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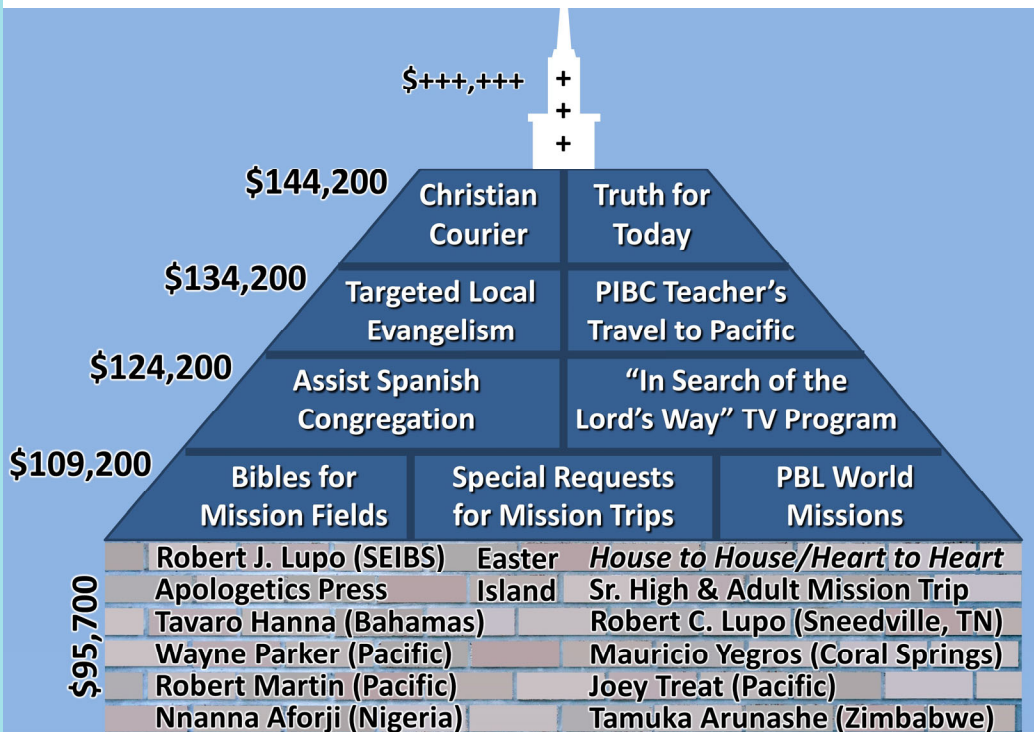
January 30, 2022

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MISSION SUNDAY 2022

January 30

Every dollar given will be used for PBL Mission Work.



**May God bless us,
 use us & be glorified in us!**





By Dan Jenkins

Paul's Uplifted Eyes

This is the third, and final, article dealing with uplifted eyes. The apostles had "eye-dropsy" and could not see the souls of the Samaritans. Even after they saw their souls, it was years before they could see the souls of the Gentiles. Ananias could not see Paul's soul and feared going to him. We must never become like them. Write Jesus' words on your soul just like He was talking to you: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). In this article, we turn our attention to see Paul's uplifted eyes.

There are many illustrations of Paul seeing the lost around him and how he approached them to lead them to Jesus. Keep in mind that Jesus, in dealing with the lost, brought individuals to God, but only one step at a time. This is also what Paul did, and we would be wise to have this kind of wisdom as we teach others.

Consider Paul and the teaching he did in Athens. Shortly after he arrived in this Greek city, "His spirit was provoked within him when he saw the city was given over to idols" (Acts 17:16). As he looked at the fields, he saw people who were religiously lost and needed the gospel. This caused him to enter the synagogue of the Jews and every day he was also in the marketplace to teach the lost. He saw white fields.

There is a spreading infection of "eye dropsy" in churches

Look at the wisdom he then used when given an opportunity to speak at Mars Hill. He understood where they were and began to bring them one step closer to God. He could have mocked their worship of gods made of stone, but He did not. Luke records his words: "As I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship I found an altar with this inscription: To the Unknown God." He even quoted from one of their Greek poets whose words so fittingly described the true God (Acts 17:28). This opened the first door to tell them of the coming judgment by the One God raised from the dead.

He later went to Corinth to establish the church. How did he find the lost? He found his first converts in Aquila and Priscilla at his workplace. He did not just see tentmakers. He saw souls. He later went to the house of a man whose house was beside the synagogue and somehow this led to the conversion of the leader of that religious body. He saw souls.

Was he always successful in baptizing others? Of course not, but he kept seeing souls. Let me appeal to everyone reading these words. There is a spreading infestation of "eye dropsy" in congregations in our land. Write the words of Jesus on your heart, mediate on them. "Lift up your eyes unto the fields." When others fail to do this, do not be like them. God help each of us to treat our "eye infection."



By David Sproule

When Christ Returns (Part 2) — The Dead Will Be Raised

So much is going to happen on the day that Christ returns that it just thrills the soul to meditate upon it. Some early Christians became concerned that their brethren who had died before Christ returned were going to miss out somehow on Christ's return (1 Thess. 4:13-15). The Scripture assures that the dead are certainly not going to miss anything on that day.

First of all, it must be affirmed unequivocally that the dead are going to be raised. This was a known and expected fact during the Old Testament (Ex. 3:6; Job 14:14; 19:25-27; Psa. 16:8-11; Dan. 12:2). Jesus plainly and repeatedly taught of the resurrection, especially in John 5:21-29; 6:35-58; 11:25-26. The doctrine of the resurrection was central to the apostles' preaching (Acts 2:24-36; 4:1-2; 24:15-21; 1 Cor. 6:14), and its certainty is laid out in clear terms in First Corinthians chapter 15. The resurrection of Christ guarantees the resurrection of all dead (1 Cor. 15:20-28), which will be the final conquering of death and the ultimate victory of the purpose of God (1 Cor. 15:54-57).

The Bible clearly teaches that the resurrection of the dead involves ALL of the dead (the righteous and the unrighteous) at the SAME time. At the return of Christ, there will be "a shout," "the voice of an archangel" and "the trumpet of

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God" (1 Thess. 4:16). When that "last trumpet" sounds (1 Cor. 15:52) on "the last day" (John 6:40, 44, 54), "the dead will be raised" (1 Cor. 15:52). Which ones?

Jesus taught that "the hour is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29). All will come forth in the same "hour" on "the last day." There will not be one more day or even one more hour.

Paul also taught "there will be a resurrection of the dead" (a singular resurrection time) "both of the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15). See also "that time" the dead would "awake" in Daniel 12:1-2.

Sometimes people will appeal to First Thessalonians 4:16 to teach that "the dead in Christ" will be raised "first," before the unrighteous dead out of Christ are raised. However, that passage is only discussing two groups: the dead in Christ and the alive in Christ. The unrighteous dead out of Christ are not in the context, therefore, it is not a resurrection order at all.

All the dead will be raised at the same time, but they will experience two very different resurrections—one to "life" and one to "condemnation" (John 5:28-29). On that last day, in the last hour of life, the earth will be emptied of all bodies. What a sight that will be! When that happens, to what resurrection will your body be raised—to "life" or to "condemnation"? Don't wait until that day to figure it out!



By Josh Blackmer

Don't Play the Victim

There may be a chance that you would be the victim of a series of unfortunate events. Things like that happen. However, having a victim mindset is not a healthy thing. Most of us have done it at some point. A classic is, "It's not my fault, he made me get mad!" It is not uncommon to hear people pass the blame of their own responsibilities. To someone with a victim mindset nothing is ever their fault. Everything happens to them, and life is out to get them. This can develop from not learning proper coping skills as a child, an unhealthy process of dealing with real trauma, or a deep need for attention.

Those that play the victim do not consciously make that choice. They seek the reward of their efforts. Some of this includes not having to take responsibility for anything, other people lavishing you with attention, and other people feeling sorry for you. There are others, but you get the point. The self-proclaimed victim needs to be the center of attention. While they may see themselves getting what they want, they will never get to a place where life is good. If they did, they wouldn't get the attention that they have become dependent upon.

What would your friend need to do to stop being a victim? Here are some things to think about. They should

change their blame language from "you" to "I" and take responsibility. They need to see themselves as a survivor much like Destiny's Child suggests. They should be kind and compassionate towards themselves and seek help. Explore your mistaken beliefs or misconceptions that may have gotten them to this point. Ask, "What thought is creating this suffering?" Practice being thankful and seeing the good in their lives. Affirm self-responsibility and perform an act of kindness for another.

These things will help them move to a healthier place.

You were called to be better.

Here are some suggestions on how you should work with a self-victimizer. Make it their problem, "How do you want to fix this?" Agree wholeheartedly that their life is horrible, maybe they will pump the brakes and the reverse psychology will work. Don't give advice. It is a waste of time. Until they fix the thing that got them here, they will always want to be the victim. Realize that everyone is entitled to their beliefs, right or wrong. It's okay if they are wrong. Surround yourself with friends to get a healthy perspective. Don't let them make you feel like the antagonist. Keep doing what is right, no matter what the victimizer says.

Unfortunately, this is a very popular coping mechanism right now. You will have to deal with it. Hopefully this has been helpful to prepare and be aware of this mentality.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Jesus accomplished what He came to "accomplish"

Luke's account of the gospel gives us a glimpse into the discussion on the mount of transfiguration that we do not have in the other accounts. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus and "spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). The Greek word for "decease" is the word "exodos." Jesus had just predicted His death (9:22), and these two Old Testament greats came to speak with Jesus about that dreadful event.

Luke says that Jesus was about to "accomplish" His "exodos" at Jerusalem. The word for "accomplish" is a Greek word that means "to fulfill, to complete, to bring to a designed end; of the fulfillment of divine predictions or promises."

We may not think of death as something to "accomplish," but for Jesus it was. He had to "fulfill" and "complete" all that would transpire in Jerusalem, in order to be "declared...the Son of God with power" (Rom. 1:4). Thank God that Jesus accomplished what He came to accomplish for me! – DS



The worst necklace you could ever wear

What would be the worst thing ever to have around your neck? In Matthew 18:6, Jesus talked about a person having "a millstone...hung around his neck." These types of stones were so large that they had to be turned by a beast of burden, particularly a donkey or mule. Think about having that tied around your neck and thrown overboard "in the depth of the sea."

Why, oh why, would Jesus ever describe such a horrible sight? He did so to illustrate something that is even worse than that! (What could possibly be worse?) Jesus said that "it would be better" to have a millstone hung around your neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea, than to be someone who "causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin."

Of course, we immediately think that we should not lead a child into a sin of commission. But what about a sin of omission? Those are just as dangerous and just as sinful! Friends, Christians, parents, grandparents, we must go out of our way (even perhaps into inconvenience) to raise children to love and serve the Lord with all their hearts! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Bonnie Arthur	recovering at home
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Katie Goodale	recovering at home from her brain surgery
Joe Holland	under Hospice Care at Chatsworth
Shirley Hopkins	fractured pelvis, undergoing physical therapy
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Benny Rodgers	recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Angie Seames	home from the hospital
Gary Seames	recovering from surgery on his finger
Grace Shaw	ICU in Gardens, congestive heart failure & kidney failure
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Giselle Smith	recovering at home
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
Sherrie Tibbetts	recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Jennifer Walker	in Encompass Rehab in Stuart

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe & Marian Holland	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Delarosa	Angelica Fernandez's mother, ICU recovering from surg.
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, multiple health issues

**Remember
Our Mission Works**

Pacific Islands
**Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat**

Africa
**Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji**

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 30

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Monday, January 31

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, February 1

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, February 6

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Sunday, February 6

- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Saturday, February 12

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. RSVP to Josh or Cara Blackmer.

Friday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring desserts.

Monday, February 21

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday-Monday, February 4-7

- ♦ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at DuPuis Group Campground. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board by January 30.

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Saturday, March 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Saturday, February 12

- ♦ **Valentine's Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, games, crafts and a service project. RSVP by February 10 and sign up to bring a food item (<https://signup.com/go/kYPHvDE>). See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.
- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Friday-Monday, February 4-7

- ♦ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at DuPuis Group Campground. Cost is \$10 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board by January 30.

Sunday, February 13

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February 2022

February 6 ^(A)

February 13 ^(L)

February 20 ^(A)

February 27 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Johnny Davis	Philip Porter	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Andy Anderson	Michael Erickson	Orlando Lolo	Eugene Williams
Presiding at Table	Dan Fuller	Kirk Crews	Novel Brown	Bob Higbee
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez Errol Gower-Winter Gary Jenkins Dan McLeod Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Brandan Widner Eugene Williams	Jimmie Banks Michael Ellis Gorman Ericksen Jeff Goodale James Green Hunter Hinton Jeff Leslie Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Jonathan Swayne	Tim Cox Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Nicholas Pietro Taylor Reeves Willie Smith Tyler Williams	Andy Anderson Ed Buonadonna Edward Gager Errol Gower-Winter Bill Ingram, Jr. Gary Jenkins Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Dirk Summerlot
Closing Prayer	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Lawrence Williams	Ricky Smith	David Lord

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	David Sproule	Stephen Beliech	David Sproule
Opening Prayer	David Lord	Kane Campbell	Victor Colage	Dan McLeod
Scripture Reader	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer	Richard Lerro	Dion Hayes
Presiding at Table	David Brown	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Darin Summerlot
Serving at Table	Connor Goodale Dion Hayes	Kameron Heitler Joe Maloney	Silas Balfour Trey Higbee	Connor Goodale Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	Daniel Wagner	Graysen Hayes	Richard Watson	Daniel Swayne

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Buzz Nelson

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Mike Damron	Rick Tibbetts	Brandan Widner
Usher	Edward Gager Daniel Swayne	Lance Collier Marty Williams	Rick Hall Nahum Villard	Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
January 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Win Benson; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. Addison Collins; Mr. Justin Cox; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Todd Juckett; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mrs. Jean Marlene; Mr. David Perez; Ms. Susan Preston; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; and Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ms. Virginia Glenn, Morris Plains, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mrs. Jean Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI; and Mrs. Kimberly Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



I want to say thank you so much to all who prayed for my recent successful surgery. Also for the thoughtful Get Well cards. It's very comforting to have the support of PBL members.

Jerry Pittman

Sunday (January 30th)

Joyce Barnhouse
Dick Haines

Monday (January 31st)

Tom & Sharon Masciarelli (Ann.)
Charles Hayes
Mary A. Jackson

Wednesday (February 2nd)

Gai Ingram

Thursday (February 3rd)

Jennifer Goodale

Friday (February 4th)

Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter (Ann.)
Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)
Lilly Lolo

Saturday (February 5th)

Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)
Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)
Maurine Reed

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, January 30

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Willie Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Serve at Table:

Ted Friesner	Steward Lynch
Tim Fry	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Vincent Rogers
Richard Kelley	Rick Tibbetts
Orlando Lolo	Nahum Villard

Sunday Evening, January 30

Singing Young Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men

Serve at Table:

Young Men

Wednesday Evening, February 2

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Josh Blackmer
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 23	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	129	165
Sun. AM Worship	192	253
Sun. PM Worship	118	113
Wed. Bible Study	131	120
Contribution	\$15,321	\$15,942

2022 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

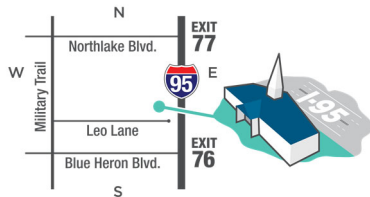
Ushers for this week: Novel Brown & Robert Mariano
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Debi & Seth Watson**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).