

Total Restoration Church & Ministries

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Home Sweet Home!!

We are so excited that you have come back home to the family of Christ!

Our phenomenal leaders, Bishop R.D. McLeod and Lady Angela McLeod are sending love and strong prayers for your faith from their lovely church home in Thomasville, North Carolina.

We hope this booklet series is a great tool to guide you on your Christian journey.

In this booklet will be mini lessons to equip you to fight against the old life that tries to hold you back from walking in the newness of life provided by Jesus Christ.

Know this living a life for Christ is not about being perfect and never making a mistake. It is about walking in the new life the blood of Jesus has provided for you. Its more about your relationship than your perfection!!

If you have any questions, we want you to reach out to our extended TRC family Ministry team via email: trchruch.today@gmail.com Follow us on social media @trctoday.

I messed up how do I get back right??

How can God forgive me when I have had sex, smoked weed, or simply just been angry!! Will God forgive me if I have just shot someone or cursed out my mom or dad? The answer to this is YES!!! God will forgive you and better yet, he has already forgiven you!! You first must accept the fact that God's love for you is so amazing!! He sees past all your short comings and failures; he sees you walking in the new life he has provided for you.

Just like your initial salvation you must accept God's forgiveness for you by faith.

I John 1:9(NIV)

says: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. It is just that simple!! God is willing and ready to forgive you, your part is to accept his forgiveness, come to him and repent!!! God cannot lie, he said he would forgive you and not only that, but also purify you from unrighteousness (sin).

What an awesome word, such wonderful love God has for us that he will purify us and put us back in right standing with him!! So,have you done this, if not, say this prayer below:

Father, in the name of Jesus, you said in your word if I come to you and confess my sins you would forgive me of all my unrighteousness.

Father I have sinned, and I am asking you for forgiveness. Lord purify me from all my unrighteousness.

Make me whole again, Lord I thank you for myforgiveness and I receive my forgiveness right now in Jesus name AMEN!!!

You are now forgiven of all your wrongdoing Hallelujah!!! Welcome back, welcome back!! My brother or sister I am so glad you have chosen to walk this out and not quit. God has so many amazing things waiting for you. Yes, it is not over, God knew you were going to make mistakes. Your mistakes do not abort the plan of God for you.

The only thing that can do that is losing faith or giving up. You are not a quitter that is why your here, matter of fact, you have a lot of fight in you!! Now let us explore how to walk in the new life.

of things that you need to let go of?

Getting Over You!!

Forgiving yourself sometimes is the hardest part. God's love for us surpasses our comprehension. It's hard for us to grasp that God will forgive us and forget all our wrongdoing. We waste so much time being hard on ourselves and thinking we are not worthy of God's love for us. This may help you, none of us are worthy!! From the greatest man or woman of God you know to the biggest sinner. It has nothing to do with our merit but everything to do with God's grace.

Our faith accepts the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 2:8(NIV) says God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Now that you have repented (saying the above prayer) you are back in right standing with God. Our job is to believe, remember the scripture said, "when you believed." Your job is to put faith in God's word and not feelings or emotions. Everything we receive from God is by FAITH!!

When we fall and make a mistake the first thing the devil says is, "you're really not saved." Well, we know he is a liar so that means you are saved!!

The devil comes with condemnation to keep you in the arena of feelings and emotions. The only access the devil has to you now is through carnality (fleshly things). When you walk in spiritual things and spiritual authority, he is no match for you.

Now you can see why he is fighting you so hard, he does not want you to walk in spiritual things. In the Spirit you will defeat him every time!!

Romans 8:1 speaks to condemnation and says this: There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (those who are saved) who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. The answer to beating condemnation is walking after the Spirit, seeking to please God.

Simply put just because you sinned does not make you a sinner. You now must pick yourself up, analysis how you fell, and move forward!! That is right, get over you and move forward in faith knowing God said he would forgive you!!!

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Walking in the new life!

2Corithians 5:17(NIV) states

that you are a new creation and
old things are gone(dead).

When you got saved the old
you died. You may say I am
not dead; I am still right here!!

I am referring to your sin nature, the influence the devil had into your life where he could manipulate and control you through the sin nature. Your Spirit man became born again, you are now new in Christ and no longer having a sin nature.

Now your responsibility as a believer is to discover what God has to say about you. You must see yourself like God sees you and walk free from your past because that is not you anymore!! You now have a new life in Christ. If you noticed when you made your mistake it came from doing things that you use to do.

The only way the devil can access you is through your old habits and lifestyle. You must see yourself as being new and not walk in the mindset of who you were.

When you walk in the new life God has provided you, your journey of discovery has begun!!! This is done by God's grace; Roman 6:1-4 speaks about continuing in sin that grace may abound. It also states that you are now dead to sin and verse 4 says you should walk in the *newness of* life! Grace is for you to walk in your new life, not for you to continually live in sin. Your old life is always chasing you; those habits and old ways are pursing you. Your focus is to be in pursuit of the new life in Christ Jesus.

You should always be in a "becoming state". That means every day you should work on becoming the man or woman of God your called to be. In Colossians 3:1 it says: For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (there is that term dead again). Your new life is hid in the word of God. The more you become intimate with the word of God, the more of who God created you to be is discovered. The new you and life God has provided will be discovered by how persistent you are in the word of God.

There is **no other way, Jesus** said in John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Many times, we look for other activities like going to church, singing on the Praise Team, working in the parking lot. All those are good things to do, but those things do not substitute a personal relationship with God through his word. You can do all the activities listed above and not be connected to God. Going to church is great and you should go to church the bible states that.

Working in the parking lot ministry is excellent, however those things alone do not change you into the image of Christ. The word of God is what makes you holy and transforms you to be more like Jesus. John 17:17(NIV) Jesus says: Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word which is truth. God's word is the truth and the highest standard. Everything in your life as a believer is governed by the word of God. This is the key to living in the new life, living a life in the WORD of GOD!!

Below are some daily meditation scriptures.

Joshua 1:8

John 10:10

Proverbs 4:1-8

Romans 8

Matthew 6:33

Romans12:1-2

Mark 11:22-26

IICorinthians 4:18

Luke 9:23-24

Colossians 3:1-3

How do I Stay Plugged into God?

It does not matter if you have been saved for two days or 10 years. If you depart from the word of God, it is only a matter of time before your past catches up with you.

As a believer, prayer and the word of God is our connection to the Spirit. When you remove either one of these from your life as a believer, you're setting yourself up for a fall.

Let's talk about prayer, many people believe to have a prayer life you should pray for hours at a time. The belief is you must be locked in a room for 4 hours praying (you know after 10 minutes you run out of things to say). The key to prayer is being consistent.

Prayer is your communication to God and his communication back to you. I hope you did not miss that. Not only do we talk to God, but we should be listening for him to communicate back to us.

That is prayer, our ongoing dialog with our heavenly Father. Jesus said in Luke 18:1(NIV) One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. Jesus told his disciples to pray and if you study Jesus's life he was constantly praying. Jesus desires for us to be in constant communication with the Father. You may ask, how can I do that? I have so much going on. I have work, children, or I'm in college full time. If you have all that going on you definitely need prayer!

Learn to take some quite time for God, whether it starts with 5 minutes in the morning before everyone wakes up. It could be on your commute to work, instead of listening to the radio talk to your heavenly father. Here is a big one, on lunch instead of sitting at the table talking about the current events.

Talk to your Heavenly
Father about them and listen
for his response. God is always
speaking, we as believers must
develop our ear to hear him.
Your walk with God is a
process of development.

Start off today deciding that you will pray everyday and watch how your walk with God develops deeper!! Now that we have discussed prayer, let's talk about the word of God. If you noticed our booklet is full of scriptures. Everything begins and ends with the Word of God. Our opinions do not matter the word is final authority. As a believer the more acquainted you are with God's word, the easier it is for you to hear God's voice. The one thing you must understand, God will never contradict his word.

Knowing the word of God causes you to walk in the light. The bible says in **Psalms 119:105** *The word is a lamp* unto my feet, and a light unto my path. The word of God keeps you from walking in darkness. The more of the word you get into your spirit the more you will know the Truth!!

Remember Truth is what God has already said about you. If your condition is contrary to what God has to say, the good news is faith in God's word can change your condition.

You have already experienced it when you got saved. You read or heard Romans 10:9, and you believed it and confessed salvation. Now you are saved GLORY TO GOD!! Romans 10:17 states: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. From this scripture we understand faith comes from the word of God. Our life as believers is founded on faith. So, based on that scripture we can say our Christian life if founded on the word of God.

One our favorite scriptures at TRC is found in **John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* God and his word are the same. So, in order to know God, you must know his word.

Take time to learn the word.

Make the word of God a
priority in your life so you can
see the path he has for you to
walk. Thank you for visiting our
website today. Its very
important that you connect to
a word base church. If you do
not have a church, connect
with us!!!

Join our sessions outlined below and be apart of a powerful move of God!! Thank you and God bless!!

Service Times:

Sunday 9:15a
Tuesday 7p
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