



NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN

Saved

FOREWARD

To the glory of God and for the edification of His Church, this manual, "Now that you have been saved" has been prayerfully produced to guide new converts in our Diocese towards steady growth in Christ and to strengthen our evangelistic mission.

The foundation and future of every church depend on the proper nurturing of new believers, helping them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. This is, therefore, a clarion call to every priest and evangelist within our Diocese to embrace both pragmatic and practical evangelism, winning souls and diligently nurturing them in preparation for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Scripture reminds us, when a seed is sown but not watered, it withers away.

In this Diocese, we affirm that the grooming of souls, especially new converts, must remain a sacred priority. It is our collective responsibility to water the seeds of faith so that God's Church may continue to flourish.

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NOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED, THE FOLLOWING ARE YOUR NEW EXPERIENCES AND IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1. Your name is written in the Book of Life: Through salvation, your name is now registered in heaven's eternal record. You have assurance of eternal life and a place in God's kingdom. Rejoice, for you belong to the Lord forever.

Bible Passages: Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; Revelation 20:15; Hebrews 12:23

2. You are a child of God: Salvation makes you God's child by adoption and new birth. You now enjoy His fatherly love, care, and discipline. You belong to His household, and nothing can separate you from His fatherhood.

Bible Passages: John 1:12; Romans 8:15–16; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:1–2; 2 Corinthians 6:18

3. You are saved: You have been rescued from sin, death, and eternal judgment. Salvation is God's gift through faith in Christ. You are now safe in Him, walking in newness of life and divine security.

Bible Passages: Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5; Acts 4:12; 2 Timothy 1:9

4. You are an heir with Christ: Being saved makes you a joint heir with Christ. You share in His inheritance, His glory, and His eternal reign. What belongs to Him is now yours, guaranteed by God's Spirit.

Bible Passages: Romans 8:17; Galatians 4:7; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 3:24; 1 Peter 1:3–4

5. You have escaped the second death: Eternal separation from God is no longer your portion. The blood of Jesus has delivered you from hell's

torment. You will partake in eternal life with Christ, safe from everlasting destruction.

Bible Passages: Revelation 20:6; Revelation 20:14; Revelation 21:8; John 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:9

6. Your sins are forgiven: In Christ, your sins are washed away, remembered no more. You stand justified, reconciled to God, and clothed in righteousness. Forgiveness brings peace, restoration, and freedom from guilt and eternal punishment.

Bible Passages: Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13–14; 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18–19

7. Satan has no more power over you: The cross broke Satan's authority over your life. He is a defeated enemy. You now walk in Christ's victory, exercising power to resist him, and he has no lasting hold on you.

Bible Passages: Colossians 2:15; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 12:11

8. You have overcome the world: Through faith in Christ, the power of the world's system is broken. You can live above its corruption, temptations, and deceit. The Spirit enables you to stand strong and walk victoriously.

Bible Passages: 1 John 5:4–5; John 16:33; Romans 8:37; Galatians 6:14; Revelation 2:7

9. Nothing of the devil is in you: You are separated from Satan's nature and claims. In Christ, you carry His life, not the devil's. No accusation or bondage of darkness has a place in you anymore. You belong to Jesus.

Bible Passages: John 14:30; 1 John 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:13; Romans 6:14

10. You are free from condemnation: Salvation lifts the guilt and sentence of judgment. You are justified, not condemned. Christ's sacrifice secures your freedom, and no accusation can stand against you in God's court. You are eternally secure.

Bible Passages: Romans 8:1; John 3:17–18; Romans 5:1; Isaiah 54:17; Micah 7:19

For you to keep enjoying these new realities in Christ, you must be ready to painstakingly follow the following 10 steps to growing in faith.

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1. Be Part of a Local Church: You need a church family where you can grow, be nurtured, and serve. The church is like soil for a tree: it helps you put down roots, stand firm, and bear fruit. In the church, you receive sound teaching, genuine worship, encouragement, accountability, and fellowship. Find a Bible-believing church where you feel at home, connect with other Christians, and attend regularly.

References: Heb. 10:24–25; Acts 2:42–47; Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 12:12–27; Eph. 4:11–16; Col. 3:16; Ps. 122:1; 1 Thess. 5:11; James 5:16; Rom. 12:4–5; Gal. 6:2

2. Read the Bible Regularly: Romans 10:17 reminds us that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” The Bible is your spiritual food and foundation. It tells you who you are in Christ, what God has done, and how you should live. Read, study, and meditate on it daily. Let God's Word shape your thoughts, decisions, and actions. When trials and doubts come, it is the rock you stand on.

References: Rom. 10:17; Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:1–3; Ps. 119:9–11; Matt. 4:4; John 8:31–32; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; James 1:22–25; 1 Pet. 2:2; Rev. 1:3; Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; Jer. 15:16

3. Pray and Be Sensitive to the Holy Spirit: Prayer is how you talk to God, confess sin, seek guidance, and receive strength. It is also how you invite the Holy Spirit to work in your life. The Holy Spirit assures you that you

belong to God, empowers you to overcome sin, and leads you into God's will. Don't rely on your own strength; rely on Him daily.

References: Matt. 6:6–13; Luke 18:1; Jer. 33:3; Phil. 4:6–7; 1 Thess. 5:17; James 5:16; 1 John 5:14–15; Ps. 145:18; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; Mark 11:24

4. Put Jesus in Charge of Your Life (Lordship): Salvation means more than rescue—it means a new life under Christ's rule. You are now “under new management.” Surrender your desires, decisions, and future to Jesus. Say “yes” to Him and “no” to sin. This guards you against falling back into old ways and helps you live a transformed life.

References: Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:1–3; Eph. 4:22–24; Titus 2:11–12; John 14:15; 1 Pet. 1:14–16; Rom. 12:1–2; 1 John 2:6; Gal. 5:22–23

5. Resist Temptation and Live in Obedience: Though you are saved, temptation will still come. Be alert, lean on God's power, and use Scripture as your defense. Obedience is the fruit of true salvation and proves that your faith is genuine. It protects your walk with God and keeps your spiritual life healthy.

References: 1 Cor. 10:13; James 4:7; Matt. 26:41; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 5:8–9; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 6:11; Ps. 119:11; 2 Tim. 2:22; Gen. 39:9–12; John 14:15; Deut. 28:1; Rom. 6:16; 1 Sam. 15:22

6. Engage in Spiritual Disciplines (Growth Habits): Spiritual growth requires intentional practice. Feed on the Word (**Bible**), drink deeply (**prayer**), exercise (**service, evangelism, and living out your faith**), breathe fresh air (**worship**), and rest with others (**fellowship**). These habits strengthen you, make you resilient against trials, and build maturity.

References: 1 Timothy 4:7–8, Joshua 1:8, Matthew 6:6, Matthew 6:16–18, 2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 12:11, Colossians 3:16, Luke 18:1, Psalm 1:2–3, 1 Corinthians 9:27.

7. Live for Others and Share Your Faith: Salvation is not just inward; it is outward. Serve others, share your faith, and let your life point people to Christ. Involvement in service, evangelism, and acts of kindness matures your faith and shows Christ's love to the world.

References: Matt. 20:26–28; John 13:12–15; Rom. 12:6–8; 1 Cor. 12:4–7; 1

Pet. 4:10–11; Gal. 5:13; Col. 3:23–24; Phil. 2:3–4; Heb. 6:10; James 2:14–17; Matt. 25:35–40

8. Know Your Identity in Christ: Understand that you are forgiven, justified, and made new. You are a child of God, and your worth is found in Christ, not in the world's standards. Walk in this awareness daily, and let your new identity shape your choices and lifestyle.

References: John 1:12; Rom. 8:15–17; Gal. 4:6–7; Eph. 1:3–6; Col. 2:9–10; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:9–10; 1 John 3:1–2; Rev. 1:5–6; Phil. 3:20; 2 Cor. 5:17

9. Worship and Praise God: Worship brings you into God's presence, and praise strengthens your faith. Always glorify God in your life and give Him thanks for His redemptive work. Worship is both personal and corporate—it honors God and builds the Church.

References: Ps. 100:1–5; Ps. 150:1–6; John 4:23–24; Heb. 13:15; Eph. 5:19–20; Ps. 34:1; Acts 16:25; Rev. 4:11; Rev. 5:12–13; Ps. 95:1–7; Isa. 12:5

10. Persevere: Remain Faithful to the End: The Christian journey has trials and persecutions, but God is with you. Stand firm, stay rooted in love, and remain faithful. Spiritual growth is lifelong. Even in seasons of dryness or discouragement, hold on; God is faithful to the end.

References: Matt. 24:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9; Phil. 3:12–14; Heb. 12:1–2; James 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7–8; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:11; Rom. 8:35–39; 2 Pet. 3:17–18

