

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS?!

THE NEW BELIEVERS GUIDEBOOK

BY BARABUS BALL

HI, I'M BARABUS BALL.

On June 1st of 2013 I was in the same place your in right now i know you might have a lot of questions dont worry no one really knows everything about God.To be honest you wont either. This journey is a marathon not a sprint. Chances are your not going to be perfect in one day. I wrote this e book to help you understand. What just happened in your life. Your a new creation now everything is changing. Jesus Christ gave his life so you and I could live let me be the first to

WELCOME YOU TO GOD'S FAMILY!



CONGRATULATIONS

I am so happy that you have joined God's family, and I want to say, "Welcome to the family!" Please know that we are here for you and we want to help you in any way we can. We also want you to know the kind of life that God wants you to have. Jesus told us about this life when He said, "I have come so that you can have life, and have it to the fullest."

This full life comes from His grace, which means it's a special gift we don't have to earn. Jesus' grace gave us freedom, and the Bible says, "If the Son sets you free, you are truly free." Living life with Jesus is true freedom and happiness. When you decided to follow Him, it changed your whole life forever. Now that you've taken the first step, you might be wondering what to do next.

That's why I made this book to help you learn what the Bible, God's Word, says about your next steps in your relationship with Him.

You have just made the biggest decision of your life, and you probably have many questions. You might even have doubts, and that's okay. Just don't let those questions or doubts stop you from moving forward.

Let us encourage you to doubt your doubts and grow your new faith by going through this book. By doing this, you will keep experiencing the full life – one step at a time

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MEET BARABUS AND BREONA BALL

Barabus struggled with a life of rejection , being made fun of this lifestyle pushed Barabus to a life of Gangs an a life of addiction. he gave his life to Christ on June,1st 2013

Called to be an evangelist he took on the calling and now evangelizes on YouTube and social media. Telling people about the Savior that accept broken people because he accepted the Savior.

Breona ,Grew up in Religion and struggled with needing to be perfect all the time.she has the testamony of because you grow up in a Christian house. You still go through troubles She knows how it feels to need a savior and to know him for herself. Called along side of Barabus they got married on April ,28th 2018

Together the have fostered fourteen Children from 3 months old to 17 years old and stay in touch with many of them on March 23rd 2023 they Adopted there children Ivy and Sylis with many of them still calling them dad they are all in ministry



UNDERSTANDING YOUR DECISION

UNDERSTANDING THE DECISION YOU JUST MADE FOR FOR CHRIST.

John 1:12 says, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." When you asked for Jesus to come into your heart, you got this special gift. You became a child of God. What do children get from their father? They get to enjoy everything their father has and everything he wants to give them. God, your Father, has and generously gives you: identity (who you are), authority (power to do things), riches (good things), intimacy (closeness), and relationship (a special connection). These are gifts because of what Jesus has done for you, and by becoming His child, you can have them all.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." What does this mean for a child of God? Purpose. It means God has chosen you and He promises that tomorrow will be even better than today.

These verses are what we call the promises of God. How amazing it is to know that these incredible promises were given for us to find and enjoy!



THE WHY

GOD SENT JESUS TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR YOU!

Before God sent JESUS, people knew Him as God the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and by many other names, but rarely as Father. We were separated from Him because of our sins, and our relationship with Him was based on following many rules to be pure enough to be with God, even for a short time.

But God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, as John 3:16 says, and when He did, our relationship with God became personal. Jesus came to fulfill those rules.

By dying on the cross, JESUS made us right with God forever.

Romans 5:8 tells us that God showed His love for us by Christ dying for us even while we were still sinners. Through this act of love, God became our Father. Because Christ died for our sins, nothing can separate us from God's love.

Christ is our redeemer, and now we can relate to God as our Father. Our souls were so precious to Him, and the price was so high, but with His hands stretched out on that cross, He reached out from heaven and gave us eternal salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 tells us, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

This is what you did when you said yes to Jesus. It was simple for us to believe and say yes, but it cost Him so much. This is called the great exchange. His perfect life for our imperfect one, and because of that exchange, we have been made right with Him!



BAPTISM

YOUR NEXT STEP

WHAT GOING UNDER THE WATER MEANS.

Baptism is a way to show everyone that you have decided to trust Jesus with your life forever. It's an act of faith and a way to show that you believe Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and came back to life so that we can have eternal life too.

During baptism, you are telling everyone that you belong to Jesus and He belongs to you. It's also an important moment for you personally because it means you're choosing to follow Him for the rest of your life. When you step into the water, you are showing everyone that you are starting a new life with faith in Jesus. You are committing to follow Him on a new path for the rest of your life.

Going under the water represents your old life, and coming up out of the water represents your new life as a new person. If you've decided to follow Jesus, baptism is the next step in your spiritual journey.

I would recommend contacting your local Christian church to find out when you can get baptized, the sooner the better



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

JUST LIKE A BABY HAS TO CRAWL BEFORE THEY WALK, YOU ALSO HAVE TO GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FATHER'S GRACE AND LOVE.

When you decided to follow Jesus, you began a new journey. But don't worry, you're not traveling alone. You're walking with many people around the world who are experiencing this new and exciting life with God guiding their path.

Every week, when we come together as a church, we worship God, learn His plan for our lives, and understand how to live according to His priorities.

As we continue to walk in faith, we can encourage each other to stay on this path, to strengthen, serve, share, and help others. These steps are important for our growth and help us make a positive difference in our community and the world.

Get into a good bible believing church!

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..."

Hebrews 10:25 (Berean Study Bible)



STRENGTH

FOUR DAILY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS TO FIND EVERYDAY STRENGTH IN JESUS.

Like any healthy relationship, your relationship with Christ needs trust and communication to grow. As you understand how God sees you and what He wants for you, you will start to experience the abundant life He promised. This abundance begins by daily seeking God through

LISTEN to what God wants to tell us through Scripture.

TALK to God about what's on your mind. You see, prayer is simply having a conversation with God.

BELIEVE what God says in Scripture about His plans for you. He wants to use you to make a difference, but you must first understand who you are, whose you are, and what you have to offer!

CONNECT with others who will inspire and encourage you as you travel this Christian life together.



SERVE OTHERS

Jesus Himself said that He did not come to be served, but to serve others. When you volunteer your time and talents in the local church, you discover the key to living a life that influences and changes others. The pastors and leaders of our church are here to help us find and understand our gifts and show us how to use them to honor God and serve Him.

As a new follower of Christ, one of the most powerful steps you can take is to serve in the church. This means stepping out of your comfort zone and stepping up to be used by God.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) instructs us by telling us, “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”



PRAYER

Prayer is really important for having a strong relationship with God. It's not just for super spiritual people. Prayer is basically just talking to God, and anyone can do it. There's no one right way to pray, but here's a template that might help you start talking to God:

P - Start with PRAISE. This means telling God how great He is and thanking Him for what He's done.

R - Next, REPENT. This is about saying sorry to God for things you've done wrong and deciding to change.

A - Then, ASK. You can tell God about things you need or want, and ask Him to help you.

Y - Finally, YIELD. This means letting go of your own plans and trusting God's plans for you.
Father,

Thank you for making me your child. I'm grateful for my new life in you and I'm excited to see what you have planned for me. Please guide and protect me as I trust in you. Give me strength and courage to share your love with my family and friends so they can know you too. I praise you and give you all the glory.

In Jesus' name,
Amen!



Tithe and offerings

There's no better investment than supporting the local church, the only thing Jesus Himself established. With God's favor and the faithful support of many, this church is making a big impact, both near and far, by offering hope and purpose found in Jesus Christ.

Together, we help families and leaders, empower the next generation, and assist those in need. When you give financially to the local church, you help us reach more people and expand God's church. With God's help, we'll keep growing and touching lives, one by one.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3:10)



Testify

The moment you chose to follow Christ, everything changed! Now that you've felt that change in your own life, God wants to use you to reach others!

God has already put people in your life – like family, friends, co-workers, or even people you just know a little – who might just need an invitation to church to experience all that God has for them.

Start praying for chances to share your story with others, and you'll see how God can use you to bring positive change to the world, one person at a time.



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