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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION BOOKLET

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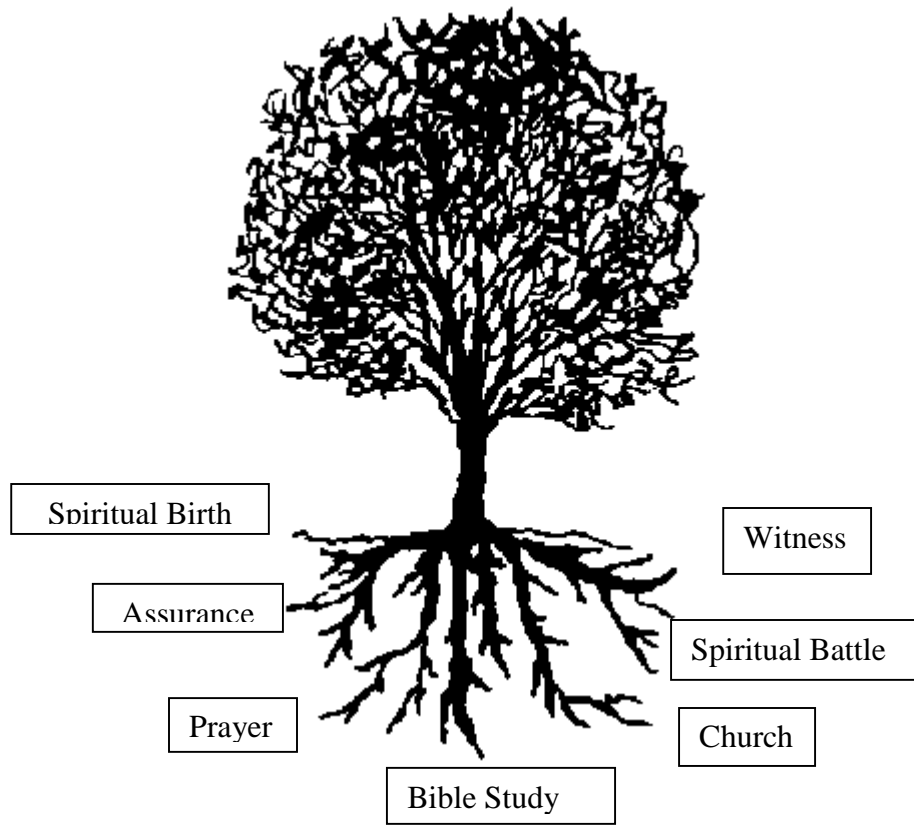
Basic Christian Doctrine

Hebrews 6:1-2

1. Repentance- The change of mind to turn away from sin and/or ungodly rituals. (Hebrews 9:14)
2. Faith- The complete trust and belief in GOD.
3. Baptism- As commanded by JESUS. (Matthew 28:19)
4. Laying on of hands (ordaining) – (Acts 6:6, 13:3), (Matthew 19:15)
5. Resurrection in the last days- (John 5:25-29; 11:25)
6. Eternal judgment- The destiny of those who reject God's saving grace and keep to their sinful ways. (Acts 17:18-28,32) ; John 8:51)

Deepening Your Spiritual Roots

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This book belongs to: _____

Suggestions to Help You in This Study

1. Find a quiet spot, free from distractions.
2. Pray for God's guidance before you work each lesson.
3. Read each question carefully.
4. Always use your Bible to answer the questions, and make sure you have found the correct scripture passage.
5. Don't worry about scriptures you do not understand.
6. Simply go on to next question. Concentrate on what God reveals to you in His Word for now, trust Him to make the vague things clearer when you come back to them at a later time.
7. Don't simply quote the scripture reference in your answer. Write the answer in your own words as briefly as possible, using a lead pencil. Don't use ink because you may want to change your answer.
8. When all the lesson care completed, return this book to your Pastor or counselor. After he or she has received your answers, the book will be returned to you.

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Preface

Deepening your spiritual roots requires the same faith you demonstrated when you received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Salvation is just the first step in Obedience. The Christian life is a new adventure in growth and opportunities every day. Remember, your Christian life is **not** a 100-year dash; it is a lifetime marathon.

This booklet is designed to help you obey the command found in Colossians 2:6-7. To better understand this command, write your first name in the following blanks:

“As I, _____, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so I, _____, should continue to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith, as I, _____, have been taught.”
(Colossians 2:6-7, paraphrased)

As these verses teach, you “deepen your spiritual roots” the same way you received Christ—through faith as you do His will as revealed in the Bible. When a person is truly saved, he or she will want to know more about Jesus Christ to “deepen” his or her spiritual roots.

“Deepening your spiritual roots” requires four basic things:

1. Prayer- Jesus said if we didn’t pray we will faint, or lose heart (Luke 18:1). Prayer is talking to God and letting him talk to you. If you do not pray, you will faint, and your spiritual life will wilt. This booklet is designed to encourage you to pray on a regular basis.
2. Bible Study- The chapter in this book entitles “Your Spiritual Food” will help you see the importance of Bible study. Just as physical food is essential. For your spiritual growth, the Word of God is vital for spiritual growth and “deepening your spiritual roots.”
3. Faithful Church Attendance- You need the local church just as a baby needs parents. The Church is your spiritual family; therefore, as soon as possible, if you have not already, you should join a local church. A Christian who will not join a local church is like a soldier who will not join the army, or a football player who won’t play with a team. Answering the questions in this booklet will help you see the importance of the local church in “deepening your spiritual roots.”
4. Witnessing- Because of the efforts of some person or local church, you came to know Jesus Christ as Savior. Now you are a debtor who should in turn help others find what you have found in Jesus Christ. Witnessing is sharing with others what you have experienced. Studying and answering the questions in this booklet will help you become a better witness for Jesus Christ.

In addition to these four basic aspects of the Christian life, this booklet also contains lessons on salvation, assurance, and temptation, which will also “deepen your spiritual roots”.



LESSON ONE.....

Your Spiritual Salvation

The most important step in putting down spiritual roots is to understand what spiritual salvation is all about. The salvation experience is the initial step in getting to know Jesus Christ personally and developing a close relationship with Him. If you are to “deepen your spiritual roots”, you must seek to understand more fully who Jesus is, why He came to earth, and what HE wants to do in your life.

TO begin to comprehend all this, there are four basic truths about your salvation of which you need to be aware.....

I. God Loves you and wants you to have eternal life.

- 1. To better understand God’s love for you, write your first name in the following blanks:

“For God so loved _____, that He gave His only begotten Son, that if _____ believes in Him, _____ should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

II. God is holy and no sin can come into His presence.

The Bible reveals that God’s throne is founded on righteous and justice (Psalm 97:2).

- 2. If God loves you, why are you separated from Him and stand guilty before Him, according to the following references?

- a. Isaiah 59:2

- b. Romans 3:23

- 3. What will be the penalty for your sinful condition, according to Romans 6:23?

The word *death* means “spiritual death,” or literally, “separation”. When you die physically, your soul is separated from your body. When you die spiritually, your soul is separated from God and all the good things He intended for you all eternity.

