

NEW BELIEVERS BOOKLET

ZEAL CITY CHURCH



Brittany and I would like to personally congratulate you on accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. As we walk out this journey together, be guided by God's Word.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:33

When challenges come, keep moving forward, and look to Jesus, **He Never Fails!!**

CHALLENGE

1

GIVE GOD ONE YEAR OF YOUR LIFE.

Live this next year of your life devoted to God, and His House (the church)! Be a part of Summit, Small Groups and other opportunities to connect with the people of God. Be here when the doors are open for church experiences, and we guarantee you will be a changed person one year from now.

2

THERE WILL BE FRIENDS THAT DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DECISION YOU JUST MADE.

Love them, pray for them, but don't allow anyone to come between you and your relationship with Jesus.

3

REMEMBER, TODAY MARKS A BRAND NEW BEGINNING IN YOUR LIFE.

Nobody can erase your name from the Lamb's Book of Life.

Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

The enemy loves to bring up your past. The Bible is clear, you are no longer bound to your past mistakes. Walk in the righteousness of Jesus, keep your head held high. You are an overcomer!

PASTOR JEREMY CLEVELAND

WHAT WE BELIEVE

ZEAL CITY CHURCH CONSIDERS THESE TRUTHS AS BEING FUNDAMENTAL FOR UNDERSTANDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

01

THERE IS ONLY ONE LIVING AND TRUE GOD.

John 14:6 *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

There is one God, but there are three persons of God. The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. This three-in-one mystery is called the Trinity.

02

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

03

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD.

We believe Jesus Christ, born to the virgin Mary, is the only Son of the Father. Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead. He ascended to Heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor. **(Luke 1:26-33)**

04

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matthew 3:11 *...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for ministry in the body of Christ, and outreach to a lost world. There are clear instructions for how to use these gifts to in such a way that builds one another up!

05

SALVATION

Romans 10:9-10 *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

We believe every person is disobedient to God's desires and plans in varying degrees. This is categorized as sin, which leads to separation from God, and ultimately, spiritual death.

06

WE BELIEVE IN WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION.

Matthew 28:18-19 *Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

07

HEALING.

We believe that God want us to live healthy and prosperous lives so we can help others more effectively. **(Acts 3:2-12, Acts 5:15-16)**

08

WE BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.*

We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.

09

THOSE WHO DIED OUTSIDE OF CHRIST?

We believe that our eternal destination of either Heaven or Hell is determined by our response to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Daniel 12:2 *Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace.*

10

WE BELIEVE IN THE SACREDNESS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COMMITMENT.

We believe in the sacredness of marriage, family commitment, and gender identity.

Genesis 1:27 *He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them 'human.'*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RECIEVE SALVATION?

Salvation means the deliverance from sin and its consequences. Simply stated, it is repentance and confession of our sins to Jesus and accepting Him as Lord of our lives. We have all sinned. From the very beginning, man fell to sin, and sin has been an innate part of our lives. We rejected God and His laws. Man needed a Savior, and God loved us so much, that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our propitiation for sin. God's presence cannot tolerate sin. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we enter right standing with God the Father, through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. He paid our debt in full!

Romans 3:23

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are saved only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. When we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, we turn from the old way of thinking and believing to a new life in Christ Jesus. We believe that Jesus came and died on the cross for us, and He rose again so we can have a brand new life in Him. We are forgiven of all our sins and made new in Christ; however, it's a daily walk with Him (sanctification). We have to purposefully reject our old ways of sin and live in the new way that Jesus shows us by praying, reading His Word, and surrendering all to Him.

John 3:16

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sins. God punished Him, not us who deserved it. He took our sin and nailed it to the cross. His blood was shed as the ultimate sacrifice once and for all for sin. It's only when we accept Jesus as Lord of our lives and receive salvation that we are reconciled back to God.

WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

This is a public confession of faith in Christ Jesus. When we are immersed in water, we identify with Christ's death and burial. When we do this, we are obeying His commandments and placing our trust and hope in Jesus. In Jesus, we have died to our sin... so picture the water as your tomb. Your old ways die in that water. And as we come out of the water, we are identifying with His resurrection and life. You're coming up to a new way of life, you've been born again! Baptism doesn't save you, faith alone does. Baptism is a public witness that you have placed your faith in Jesus! We are committed to doing His will on earth as we walk Holy before Him and share the Gospel to as many as we can.

Romans 6:3-4

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 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.

WHAT IS BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Acts 2:1-4

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

As we spend time in God's presence, it creates an atmosphere of learning, waiting, listening to God's voice and obeying Him. For some of us, we develop a prayer language which the Holy Spirit pours out on us and a deep connection to God is honed. It's a communication with God that can only be understood by God. It's relatable to Him.

Prayerfully seek God and ask Him to release that blessing in your life. He will unfold His Word to you in new and exciting ways.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Developing a prayer life is so important! Prayer brings you closer to God, and you feel His presence in you and on you. It's something that's inexplainable. We must pray daily, for ourselves, our friends and family, our church, our community, our nation, and our world. Carve out a time each day to spend in the presence of God. Start small and gradually devote more time to it. Even as you work or do chores, you can pray. Give God thanks for all that He has done in you and for you. He has forgiven you and set you free of sin and shame.

Ask Him to guide you daily in your walk with Him. As you continue to grow this faith muscle, talking with Jesus everyday becomes easier.

Philippians 4:6-7

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

HOW DO I PRAY?

Sometimes we don't know how to pray. Here is a good starting point.

Matthew 6:9-13

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

10 May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today the food we need,

12 and forgive us our sins,

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation,

but rescue us from the evil one.

READING YOUR BIBLE

This should be a priority.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

God wants us to be completely equipped with His Word. It's life changing and life giving. God's Word is alive and as we read daily, He reveals to us His purpose and His will for our lives.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors.

As we diligently read God's Word, daily we can stand against anything the enemy sends our way. That's what Jesus did when he was tempted and how He overcame it; He gave the enemy the Word of God, and eventually, he left Him.

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

Holy Communion is a significant aspect of the Christian walk in Christ. When we do this, we accept the New Covenant in Jesus. He gave His body and blood so that we could be reconciled to God, the Father. He took all our shame, guilt, and sins to the cross. When we partake of Holy Communion, we claim healing and health in our bodies, and His blood washes us from all unrighteousness. We do this to remember all He has done and all He went through for us.

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.*

These are some core principles as we begin our walk in Christ. Our prayer is that you continue to press in and be all that God has called you to be.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

HERE ARE A FEW NEXT STEPS WE OFFER.

NEXTSTEPS This two-week experience is geared towards sharing more about our Pastor and the vision for the church. Learn more by emailing **brittany@zealcity.church**! You can also become a member, or join the Dream Team!

CITY GROUPS We are called to gather together as a community. In CityGroups, you get to meet new people, make friendships, fellowship and grow together in God’s Word.

WATER BAPTISM This is a public declaration of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Sign up on the Zeal City App!



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