



*Join us at our weekly services for a time of worship, fellowship and the Word of God.*



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#### Driving Directions

1. Take I-5 to Palomar Airport Road and go (EAST) to Melrose Dr.
2. Turn (RIGHT) on Melrose Drive to Sparrow Lane.
3. Turn (RIGHT) on Sparrow Lane to the first driveway on the left.

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#### New Believer's Guide



## Now That You Have Received Christ

The moment that you received Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

1. Christ came into your life (Revelation 3:20 ; Colossians 1:27).
2. Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
3. You became a child of God (John 1:12).
4. You received eternal life (John 5:24).
5. You began the great adventure for which God created you (John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17 ; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Can you think of anything more wonderful that could happen to you than receiving Christ? Would you like to thank God in prayer right now for what He has done for you? By thanking God, you demonstrate your faith.

To enjoy your new life to the fullest you must grow in Christ...

## Suggestions for Christian Growth

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. "The righteous man shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

- Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
- Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11); begin with the Gospel of John.
- Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
- Fellowship in your local church (Hebrews 10:25).
- Holy Spirit - allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).
- Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).

## The Importance of Baptism

The view of most evangelical Christian scholars is that salvation is by grace through faith alone. This is especially indicated by Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, 1 John 5:1. It is important to understand that baptism is a result of salvation, not a cause.

There is absolutely nothing we can do as humans to earn salvation. Romans 6:23 tells us that salvation is a "free gift." Free means that there is nothing we can do to deserve it. On the other hand, baptism is something we choose to do. If baptism or any other human work or activity (such as going to church regularly, going on a pilgrimage or visiting a "holy site") contributed to our salvation, we could boast that we did something and contributed to our salvation. However, Scripture says that no one should boast before God Ephesians 2:8-9 .

We come to Christ through grace by faith, and our public baptism brings glory and honor to God. Baptism is an act of obedience, not to obtain salvation, but because of it -- because we love Him and want to obey Him. The motivation to pursue baptism should originate from a desire to show to the world an outward demonstration of the inward work the Holy Spirit has already begun in us when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

An unsaved person would not likely want to be baptized, because he would not have the Holy Spirit indwelling him to prompt his desire to follow Christ in obedience. The fact that one even wants to be baptized (being assured that only faith alone in Jesus Christ saves) is evidence that the Holy Spirit already indwells that person, a result of being born of the Spirit by grace through faith.

## Fellowship in a Good Church

God's Word instructs us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Several logs burn brightly together; but put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is with your relationship with other Christians.

***If you do not belong to a church,  
We would love for you to be a part of our fellowship.***

We hold services every Sunday at 10:30 am as well as our Thursday Evening service at 7:00 pm. Child care is provided at all service times. Church Phone: (760) 471-7650.

***May God bless you and keep you in your new life with Christ!***