full possession in the future.

The Holy Spirit is God's seal of ownership and His pledge that He will complete what He has begun. His presence in the believer points forward to the full inheritance still to come.

Evidence of a Changed Life

A believer's life should increasingly display love for Christ, love for God's Word, love for other believers, a growing hatred of sin, a desire for holiness, and perseverance in faith. These are evidences of salvation; they are not its basis.

What Assurance Is Not

- Never struggling with doubts.
- Never being tempted.
- Never failing.
- Being perfect.
- Depending on emotions.
- Trusting in personal goodness.
- Assuming salvation while living in continual rebellion against God.



A believer may stumble, but does not make peace with sin. When the believer sins, the Holy Spirit convicts and draws the heart back toward confession, repentance, and restoration.

When Doubt Comes

Doubt may arise through trials, spiritual warfare, ignorance of Scripture, unconfessed sin, or dependence on feelings. The answer is not to manufacture stronger emotion; it is to return to the truth of God's Word and the sufficiency of Christ.

Biblical Examples

Thomas struggled with doubt until he encountered the risen Christ (John 20:24–29). Jesus graciously strengthened his faith, reminding us that God meets sincere seekers with truth.

Peter denied Jesus three times, yet Jesus restored him (John 21). Peter's failure did not cancel God's grace. His restoration shows that true believers may fall, but Christ faithfully restores those who return to Him.

Near the end of his life Paul declared, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul's confidence rested in Christ's faithfulness, not his own.

Practical Application

Reflect & Respond

1. On what am I basing my assurance—God's promises or my feelings?

2. Do I see evidence of God's transforming work in my life?



3. Am I trusting Christ's finished work or my own performance?

4. When I sin, do I respond with repentance and seek restoration?

5. Am I growing in love for God and obedience to His Word?

KEY TRUTH

Biblical assurance is settled confidence in God's promise and Christ's finished work. It produces gratitude, humility, obedience, and perseverance—not carelessness.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

When feelings and circumstances change, which promises of God help anchor your assurance in Christ?



FOUNDATION FOUR

New Identity in Christ

Living as a new creation

Definition

When a person repents and believes, God does more than forgive the past. He creates new life. A disciple must learn to see themselves not through past failures, achievements, or human opinions, but through what God declares to be true in Christ.

Understanding identity is essential because identity shapes behavior. We do not obey God in order to become His children; we obey because through Christ we already are His children. Many believers continue to struggle because they live according to who they were instead of who they have become.



VISUAL MEDITATION

Made New in Christ



*In Christ, the old life is laid aside, the chains are broken,
and the believer stands forgiven, redeemed, and made new.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



Key Scriptures

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: New Creation

ORIGINAL GREEK: καινὴ κτίσις

TRANSLITERATION: kainē ktisis

BIBLICAL MEANING: A new creation—new in quality, not merely repaired. God does not simply renovate the old life; He creates something new.

The expression “in Christ” speaks of our union with Jesus. The believer’s new standing and spiritual blessings are found in Him.

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.” — Galatians 2:20

The old sinful identity has been crucified with Christ. The believer now lives by faith, empowered by the indwelling Christ.

“You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’” — Romans 8:15–17

In the Roman world, adoption granted full legal rights, privileges, inheritance, and the family name. Spiritually, God receives every believer fully into His family.

Blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1:3–14 describes the believer as chosen, holy, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, accepted, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and given an eternal inheritance. These are not goals we achieve; they are realities received in Christ.



What God Accomplishes

- We are forgiven — our debt is canceled in Christ (Colossians 2:13–14).
- We are justified — God declares us righteous because of Christ (Romans 5:1).
- We are adopted — God becomes our Father and we become heirs with Christ (Romans 8:15–17).
- We are redeemed — Christ purchased and set us free by His blood (Ephesians 1:7).
- We are sealed — the Holy Spirit marks us as belonging to God (Ephesians 1:13).

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Adoption

ORIGINAL GREEK: υιοθεσία

TRANSLITERATION: *huiiothesia*

BIBLICAL MEANING: Adoption as sons and daughters, with the full name, rights, privileges, and inheritance of God's family.

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Justification / Justified

ORIGINAL GREEK: δικαιόω

TRANSLITERATION: *dikaioō*

BIBLICAL MEANING: To declare righteous or acquit. God judges our sin in Christ and credits Christ's righteousness to the believer.



WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Redemption / Redeemed

ORIGINAL GREEK: ἀπολύτρωσις

TRANSLITERATION: *apolytrōsis*

BIBLICAL MEANING: Release by payment of a ransom. We no longer belong to sin; we belong to Christ.

Living From Your Identity

Identity has always been a battleground. Satan tempted Eve by questioning God's Word, and he tempted Jesus by saying, "If You are the Son of God..." The disciple must learn to answer every false label with the truth of Scripture.

Who Am I in Christ?

- A child of God (John 1:12).
- A new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Forgiven (Ephesians 1:7).
- Justified (Romans 5:1).
- Redeemed (Colossians 1:13–14).
- Adopted into God's family (Romans 8:15).
- A citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20).
- The temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- Chosen (Ephesians 1:4).
- Holy and set apart (1 Peter 2:9).
- An ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- More than a conqueror through Christ (Romans 8:37).



Replace the Lie with Truth

I am worthless. **I am God's workmanship.** (Ephesians 2:10)

I am condemned. **There is now no condemnation in Christ.** (Romans 8:1)

I will never change. **I am a new creation.** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I do not belong. **I have received the Spirit of adoption.** (Romans 8:15)

Identity Produces Conduct

In the New Testament, doctrine comes before duty. Because we are holy, we learn to live holy. Because we are forgiven, we forgive. Because we are loved, we love. Because we belong to Christ, we glorify Him with our lives. We do not obey in order to become God's children; we obey because, in Christ, we are His children.

The Christian life is not striving to manufacture a new identity. It is learning to live out the new person God has already made us to be.



LEADERSHIP COMMENTARY

Live From Your New Identity

As you come to Christ and begin walking in the new life He created you for, remember that it does not matter where you came from, what your background is, what your past looks like, or what you have done. Paul teaches that when we come to Christ, we are not merely trying to improve the old person—we receive a new identity and a new life in Christ. Our past may be part of our story, but it no longer defines who we are.

God has already given us salvation, grace, and everlasting life. When we live to serve Him, we do not serve because we have to, and we do not serve to earn His love or salvation. We serve out of gratitude for everything He has already given us.

Each day when we wake up, our heart should ask, “Lord, how can I serve You today?” As we trust Him, we can be confident that He will give us the strength we need and sustain us through everything we face.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

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LEADERSHIP COMMENTARY

Let Christ Be Seen in You

As a new believer grows into a servant of Christ, it is important to remember that some people may form their first understanding of Jesus by watching those who follow Him.

People will notice how we live, how we speak, how we treat others, and whether we truly obey God's Word. Our faith must be more than something we talk about—it must be visible in our daily lives.

We are not Jesus, but we are called to represent Him faithfully. His love, humility, patience, kindness, and truth should be seen through us in real and practical ways.

When people see the change that Christ has made in our lives, they should desire to know the Savior who changed us. Let your life make the gospel visible.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” — Matthew 5:16

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Practical Application

Reflect & Respond

1. Do I define myself by my past or by God's Word?

2. Which biblical truths about my identity do I struggle to believe?

3. Am I living as someone who belongs to Christ?



4. Do my daily choices reflect my new identity?

5. How does knowing I am adopted, forgiven, and redeemed change the way I live?

Spend time reading Ephesians 1, Romans 8, and Colossians 3. Make a habit of replacing false labels with biblical truth. As the mind is renewed, the life increasingly reflects the identity God has given.

KEY TRUTH

Your identity is determined by union with Jesus Christ—not by past failures, present struggles, or human opinions. Discipleship is learning to live from who God says you are.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Which false label from your past most needs to be replaced with what God says about you in Christ?



THE WORK OF SALVATION

How God Saves

A life-changing beginning followed by God's continuing work in the believer

THE GOSPEL MOVEMENT

Conviction → Repentance and Faith → Justification and New Birth → Assurance and New Identity → Sanctification

1. Conviction

*“He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” — **John 16:8***

Conviction is the Holy Spirit's work of revealing our sin, our need for a Savior, the righteousness of Christ, the reality of judgment, and the necessity of repentance. Condemnation pushes us away in hopelessness; conviction draws us toward God in repentance.

2. Repentance and Faith

*“Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”
— **Acts 20:21***

Repentance releases the old life; faith receives the new. Repentance acknowledges guilt; faith trusts Christ's sacrifice. They belong together in the gospel response.



3. Justification — Declared Righteous

“Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” — Romans 5:1

Justification is God’s immediate legal declaration that the believing sinner is righteous because of Christ. Our guilt is removed, our sins are forgiven, Christ’s righteousness is credited to us, and our standing before God changes.

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” — 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Our guilt is removed.
- Our sins are forgiven.
- Christ’s righteousness is credited to us.
- We receive peace with God.
- We are no longer under condemnation.
- Our legal standing before God changes.

Justification is not the slow process of becoming accepted by God. It is an immediate declaration made by God and received through faith. Good works do not earn this standing, but genuine salvation produces a changed life.

DISTINCTION

Justification changes our position before God. It is immediate, complete, and received through faith—not earned through good works.

4. Regeneration — Born Again

“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” — John 3:3



Regeneration is the Holy Spirit's work of giving new spiritual life. We receive a new heart; the Spirit dwells within us; our desires begin to change; we become children of God and new creations.

DISTINCTION

Justification changes our standing before God. Regeneration changes our spiritual condition.

5. Sanctification — Being Made Holy

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification." — 1

Thessalonians 4:3

Sanctification is the lifelong work of God by which the believer is progressively transformed into the character and likeness of Jesus Christ. The Spirit renews our minds, teaches obedience, puts sinful habits to death, develops spiritual fruit, and leads us into holiness.

The word sanctification means to be made holy, consecrated, or set apart for God. At salvation the believer is set apart as belonging to God; throughout the Christian life, the Spirit continues transforming thoughts, desires, attitudes, words, and actions.

WORD STUDY

ENGLISH WORD: Sanctification

ORIGINAL GREEK: ἁγιασμός

TRANSLITERATION: *hagiasmos*

BIBLICAL MEANING: Holiness, consecration, or being set apart for God. Sanctification describes the Holy Spirit's continuing work of transforming the believer's character and conduct to become more like Jesus.

RELATED GREEK WORD: ἁγιάζω (*hagiazō*) — to make holy, consecrate, or set apart for God.

- Renewing the mind through Scripture.



- Learning obedience.
- Putting sinful habits to death.
- Developing the fruit of the Spirit.
- Growing in holiness.
- Becoming more like Christ.
- Separating from sinful practices.
- Surrendering every area of life to God.
- Depending daily on the Holy Spirit.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” — Romans 12:2

Sanctification does not mean believers never struggle or fail. It means God continues working in them, and they continue responding through surrender and obedience. Sanctification changes daily character and conduct.

Sanctification in Daily Life

“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” — Galatians 5:16

Sanctification is lived one day at a time through dependence on the Holy Spirit. He teaches us to resist sinful desires, renew our minds with truth, obey Christ, and produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–25). We do not grow by human determination alone; we walk with the Spirit and respond to His work through faith and obedience.

KEY TRUTH

Sanctification is not becoming saved little by little. We are saved by grace through faith. Sanctification is the Holy Spirit’s continuing work of helping saved people live more like Jesus.



Justification & Sanctification

These truths must be distinguished, but they must never be separated.

JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
Happens immediately.	Continues throughout life.
A declaration by God.	A work of transformation.
Changes our position.	Changes our character.
Based entirely on Christ's righteousness.	Accomplished by the Holy Spirit.
Received through faith.	Expressed through surrender and obedience.
Cannot be earned.	Produces spiritual fruit.

We are not sanctified in order to become justified. We are sanctified because we have already been justified. We do not pursue holiness to earn salvation; we pursue holiness because God has saved us and set us apart for Himself.



A Simple Illustration

Justification is like a judge declaring a guilty person righteous because another has paid the debt. Sanctification is what happens after that person leaves the courtroom and learns to live according to their new freedom and identity.

IN ONE SENTENCE

Justification says, “You are forgiven and accepted.”

Sanctification says, “Now live as someone who belongs to God.”



THE SALVATION JOURNEY

From Salvation to Mission

How grace saves, the Spirit transforms, and Christ sends

01

SAVED

Christ rescues us by grace as we respond in repentance and faith.

02

JUSTIFIED

God forgives us and declares us righteous in Christ.

03

BORN AGAIN

The Holy Spirit gives us new spiritual life.

04

SANCTIFIED

The Spirit continually forms Christlike character in us.

05

MATURED

We grow in truth, obedience, love, perseverance, and spiritual fruit.

06

SENT

We serve others, share the gospel, and help make disciples.

GRACE SAVES US. • THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US. • CHRIST SENDS US.



Salvation and Discipleship

Salvation begins with a life-changing commitment to Christ and continues as a lifelong journey of spiritual growth. At salvation, the believer is justified, forgiven, born again, adopted into God's family, given a new identity, and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

From that point forward, the believer enters the process of sanctification—growing in the Word, developing a prayer life, learning obedience, walking in holiness, producing spiritual fruit, serving others, becoming more like Christ, and making other disciples.

HANDBOOK KEY TRUTH

Salvation begins when a person repents and places faith in Jesus Christ. God justifies, forgives, gives new life, and establishes a new identity. The Holy Spirit then continues the lifelong work of sanctification, transforming the believer into the image of Christ.



FINAL REVIEW

Reflect, Remember, Respond

Use this page to review the handbook with your disciple-maker

Reflect & Respond

1. Explain salvation in your own words.

2. What is the difference between remorse and repentance?

3. What are the three elements of saving faith?

4. What is the basis of assurance?

5. Name five truths about your identity in Christ.

6. Explain the difference between justification and sanctification.

7. What is one area in which the Holy Spirit is presently transforming you?



Memory Verses

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Mark 1:15
- Ephesians 2:8–9
- 1 John 5:13
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 5:1

My Next Step

This week, with God's help, I will:

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

A Prayer of Response

A prayer does not save us; Jesus saves. These words may help you express sincere repentance and faith

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned and cannot save myself. I turn from my sin and place my trust in You alone. I believe You died for my sins and rose again. Forgive me, make me new, and take Your rightful place as Lord of my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and teach me to follow You in obedience. Thank You for receiving me by grace. Amen.

Personal Commitment

Today I affirm that my hope of salvation rests in Jesus Christ and His finished work. I desire to follow Him as Savior and Lord.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Disciple-maker: _____



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VISUAL MEDITATION

From Generation to Generation



Discipleship passes the truth and life of Christ to faithful people who will teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2



DISCIPLE-MAKER'S CHARGE

Teach What You Live

Final Exhortation to the Disciple-Maker

People will often read your life before they receive your words. Long before they embrace your message, they will observe your character, conduct, family, and the fruit of your walk with Christ. You and your household become visible evidence of the gospel you proclaim.

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” — 1 Corinthians 11:1

Discipleship is more than transferring knowledge; it is modeling the life of Christ. Teach with conviction, live with integrity, love with sincerity, and shepherd with humility. Let your home testify to God's grace, your character reflect Christ, and your life become an example worthy of imitation.



LEADERSHIP COMMENTARY

Remain Faithful to the Calling

Life will not always be easy. We may face opposition, family problems, business struggles, financial battles, disappointment, and rejection. But hard times do not erase what God has called us to do.

Paul tells us to fight the good fight of faith. This means we do not give up when life becomes difficult. We keep trusting Jesus, guard our hearts, remain faithful, and continue doing what is right.

God has called us to something greater than ourselves: to advance His Kingdom and help others become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Your circumstances may change, but your mission remains. Keep praying. Keep serving. Keep growing. Keep making disciples. Keep trusting God, and keep fighting the good fight of faith.

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” — 1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)

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May the Holy Spirit empower you with wisdom, compassion, boldness, and words of life. May every lesson lead people not only to understand salvation, but to encounter the Savior Himself. And may those you disciple become faithful disciple-makers who continue the work of Christ from generation to generation until He returns.

“The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” — 2 Timothy 2:2

DISCIPLE-MAKER'S CHARGE

Teach what you live. Live what you teach. Lead every disciple beyond information into transformation.



MINISTRY VISION

The Vision of Heart of Worship

Rooted in Scripture • Centered on Christ • Empowered by the Holy Spirit

God's Vision From the Beginning

From the beginning, God has always been a God of vision and purpose. He reveals His will to His people and calls them to walk in it faithfully (Habakkuk 2:2–3). The Church is not built on human wisdom or personal ambition, but upon the Word of God and the direction He gives through His Spirit (Proverbs 29:18; John 16:13).

Everything we do as a body must therefore align with Scripture. Our teaching, service, worship, discipleship, and daily lives must remain firmly rooted in God's Word. Scripture is our foundation, and nothing in the Church should be allowed to stand outside its truth (2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 7:24–25).

OUR FOUNDATION

God's Word establishes the vision, Jesus Christ remains at its center, and the Holy Spirit gives us power to walk it out.

“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time.” —

Habakkuk 2:2–3



The Principles of the Vision

Compassion and Passion to Minister

We move forward with deep compassion and passion to minister to God's people. We are not called to be indifferent, but to care for the lost, the broken, and the hurting, just as Christ was moved with compassion (Matthew 9:36).

Teaching, Training, and Discipleship

Christ calls His Church to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19–20). Our duty is not merely to preach sermons, but to equip God's people—to teach, train, and prepare believers to mature in faith and walk in their God-given calling (Ephesians 4:11–12).

Identifying Callings and Cultivating Gifts

God places gifts within every believer for the building up of His Church. Part of this vision is to recognize those gifts, cultivate them, and release willing servants into faithful ministry (1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Romans 12:6–8).

Passion for God, Not Empty Religion

This generation does not need empty religion. We seek a pure passion for God born from love and intimacy with Him. We are called into relationship, not lifeless ritual, and into worship in spirit and truth. Our service extends beyond the four walls of the church (Mark 7:6–8; Mark 12:30; John 4:23–24).

Integrity and Biblical Standards

Those who serve and lead must live in a way that reflects Christ. Scripture calls leaders to integrity, faithfulness, holiness, and sound doctrine. Holiness is not optional; it is essential (Titus 2:7–8; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Titus 1:6–9; 1 Peter 1:15–16).



MINISTRY CULTURE

Core Values of a Heart of Worship Servant

Values birthed from Scripture and lived through service

1. Be led by the Spirit—following His direction rather than personal preference (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:25).
2. Live a Spirit-filled life—depending on His presence and power every day (Ephesians 5:18–20; Acts 1:8).
3. Become a true worshiper—worshiping the Father in spirit and truth (John 4:23–24).
4. Live a set-apart life of holiness—belonging fully to God (2 Corinthians 6:17; Hebrews 12:14).
5. Build community as the Body of Christ—gathering, encouraging, and strengthening one another (Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:24–25).
6. Honor Christ as the Head of the Church—submitting every plan and ministry to His authority (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22–23).
7. Maintain a Kingdom mind—seeking God’s purposes without earthly agendas or personal ambition.

CULTURE STATEMENT

Everything we do should flow from our love for God and demonstrate His life within us.



The Call to Service

Service in the Kingdom is sacred. Those who step forward should truly desire to serve God and His people. Ministry must not be motivated merely by obligation, position, or recognition, but by a deep and overflowing love for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14–15).

We serve because we have encountered Jesus. He has changed our lives, and in gratitude we offer ourselves as living sacrifices. To serve means walking in His ways, obeying His Word, and being transformed into His likeness (Romans 12:1; Ezekiel 36:27; 2 Corinthians 3:18).



The Heart of a Servant

1. Transformed by His Grace

Through Christ's grace, we have been moved from darkness into His marvelous light and love. Our identity is no longer rooted in the world, but in Him.

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." — Colossians 1:13

2. Called to Shine, Not to Hide

We are not called to hide the light of Christ, but to let it shine so others may see His love through us.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14

3. Sacrifice, Commitment, and Love

True ministry requires sacrifice, commitment, and love. Relationships rooted in Christlike love must remain at the center of every act of service.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." — John 15:13

4. Desire Born From Encounter

When we experience God's goodness, our hearts long to serve Him. The things of this world lose their value when compared with His presence.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." — Psalm 34:8



5. Selflessness in Ministry

Ministry is not about personal agendas or recognition. It is complete surrender to God's will, expressed through humility and a pure heart.

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” — **Philippians 2:3***

6. The Heart of a Servant

The highest calling is to serve with the heart of a servant, following Christ's example of humility and obedience.

*“The greatest among you will be your servant.” — **Matthew 23:11***

Beyond Religion: A Call to Intimacy

We are not here to practice empty traditions or follow human commands. We are here to cultivate intimacy with God. Our pursuit is not outward form, but inward transformation. No matter who we are or what role we serve, every believer is called to live in a way that reflects God's glory (Colossians 2:20–23; Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31).



VISION IN ACTION

What the Church Exists to Do

Our confession becomes visible through transformed lives

We confess a statement of faith grounded in the Word, but this vision is more than words. It is about the transforming work of God in each individual life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Church Exists To:

1. Reach the lost with the gospel (Luke 19:10; Romans 1:16).
2. Disciple believers into maturity (Colossians 1:28–29).
3. Glorify and worship God (Psalm 29:2; Revelation 4:11).
4. Be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led (Acts 1:8; Romans 8:14).
5. Live lives of holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:7).
6. Expand the Kingdom through evangelism locally and abroad (Mark 16:15; Acts 13:47).
7. Commit to prayer and intercession (1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16).
8. Walk in godly fellowship that edifies. We are not merely together; we are building the Kingdom (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).

FAITH IN ACTION

The vision becomes credible when the truth we confess is displayed through the lives we live.



A Ministry Positioned for Expansion

Heart of Worship Ministries is not merely a local church; it is a ministry with an apostolic call to expand. We are positioned to grow, plant, and help oversee ministry in Texas and beyond (Isaiah 54:2–3; Psalm 2:8). God has given us a word that this ministry will reach territories beyond this country. Those who join this vision share the responsibility of serving men, women, youth, families, communities, and nations.

We Believe In:

- Planting churches and establishing faithful leadership (Acts 14:23).
- Experiencing revival through prayer and repentance (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Impacting communities with the gospel (Romans 15:18–19).
- Raising leaders who will carry the fire of the Spirit into new territories (2 Timothy 2:2).

Structure and Practice of Ministry

- Dependence on the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:6; John 16:13).
- Operating in the gifts of the Spirit as He distributes them (1 Corinthians 12:11).
- Living transformed lives that preach louder than words (Romans 12:2; Matthew 5:16).
- Reconciling people to God through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18–19).
- Serving the Lord in His Kingdom first within our homes, before holding a position in the church building (1 Timothy 3:4–5).



The Essence of the Vision

Reforming God's people back to a true heart of worship.

The vision of Heart of Worship Ministries is rooted in Scripture, centered on Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We exist to disciple, worship, live holy, evangelize, pray, and expand God's Kingdom.

We are not a church of empty religion, but of passion; not of programs alone, but of God's presence; not of human wisdom, but of God's power.

We Are Called To:

Love God with all our heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5); love people with compassion (John 13:34–35); bring glory to Christ as His Body, the Church (Ephesians 3:21); and walk in holiness, integrity, humility, and love while advancing God's Kingdom locally and abroad.

This vision cultivates intimacy with the Father and transformed lives that reflect His glory. It equips believers to recognize their callings, cultivate their gifts, serve with humility, raise leaders, impact communities, and reach nations with the gospel.

What the Lord has begun in Heart of Worship Ministries is a foundation for greater things. Ministry expansion, church planting, leadership development, revival, prayer, and repentance are only the beginning.

Our Declaration

With surrendered hearts and eyes fixed on Jesus, we press forward by God's power for Christ's glory and His Kingdom. This is only the beginning.



PERSONAL NOTES

Notes & Reflections

Record what God is teaching you as you continue to grow.

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Discipleship Meeting Record

Use this page to remember what God is teaching you and the next step you have committed to take

DATE / MEETING

PASSAGE OR LESSON

THE MAIN TRUTH I LEARNED

A QUESTION I STILL HAVE

CORRECTION OR ENCOURAGEMENT I RECEIVED

MY NEXT STEP OF OBEDIENCE

PRAYER REQUESTS



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Prayer & Accountability Notes

Bring your growth into the light through honest prayer, Scripture, and trusted Christian fellowship

GRATITUDE

Where did I recognize God's grace this week?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Where is the Holy Spirit helping me become more like Christ?

HONEST CONFESSION

What sin, fear, or struggle do I need to bring into the light?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Who will pray with me and help me follow through?

NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

What will I do, with God's help, before our next meeting?

*"He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." — **Philippians 1:6***



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Scripture Study Notes

Record the passage, the truth God showed you, and how you will respond in faith and obedience

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WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ABOUT GOD?

WHAT TRUTH DO I NEED TO REMEMBER?

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Stay connected with our church family as you continue your journey of salvation and discipleship

Questions are welcome. Our leadership team is available to pray with you, help you understand Scripture, and encourage you as you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



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WE ARE HERE TO WALK WITH YOU

Do not be afraid to ask questions or seek prayer. Spiritual growth takes time, and God often uses faithful believers to strengthen one another along the way.