

# National Ladies Camp Meeting 2018

## New Believers Class

### Introduction

It has become fashionable in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to say one is born again or to start attending a pentecostal church.

What is most important is whether genuinely I have encountered Christ and received his free gift of salvation. If you have, we say a big congratulation. This study is for those who gave their lives to Christ in the meeting or in the recent past. We want to help you to ensure a proper footing in God's kingdom and avail you the appropriate knowledge that will ensure you are victorious as a Christian (Matthew 3:7-8). Kindly bow your heads with me as we pray again.

### 1.0 The New You – 2 Corin. 5:17, Gal 2:20, Eze. 36:24-27

Note the emphasis in 2 Corin. 5:17 "Old things" have passed away. This means when a person embraces Jesus Christ, there is an immediate disconnection with the past. The past life, mistakes, errors, failures and successes. A brand new nature comes in which is fashioned after Christ. What are the implications of this to you?

### 2.0 Grace to overcome sin – Rom 6:6-14, Titus 2:11, Gal 2:20, Phil 4:13

Grace means using the might of God to achieve things one could not have done by personal effort. What possibilities of grace can you see in the scriptures above? Can we read and explain Rom 6:6-14 from different scriptures? Note verse 7 particularly. The believer is FREED from sin. The believer is NO LONGER under the grip of sin.

### 3.0 New Creation realities – Col 3:3-4, Gal 2:20, Col 2:20.

You are forgiven – (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; 2:13); You are free – (Rom 6:18,22; 1 Peter 2:16), You are redeemed – (Gal. 3:13, 1 Peter 1:18), You are an heir in God's Kingdom – (Gal 4:7, James 2:5). You are delivered from the devil and power of darkness (Luke. 1:74; Rom 7:6, Col 1:13)

The old nature was crucified at Calvary and a new life exist in you now. The most profound reality of the new reality is that it is no longer sin causing agent that is living inside of you but Christ. (Rom 6:11).

### 4.0 Foundations for a successful Christian life – Col 2: 6-8 (NLT and MSG); 1 Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18.

- Faith in God (Hebrew 11:6, Mark 11:22)
- The word of God. This is the principal implement for our growth. We must give attention to the word. (2 Tim 3:16, 2 Corin 3:16, Col. 3:16)
- Prayers (I Thessa 5:17, Luke 18:1)
- Fellowship with other believers (Hebs. 10:27, Act 2:42-44)

### 5.0 The Holy Spirit – Ezek. 36:26, Jn 14:16-17, John 16:12-14, Rom 8:14.

The Holy Spirit is meant to guide the believer in his journey, to lighten his path, encourage, sustain, instruct and keep the connection between the believer and God. You need the Holy Spirit to live a victorious Christian life.

### Conclusion

The decision to give your life to Christ is the greatest decision you will ever make. We are happy you have made this decision. The nuggets given above are fundamental to your Christian growth and experience. Keep these words in your heart and meditate on them.