

# Welcome to God's Family

The best way to get to know God is through His Word, Prayer, Fellowship with other believers and Communicating your faith to the world;

## 1. GOD'S WORD is essential for spiritual growth just as food is for physical growth.

Living in the word is the way to have life in Christ. The word can be received in many ways: by reading and studying it (The bible and other related materials), listening to someone preach it, memorizing and meditating on it, most importantly, applying it to your life.

*"If you hold on to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"*  
(John 8:31-32).

- God's word will help you grow.  
Read it daily.
- God's word will guide you.  
Hear it taught and preached.
- God's word will keep you from sin.  
Memorize and obey it.
- God's word will teach you how to live.  
Study it.
- God's word will inspire you.  
Meditate on it.
- God's word will work.  
Practice it.

## 2. PRAYER is essential to spiritual growth just as breath is to physical growth.

Talk to God anytime you want to worship Him, you need help, you feel lonely, you need strength, you want guidance, you are tempted, or you sin or fail.

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."* (John 15:7).

As you pray you can use various components of Prayer. For example, using the acronym ACTS- adoration, confession, thanksgiving and Supplication- helps you when you pray;

**Adoration-** Adore, praise and worship God for who He is and what He has done for you.

**Confession-** Confess your sins; things that you have said, thought or done that is not pleasing to Him.

**Thanksgiving-** Thank Him for His love, protection, health, anything at all that you may have taken for granted.

**Supplication-** Pray for your needs and the needs of others such as your loved ones, the church, your country, the world.

## 3. FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS (THE CHURCH) is essential to spiritual growth just as home is to a baby's growth. What a good home and family are to a baby, the church is to a new Christian. God's people, the church, are your new family.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"*  
(John 13:34-35).

- They will rejoice that you have been born again.
- They will accept you and love you.
- They will encourage you and give you support.
- They will teach you and train you in how to live.
- They will worship God with you.

You declare your acceptance of Christ and your church family by being baptized. Baptism is a symbolic witness of your faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It shows your obedience to the teachings of Christ.

*“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8).*

*Who would be happy to know about your new birth?*

Jesus placed so much importance on baptism that He walked sixty miles to be baptized. Baptism is the first physical act you can do to show your gratefulness and obedience to God.

*Who else needs to have this experience?*

**4. COMMUNICATING YOUR FAITH to others is just as important as a baby’s learning to communicate. As babies try to communicate, they learn and grow. You will grow as you share your new life with others.**

#### **STEPS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

1. Feed on God’s Word daily.
2. Say a prayer regularly.
3. Join a church on Sunday and be baptized.
4. Communicate your faith soon.