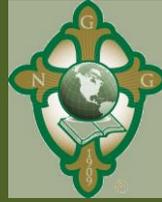


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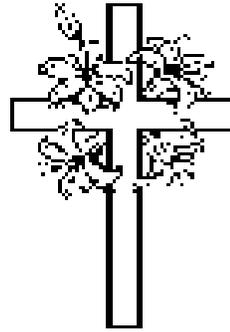


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NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

BISHOP DR. MILTON GLASS, PASTOR
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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY



Greetings New Members:

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the New Green Grove Church of Faith, but most of all to the Family of God. Each day I strive to be all I can be to serve as Pastor of this church and as a pastor to you. I am always available and willing to help you with any problem that I can.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for assistance. Again, we welcome you and look forward to seeing you prosper in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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The Meaning of Church Membership

Church membership is the commitment of the believer to be identified and dynamically involved with a local body of Christians who have placed themselves under the authority of Jesus Christ.

Church membership is a divinely established, legally binding relationship between God and His people whereby they agree to function in harmony with other believers under His designated structure of authority in accordance with the revealed guidelines of Scripture resulting in long-term consequences over time. This relationship is called a covenant.

It is God's expressed desire that each member of His Church becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is that process whereby a Christian progressively learns to bring every area of their life under the lordship of Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News.

The Church has been established to be a spiritual community which models the kingdom of God on earth. As such, it is the role of the Church and its members to provide a divine alternative of God's activity in the world without at the same time becoming a part of the world.

Since it is the role of the Church to be God's alternative in society, then it is the vision of

the church to develop a comprehensive program of outreach, not only in the church, but also in the community. This outreach should extend into every social sphere whether it is education, economics, etc., so that the sovereignty and supremacy of Christ is demonstrated through the impact of each member of His body, the Church.

When a person becomes a member of the local church he is responsible for pursuing Godliness through the application of the Scripture in their daily lives. It is the responsibility of the church to assist the believer in achieving this goal as well as holding the members accountable through the process of church discipline when they refuse to submit themselves to biblical authority.

Churches are never stronger than their membership; and a membership of worldly, careless, negligent, stunted Christians will prevent a church from accomplishing much for the Lord. There is a need for every member to be consecrated, trained and enlisted in active service. We are under obligation to be the very best members possible under the leading of the Lord.

We see, then, that membership is a privilege and an opportunity that entails great obligations.

“No God, No Peace—Know God, Know Peace”

Understanding Salvation & Being Born Again

SALVATION: Rescue or deliverance from evil, danger, or trouble: God's gift through Christ, to save man's soul.

Congratulations, since you are a new Christian, there are some very important things you need to know. You acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Son of God and coming to Him is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and believed in your heart God raised Him from the dead, you were responding to the urging of the Spirit of God. Thus, with your heart you believed unto righteousness and with your mouth confession was made unto salvation. For no one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day".

So, in all things may God be glorified. This is an occasion to praise Him for patiently drawing you, planting seeds of thought over the years and shaping circumstances that you might come to recognize and know Him, the



Source of life. He had made you the recipient of His grace, or "unmerited favor".

When, by faith, you received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, many wonderful and exciting things happened to you. All your sins were forgiven by Jesus. He took all your punishment upon Himself. You are accepted by God because of what Jesus did. You now have peace with God and are saved from His

wrath against the rebellion and sinfulness of humanity.

You have experienced a new birth, a spiritual birth. You have been "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". (I Peter 1:3) You have been born into God's family and are a Child of God. And as His Child, you are heir with Christ. (Romans 8:17) Jesus told us, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your father has chose gladly to give you the kingdom". (Luke 12:32) What a wonderful, loving Father we have! And what a wonderful Savior, who gave Himself as a ransom for you and now shares His father's kingdom with you as a fellow heir and calls you friend.

God knows you and loves you as a unique person. He has a unique plan and purpose for your life, and He will lead and guide you in a special way that will apply to no other person. He will unfold much to you in the weeks and months ahead. But to begin, there are few basic things you should know and do.

Spiritual Growth

Now that you are saved, your Spiritual Growth begins. You are now a baby Christian working up to spiritual maturity. It is important to attend church services regularly in order to be spiritually motivated. We need to attend Sunday School, Bible Study and other biblical activities to obtain the information we need to grow.

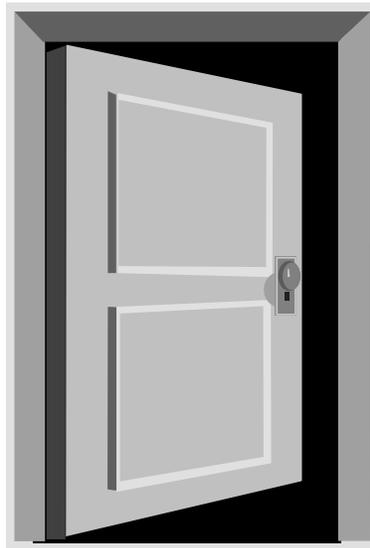
When we study the Word of God, we are then able to prayerfully answer questions that seem otherwise difficult. We should know basic things like why did Jesus die? What is Atonement? How can I defeat the devil? These are some of the questions that can be answered through study and prayer.

The rate of your growth depends on you and what you allow God to do in your life.

Reading and understanding the Word of God (Bible) is primarily an individual commitment. Take the time daily to mediate on the Word. If you have questions, consult other bible references or ask your pastor or fellow Christians for help.

Discipline yourself and schedule your life to include Jesus. Remember little things such as saying grace before eating and big things such as praying often. Don't be in such a hurry to accomplish the things of this world and forget to prepare for the next life. You must grow spiritually to fulfill your purpose on earth.

- Ephesians 6:11-12
- II Timothy 2:15
- Phillipians 2:14-16



“Knock, and The Door Shall Be Opened”



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