11- HAVE an ENCOUNTER with GOD

1- 4 THINGS that GOD WANTS YOU to KNOW 1st - You are Lost

Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:10 ... There is none righteous, no, not one.

The Bible teaches that all people have sinned. You might think: "I'm a good person, I don't hurt anyone, I give to the poor, I even believe in God and I'm very religious."

2ND - You Cannot Save Yourself

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast;

3RD God has already Prepared the Means for You to Be have2

Iohn 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus is the only means God has given us to be saved. Jesus himself said: "I am the Way..."

4TH You Need to Receive Jesus

Iohn 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Before receiving Jesus, a person is considered only a creature of God. When they receive Jesus, they are made a child of God (they are adopted), they become a part of God's family.

2- THE SALVATION PRAYER

"God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says: "the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out" (John 6:37)

God, I believe in my heart that Jesus is the Lord, who died for me on the Cross to save me.

Jesus, I now give you my life and I receive you as my Lord and Saviour. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me right now! Amen."

3- What to DO AFTER BEING SAVED 1. A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN

From the moment you surrendered your life to Jesus, He became your Lord and Saviour.

II Corinthians 5:17

17...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2. NEVER LOOK BACK

Luke 9:62 No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Matthew 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

3. BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Find a Maná or Josafat Church near you and become a faithful member:

- 1- To learn the Word of God
- 2- To also be able to serve Jesus in this church.

4. READ THE BIBLE REGULARLY

The Bible is God's Word, it's where you know God's thoughts and will.

Start by reading the New Testament

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...

5. HONOR GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes is the POWER of God for your Finances

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house,

And try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

6. EMOTIONS / FAITH

II Corinthians 5:7

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Never get carried away by emotions:

You must learn more and more to walk by Faith, by the Word of God, that is, believe what the Word of God says, even though all your feelings might tell you otherwise.

7. THE CHOICE of FRIENDS

Psalm 1:1

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

8. WORLDLINESS

James 4:4

4 Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The Bible says that when you surrender your life to Jesus, although you are in the world, you no longer belong to the world.

That is, you must not live as the world lives: full of confusion, illicit lives, schemes, lies, infidelities, etc...

Don't go in the same direction, living to please men, to keep up appearances, to maintain your reputation, etc.

Commit yourself to follow Jesus and do what Jesus says, because this world will soon end and all your works will also end, but if you do what Jesus says, you will remain forever.

10. TESTIFY ABOUT JESUS

To testify about Jesus is a task of every believer.

Mark 16:15

15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

To testify about Jesus is to tell your friends, family, acquaintances, etc., what Jesus has done in your life.

4- WALK with GOD

This walk is part of the SPIRITUAL DIET necessary for you to grow spiritually.

- 1- NEW CONVERTS COURSE
- 2- ELEMENTARY COURSE
- 3- COMPLEMENTARY COURSE

These courses are given in the local churches

4- WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is a way for the person to publicly affirm that he wants to follow Jesus every day of his life.

What is Water Baptism?

It is a commandment from God, which Jesus Himself fulfilled to begin His calling.

It is also the death, the breaking of the old life of sin and addictions, to now begin a new life God's way.

5- FAMILY GROUPS

In our ministry there is the vision of Family Groups so that you are accompanied more closely, as in a family.

What is Family Group?

It is a mid-week gathering that takes place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in the homes of the brethren.

The Objectives of the Family Group

The Family Groups have the following objectives:

- To give you roots;
- To strengthen you in Jesus;
- To strengthen you in the Word of God;
- To strengthen you in the Local Church;
- To promote conviviality with good company.

Acts 2:42

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Example of the tree:

When you attend a Family Group, you will gain roots in Jesus like a tree:

For the outside of the tree to bear good fruit it must have strong and deep roots in the soil, this way the christian will only bear good fruit. And you will be rooted in Jesus in such a way that you overcome all the winds and attacks of the devil on your life.

All Family Group leaders use the Family Group manual which contains lessons that are based on the rudimentary doctrines of Christ.

Hebrews 6: 1, 2

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from

dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

6- PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Pastoral counselling is important to help you free yourself from every curse and to overcome every problem.

7-BOOKSTORE – SPIRITUAL PHARMACY

Just as the pharmacy has medicine and vitamins for the body, so the bookshop of each local church has spiritual food for us to be victorious.

What is the importance of the Bookshop?

The bookshop is important because it is the Word of God that is contained in the Bible, CDs, Books, DVDs etc.

Ioshua 1:8

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[a] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous,...