

# WELCOME

## TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

Welcome to the family of God!

We rejoice with you. Whether you are just now becoming a Christian, coming back to Christ after a period of doubt, or sorting out a difficult problem, this could be the beginning of a new and enduring relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). God wants you to enjoy a full and rewarding life and has made every provision for this. Here are some basic facts about this life.

First, the Bible is food for the spiritual life, which needs to be nourished just as your body does. Through His Word, God speaks to you and reveals His plan for your new life. I would advise you to read the Gospel of John before reading any other book of the Bible. Then continue reading the Bible every day. We are following [a daily Bible reading plan](#), as a church, and would encourage you to follow along, as well.

Second, prayer is your lifeline to God. Form the positive habit of starting each day with a few minutes in prayer. Conversation with God may seem strange at first and you may find it hard to know what to say. However, as you continue, your prayers will become more meaningful. So start each day with prayer, and then learn to pray throughout the day as needs arise. Take all your problems and burdens to God because He is interested in everything you do. "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Third, a Christian is to be Christ's witness. You are to be an ambassador for Him wherever you go. This doesn't mean that you go up and down the street confronting everyone you meet. It does mean, however, that you start living a life that is different. Then pray each day that you might share Christ with others and watch God bring the opportunities! As you faithfully study and memorize the Scriptures, you will become better equipped to do this.

Fourth, you can't be an effective Christian on your own. If you are not already a member of a church body, we would like to invite you to join us here at Calvary Chapel Inglewood. Our worship service is every Sunday. You are welcome to join us for midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings. We encourage you to commit 6 weeks to our "Solid Foundation" Discipleship Program to help lay a solid foundation for the rest of your life with Jesus.

The step of faith that you have taken does not mean that all your problems are automatically solved. In fact, you may find you have some new ones! You will find that the devil, God's enemy and your enemy, will try to spoil the work God is doing in you. He will try to make you seriously doubt your faith in Christ. There is only one way to defeat Satan, and that is through the Word of God. Follow the example of Jesus when He was tempted in the wilderness. Each time the devil tempted Him, He reminded Himself of God's Word by quoting scripture (see Matthew 4:1-11).

On behalf of Calvary Chapel Inglewood, we welcome you to the family of God and look forward to ministering to you.

Pastor Bill Buffington  
Senior Pastor

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### RESOURCES

TO HELP YOU IN YOUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

#### DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

A devotional Bible reading plan to guide you through reading the Bible from cover to cover in one year.

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#### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The gospel of John is a great starting point for someone who is reading the Bible for the first time.

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