



What
if?



“I have never even considered the direction.
For where am I to go? And by what shall I steer?
What is to be my quest?”

- Frodo Baggins

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of The Rings*

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What if...

You Could Know God Personally

You Could Hear God's Voice

You Could Know God's Plan for Your Life

You Could Know that You Will Go to Heaven
When You Die

Would You Be Interested?

**Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from?
Where am I going?
Is it possible to know God?
Will I go to heaven when I die?**

The good news is that God is not an impersonal Spirit. He is not too busy to be concerned with your life and your problems. You are created in His image, and **He invites you to the intimacy of a personal relationship with Him.**



The Bible tells about people who **talked with God as a person talks to a friend, and He answered them in words they could understand.** Down through the ages, those who have known Him best have testified that they walked with Him in a delight of devotion that was deeply satisfying.

You Were Created to Know Him

Not only that, the Bible explains that **we were all created to know God, to do His will, and to enjoy Him forever.** Life's greatest joy is to experience God's Presence, to have a personal relationship with Him, to hear Him speak to you, and to join Him in His work.

In fact, God has plans for you. **"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for good and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope."**
(Jer. 29:11)

It is God's will that you are filled with His Spirit and have His love, joy, peace, and power. It is His will that you have an abundant life filled with good things. It is not His will that anyone should perish. In fact, it is God's greatest desire that you become His friend and spend eternity with Him in heaven.

If this is true, then why do I feel separated from God, and why don't I experience His blessing?

Outward Sin

The Bible has the answer - **"Your sins have separated you from God. Your sins have hidden his face from you so that He will not hear."***(Isa. 59:2)*

What is sin?

Sin is disobedience to God's commandments.

The Bible lists Ten Commandments as examples of all the rest. *(Ex. 20:1-17)*

1. There is only One God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Worship Him alone.
2. Don't make idols to worship them.
3. Don't misuse God's name.
4. Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. Don't murder.
7. Don't commit adultery.
8. Don't steal.
9. Don't lie about your neighbor.
10. Don't desire anything that belongs to your neighbor.



If you have broken any of these commandments then you have sinned against God.

Inward Sin

However, Jesus taught that **sin is more than outward actions** and **its presence is revealed in the attitudes and motives of the heart**—attitudes such as lust, unforgiveness, resentment, hate, pride, selfishness, and hypocrisy.

Jesus taught, “**Lust** in the heart **is** the same thing as **adultery**. **Anger** in the heart **is** the same thing as **murder**. Cursing someone carries the danger of hell fire.” (*Matt. 5:21-28*)

“The one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.” (*James 4:17*)

All sin carries with it the penalty of God's judgment. Sin is much deeper than outward actions and heart attitudes and can be present in the morally upright as well as the wicked.



Since the first man and woman made their break with the High-Will of Heaven, sin has run through human nature like a gigantic fault line.

Sin is revealed when I claim my rights to myself.

The Idolatry of Self

Sin is ultimately self-rule and manifests itself in anarchy against God. Self is the idol that sits on the throne of man's heart.



In pride, we have said, “I will.” We have exalted ourselves above God. We have rebelled against God and have chosen to go our own stubborn, independent way. **This is the root of sin that has broken our fellowship with God.**

We have taken the place as the ruler of our heart that belongs to God alone.

We live our lives according to our own self-will. We follow our own plans and focus on self-interest.

We demand that our wishes be satisfied. We seek power and control. We want others to bow to our judgment and accept our declarations as law. We have a deep thirst for the recognition of our excellence we so desperately need in order to avoid despair. We seek praise and approval from others.

We desire the admiration and honor that rightfully belongs to God alone. This idolatry of self is the sin of man. This is the nature of evil.

Our stubborn opposition to God's laws of life often brings a sharp crisis into our affairs. We blame God for circumstances that are the result of our own actions of living independently from Him, then we cry out,

“God! Why did you do this to me?”

The Bible Paints This Portrait of the Rule of Self:

- Pride, selfish ambition, a desire to make a name for myself, boasting and self-exaltation
- Seeking popularity, the honor of peers
- Sexual immorality—sex before marriage, homosexuality, adultery, pornography addiction, etc.
- Impure thoughts and eagerness for lustful pleasures
- Quarreling, outbursts of anger
- Selfishness
- Hatred—unforgiveness

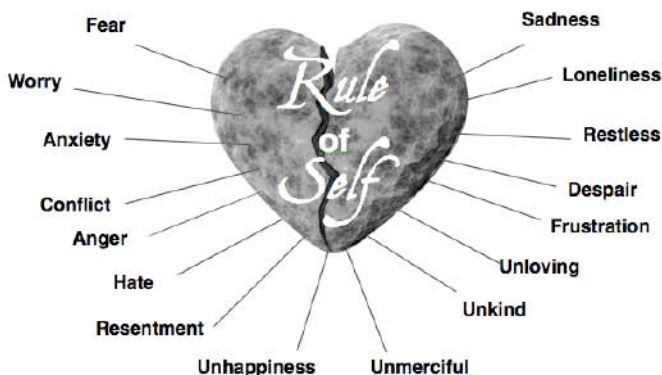
- Jealousy, envy
- Unthankfulness, backstabbing, promise breaking
- Disrespectful to parents and those in authority
- Lying, cheating, and taking what does not belong to you
- Drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin
(Gal.5:19-20, 1 John 2:15-17, 1 Cor. 6:9,18-20)



Impure Heart

Sin creates a separation between you and God. Sin will keep you from experiencing God’s Presence and will prevent you from experiencing His friendship and love. Those separated from God are not filled with God’s love and compassion. They have what the Bible calls a **“heart of stone.”** This stony heart is at the root of the conflict among families and nations.

The Heart of Stone - The Rule of Self



Negative Emotions Fill the Heart Directed by Self

As long as your **life is directed by your own selfish will** and **self-effort** your heart will eventually be **overwhelmed with darkness**. Organizing life around yourself puts you at odds with the universe. **Nothing in the world will back up you being God.**

If your life is controlled by the sinful nature, you will lack peace, joy, and purpose. You will seek rest, but find none.

Even in laughter your heart will be heavy. You may even experience great loneliness in the midst of a crowd.

You know your soul is not satisfied. It is still an aching void. The reason is clear. **All unholy desires are restless desires. They create hell on earth within your heart, but will also send you to hell for eternity.** If you persist in this way of doing things, your life may end up as Shakespeare described in Macbeth, “A tale told by an idiot—full of sound and fury and signifying nothing.”

The Bible tells us: **“You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and God...** Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the terrible anger of God comes upon all those who disobey Him.” *(Ephes. 5:5-6)*



“Don’t you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? **Don’t fool yourselves.** Those who indulge in sexual sin who are idol worshippers, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, those who practice witchcraft, all liars, cowards, unbelievers, murders, and swindlers—**none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God—they are thrown into the lake that burns with fire.**” *(1 Cor. 9-10, Rev. 20:15, 21:8)*

“The wicked will be cast into hell and all nations that forget God.”
(Ps. 9:17)

God Has Made a Way

Here is the love of God. What we cannot do, God has done. God became Man in the person of Jesus Christ. He came to take away sin by the sacrifice of Himself and the blood of His cross.

“For God loved the world so much that He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” *(John 3:16)*

Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has made a way for you, if you will repent of your sins and receive Him as your Lord and Savior. **He will forgive and cleanse your sin, and remove the heart of stone.** He will give you a new heart, a new nature, full of His love and His Spirit and make you His son or daughter.

The Bible gives us this record about Jesus:

When John saw Jesus he said, “Behold, **the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**” (*John 1:29*)

“This is a true saying and everyone should believe: that **Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.**” (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

“**Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**” (*Heb. 9:22*)

“Once for all time **He took His own blood** into the Most Holy Place **and secured our salvation forever.**” (*Heb. 9:12*)

“And by Him, God reconciled everything to Himself. **He made peace** with everything in heaven and on earth **by His blood on the cross.**” (*Col. 1:20*)

“**All Praise to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us.**” (*Rev. 1:5*)

“**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**” (*Rom. 6:23*)



The Promise of Abundant Life

Jesus said, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me...**It is the Spirit who gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing.” (*John 14:6, 6:63*)

“**I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.**” (*John 14:6, John 6:63,10:10*)

Jesus said, “**If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you would ask Me, and I would give you living water. The water I will give you takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within you, giving you eternal life.**” (*John 4:10.14*)

Jesus came to:

- **End your captivity!**
- **Provide the remedy for the poison of sin. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**
- **Lift the gloom of doubt and the weight of sorrow.**
- **Deliver all those who believe in Him from sin's power and remove the heart of stone.**
- **Give you a New Heart, a New Spirit, a New Mind, a New Nature like His glorious nature filled with His love and mercy.**
- **End the separation between God and man making those who believe in Him "one with God."**
- **Fill you with His Holy Spirit, so you can know God.**
- **Recreate the human race and bring "many sons and daughters into glory" and make you a part of His eternal family.**
- **Bring "His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven."**
- **Give you eternal life - You can be sure that you will go to heaven when you die.**

The Promise of a New Heart

Jesus did not come to reform people. He came to transform them. As the Second Adam, Jesus came to give birth to a New Creation. He came to give you a new heart and make your physical body the temple of His Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "**Look, I make all things new!**" (*Rev. 21:5*)

"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a **new spirit** in you. **I will take out your stony, stubborn heart** and give you a tender, responsive heart.

"I will put my laws in your mind and write them on your heart. I will be your God, and you will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbors to know the Lord. **For everyone will know Me.**" (*Ezk.36:26*)



“And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will obey My laws and do whatever I command.” (*Ezk. 36:27*)

“And I will forgive your wrong doing, and I will never again remember your sins.” (*Heb. 8:10-12*)



The Redeemed Heart - Jesus is Lord and King

- **A New Creation** – “All those in Christ are a New Creation, old things have passed away, all things have become new.” (*2 Cor.5:17*)
- **Set Free from the Power of Sin** – “And now being made free from sin, you have become servants of God.” (*Rom 6:22*)
- **A New Heart** – “I will remove the heart of stone...I will put my laws in their hearts and write them on their minds so they will understand and obey them.” (*Ezk. 11:19, Heb.11:16*)
- **Love** – “He has given us His Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with love.” (*Rom. 5:5*)
- **Joy** – “Ask using My name and you will receive and have abundant joy.” (*John 16:24*)
- **Peace** – “My peace I give to you – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give the world cannot give.” (*John 14:27*)
- **Hope** – “He has given us a living hope in raising Jesus from the dead.” (*1Peter 1:3*)
- **Purpose** – “He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace.” (*2 Timothy 1:9*)
- **Know God** – “And they shall all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.” (*Heb. 8:11*)
- **Hear God’s Voice** – “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” (*John 10:27*)

- **Eternal Life** – “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand.” (*John 10:28*)
- **A Resident of a New Kingdom** – “For He has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and He has brought us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.” (*Col. 1:13*)
- **A Child of God** – “So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” (*Gal. 3:26*)
- **Abundant Life** – “I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” (*John 10:10*)

You Must Be Born Again

What must I do to be saved from my sins so that I can enter the Kingdom of God and receive the abundant life of fellowship with God that Jesus promised?

Jesus said, “I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God...the truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven.” (*John 3: 3-7*)

“But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become **the sons of God**, even to them that believe on His name.” (*1 John 1:12*)

“For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God** so no one can boast.” (*Ephes. 3:8*)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
(*Rom. 10:9*)

When those in Jerusalem heard that Jesus had risen from the dead, and was the Savior and Messiah of Israel, they asked, “What should we do? Peter replied,

“Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (*Acts 2:37-38*)

Making a Decision

At this moment you stand at the crossroads of your life. God invites you to enter an abundant life filled with His joy, love, meaning, and purpose in fellowship with the living God.

The kingdom of God has come upon you today. His kingdom is at your very door, and His Holy Spirit is urging you to take the next great step — accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and accept the kingdom of God and His will and His way of life and be born again.

God gives you a choice — to make His kingdom your own, or to walk away into your self-imposed night. Jesus and the absolute order of His kingdom stand at the door awaiting your fateful decision.

“And the One sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making all things new! Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true. It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega — the Beginning and the End.

“To all who are thirsty I will give the springs of the water of life without charge! All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.



“But cowards who turn away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and all liars—their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.” (*Rev. 21: 5-8*)

“Look. I am standing at the door of your heart knocking. If you hear Me calling and open the door, I will come in, and fellowship with you and you with Me.” - Jesus (*Rev. 3:20*)

“And they fell prostrate before the One Seated on the Throne. They worshipped the Living One.

They threw their crowns at the foot of the Throne, chanting, “Worthy, O Master! Yes, our God! Take the glory! The honor! The power! You created it all.” (*Rev. 4:10-11, The Message*)

How to Accept Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior

1. You must confess your sin and forsake it.

“If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to **forgive us of our sins and cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.” (*1 John 1:9 NKJ*)

“Let the people turn from their wicked deeds. Let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (*Isa. 55:7 NLT*)

“Don’t team up with unbelievers. **Come out from them and be separate. Don’t touch their filthy things and I will welcome you and I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters,**” says the Lord Almighty. (*2 Cor. 6:14, 17-18*)

2. Turn to God and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Step down from the throne of your heart and make a full surrender of self. Invite Jesus Christ to come and reign in your heart as Lord and King.

Jesus said, “No one can become My disciple without giving up everything for Me... **If you want to be My follower, you must deny yourself, put aside your selfish ambition, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.**” (*Luke 14:33*)

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But **if you give up your life for Me, you will find true life.** And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul.” (*Luke 9:23*)

Renounce your rebellion against the will of God. Surrender your will to the will of God. Place your will at His service. Love what He loves, will what He wills, and hate what He hates.

Quit seeking the praises and honor of men. Jesus explained, “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?” (*John 5:44*)

“Give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice — the kind He will accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? (*Rom. 12:1*)

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.” (*Rom. 12:2*)

Prayer for Salvation

Dear Jesus,

I realize I am a sinner and in need of salvation. I want to be forgiven of my sins. I want to become a New Creation and enter Your Kingdom of eternal life, love, peace, and joy. I want to know that I will go to heaven when I die. I want to know You as my Savior, my Master, my Father, and my Friend. I believe that You are the Lord and Savior of the world. I believe that You died for my sins and that You were raised from the dead.

I give up my rebellion against You. I give up my selfish ambition, my desire for popularity, and my desire for men's praise. I surrender to Your will and Your purpose for my life. I will obey Your command to deny myself, take up my cross and follow You. I commit myself to obey Your word. I step down from the throne of my heart and give You complete control as Lord and King. Please cleanse every stain on my soul with Your blood.

Jesus, please come into my heart. Take out the heart of stone and give me the new heart You promised with Your laws and commandments written upon it. Change my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be. I will separate myself from all ungodly living. Receive me as Your child. I will be baptized in water as the sign in my flesh of my covenant with You. Please give me the gift of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for making me one of Your children. Thank you for the promise of eternal life and dwelling with You in heaven. I ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, Lord, and King. Amen.

If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart you can pray this now and Jesus Christ will come into your life, forgive and cleanse you of your sin. He will take out your stony heart and give you a brand new heart.

He will welcome you and He will be your Father and you will be His child. He will “write His commandments on your heart” and “on your mind” and “you will know the Lord” as He promised to all who receive the New Covenant in His blood. You will know that you have eternal life.

Your next step—Be Baptized in Water and Be Baptized in the Holy Spirit!



3. Water Baptism

Jesus said, “Go make disciples of all nations **baptizing** them...” (*Matt. 28:18*)

Water baptism is the watery grave where we bury the sin loving nature. It is the spiritual mark in our flesh of our covenant with God.

“When you come to Christ you are circumcised, but not by a physical procedure. **It is a spiritual procedure — cutting away the sinful nature. For you are buried with Christ when you are baptized. And with Him you were raised to a new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.” (*Col. 2:11-12*)

“When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**” (*Acts 19:5*)

“But now the people believed Philip’s message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.” (*Acts 8:12*)

“For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” (*Rom. 6:4*)

4. Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Of Jesus John said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (*Matt. 3:11b*)

Jesus said, **“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive;** for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

(*John 7:38-39*)

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the **Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...** He lives with you now and later will be in you.” (*John 14:16-17*)



“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” (*John 14:26*)

“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” (*Acts 1:16*)

On the day of Pentecost, **“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”** (*Acts 2:4*)

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. ‘No,’ they replied, ‘We don’t know what you mean. We haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ Then **when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.**” (*Act 19:2,6*)

“The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (*Rom. 5:5*)

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may **abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**”(*Rom. 15:13*)

Growing in Your Relationship with Jesus

1. Spend time developing your relationship with Jesus.

Schedule a time every day to read the Bible, worship, pray, and listen to God’s voice. To hear God’s voice means you must be quiet. Ask God to reveal His truth to you from His Word. Write down what God says to you. Obey Him.

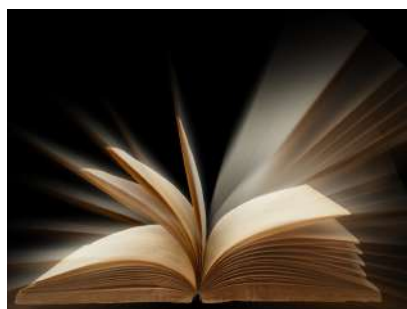
Read the Bible through. The best place to start is the book of John.

Pray Paul’s great prayers for revelation, love, and resurrection power:

“Dear Glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I ask for **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. I pray that my heart will be flooded with light**

so that I will know what is the hope of Jesus’ calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. I also pray **that I will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe Jesus. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.** (*Ephes. 1: 17-20*)

“I pray that from Your glorious, unlimited resources You will empower me with inner strength through Your Holy Spirit. I pray that Christ will



make His home in my heart as I trust in Him. **I pray that my roots will grow down into the soil of God's love** and that You would keep me strong and **that I will be filled with Jesus' marvelous love.**" (*Ephes. 3: 14-21*)

The Power of God's Word:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
(*2 Tim. 3:16*)

"Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God."(*2 Peter 1:20-21*)

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
(*John 4:23-24*)

"But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you."
(*Matt. 6:6*)

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will **ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**" (*John 15:7*)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."
(*John 10:27-28*)

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (*2 Cor.3:18*)

2. Take the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) as often as possible.

Declare your covenant with God and practice His Presence. You can do this with a group of believers or in your private devotions.

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him."
(*John 6:56; 53-58*)

"And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,



“This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the New Covenant in My blood,** which is shed for you.” (Luke 22:19-20)

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” (1 Cor. 10:16)

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to **enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh,** and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Heb. 10:20-22)

3. Study the Bible, Worship, Pray, and Spend Time with Other Christians.

“Those who believed joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord’s Supper and in prayer. (Acts 2:42)

“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephes.5:25-27)



“We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like **Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.** (Ephes. 4:15)

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (Ephes. 4:16)

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but **encourage one another.**” (Heb. 10:25)

4. Take Every Thought Captive to the Obedience of Christ.

“Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.” *(Rom. 12:2)*

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.**” *(2 Cor. 10:4-5)*

5. Believe God.

“Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will **follow the example of those who are going to inherit God’s promises because of their faith and patience.**” *(Heb. 6:12)*

Jesus said, **“I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.”** *(Mark 11:24)*

6. Practice Forgiveness.

Jesus said, **“But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”** *(Mark 11:25)*

7. Tell others about Jesus.

Jesus invites all those who will be His followers to join Him in His work in this world.

Jesus told His disciples, **“I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ... Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** *(Matt. 28:18-20)*

“If anyone acknowledges Me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father in heaven. But if anyone denies Me here on earth, I will deny that person before my Father in heaven.” *(Matt. 10:32-33)*



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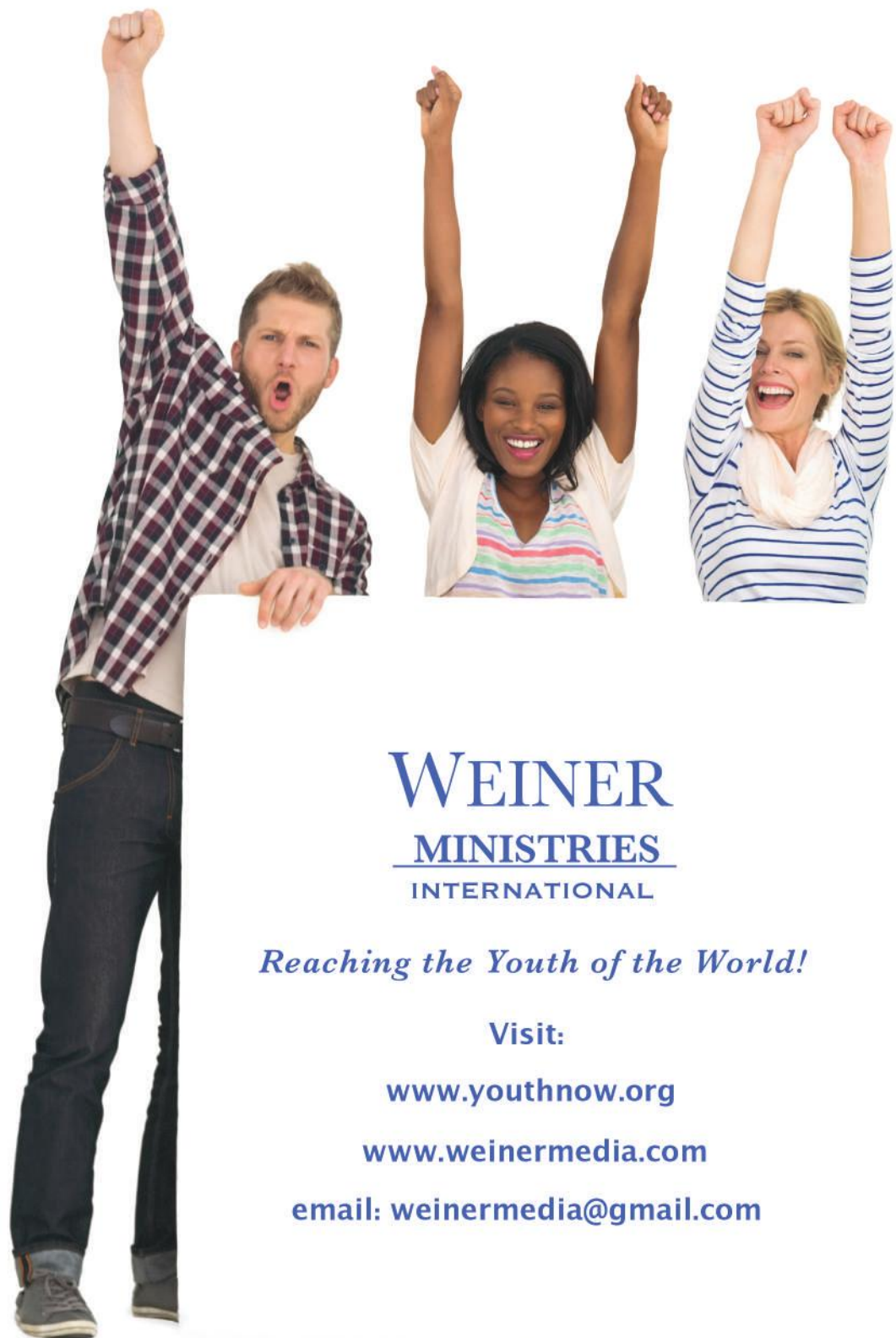
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