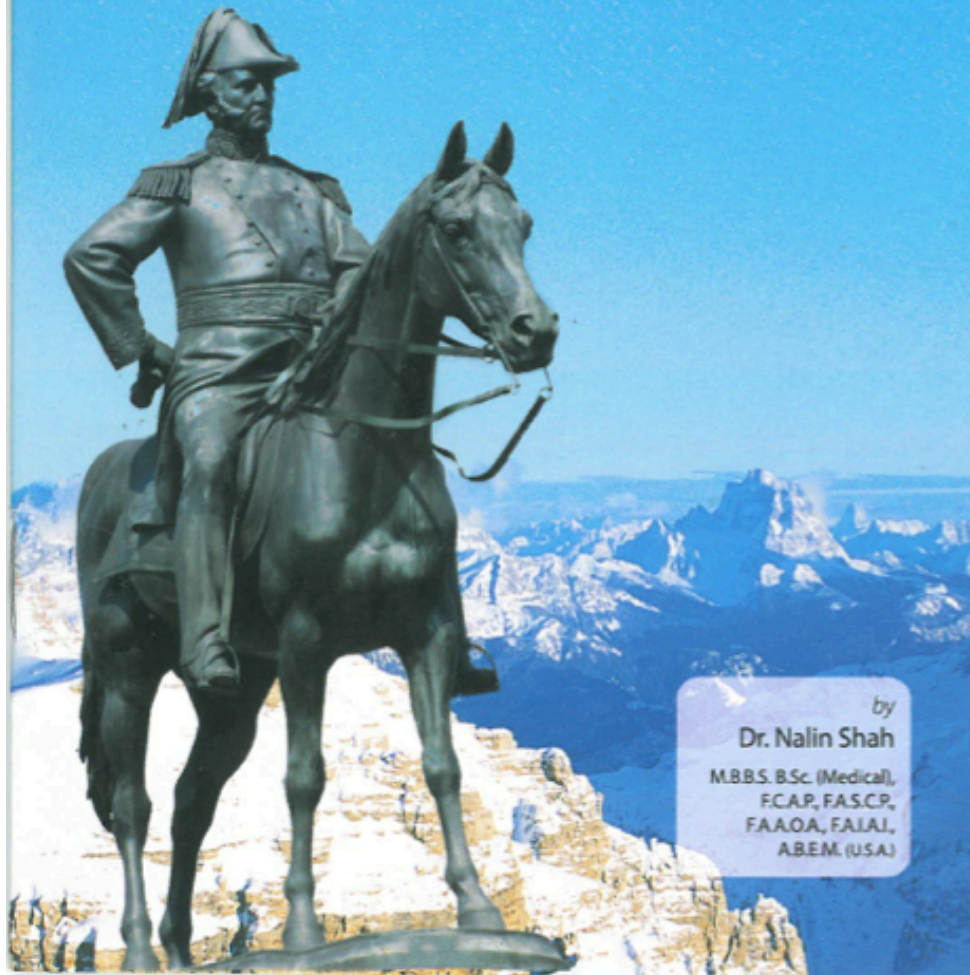


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From : Dr. Nasir K. Siddiki

I have known Dr. Shah for several years and he's a man of integrity who loves God's Word. He travels to India teaching pastors and holding conferences and through these meetings people are born-again, healed, delivered and free. His book, "How to Live a Victorious Christian Life," is full of the Word, and when applied, will transform your life.

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From : Bishop Dr. E.P. Samuel

The book "How to live a Victorious Christian Life" by Dr. Nalin Shah is a strong personal testimony. He has successfully attempted a progressive and systematic teaching which is undoubtedly rooted in his own spiritual growth.

Each of his sermons has a balance of spiritual teaching and practical application supported by Bible references. I congratulated Dr. Nalin Shah not only for his varied and vast contribution to society but also for the deep concern and heavy burden he carries within his heart for the Christian Community.

The emphasis he lays on keeping Christ first in our life is most evident. The physician in him comes to the surface when he reiterates that physical health and financial prosperity are the natural corollaries of sound spiritual health.

I appreciate his efforts and am confident that his writings will play a significant role in the proclamation of the Gospel. May God Bless this sincere effort.

In His Love and service

Bishop Dr. E.P. Samuel

From : Rev. P. T. Christian

Dr. Nalin Shah was a doctor in the V. S. Hospital in Ahmedabad. In his professional and spiritual quest he was surrounded by some Christian staff in the hospital. The loving humanitarian service and the "Christian Warmth" engulfed him. Endeavoring to know Christ and experiences were blessed wholesomely when he was introduced to me during my tenure of service at the Raikhad Methodist Church in Ahmedabad.

He moved to United State of America and came across with the believers and having he experience of Holy Spirit he accepted the Lord as his personal savior. When I met him and found out that ever since he has attained in our saviour to others. For this he conducts regular seminars for pastors in different parts of India. To further share the everlasting love of Chris he has organized the "Jesus Christ Charitable Trust" which provides free medical aid. Today Dr. Shah is being used as a tremendous tool to make Christian and non Christians understand what "The Gospel" is all about.

Dr. Shah reveres me considerable but thanks my Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ to have used the glorification of His name.

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How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

This book is dedicated to God, my loving Father. Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior; and the Holy Spirit, my paraclette. To the whole Triune God. And also to my loving and supporting wife, Peggy Sue (Susma) and my children, Chirag, Neesha, Steve, Cliff, Tamra and my granddaughter Sommer Alexis.

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Introduction

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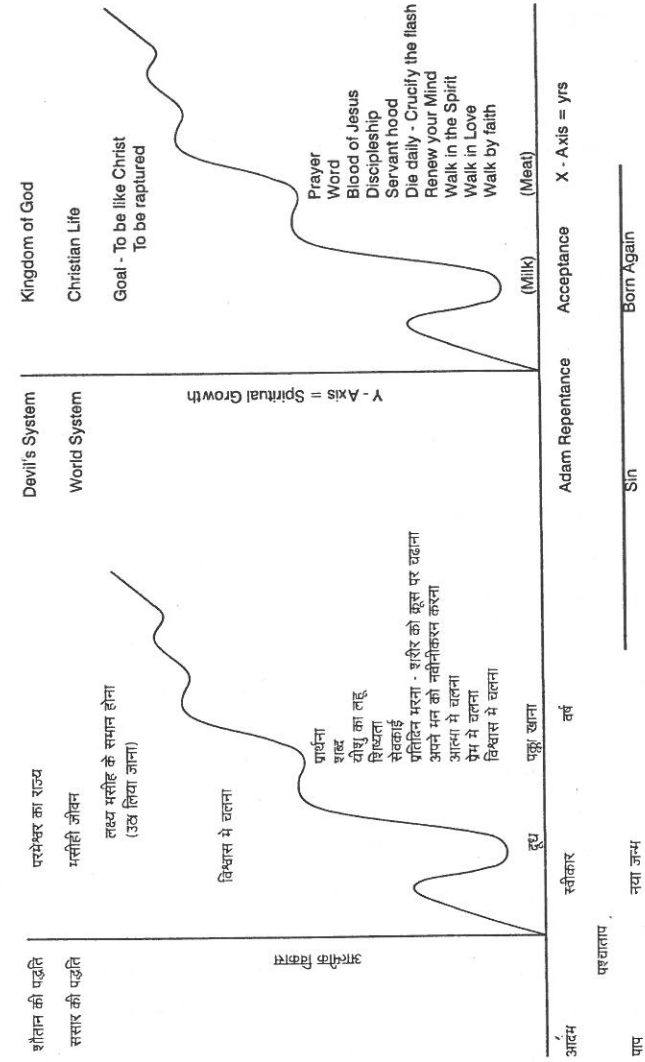
1. THE GOSPEL

- GOOD NEWS (*Christian life in perspective*)

The Lord gave me these sermons for the Conference, Not only for Christians but also for non Christians. We will see how to put the whole Christian life in perspective, so that people will understand what the Good News – THE GOSPEL is all about, Jesus Christ and Christianity. I am taking a different approach for teaching: This graph will give you an overall view of my message For everything, I will give you Scriptures. Are you ready for many Scriptures ? Are you hungry for the Word ? Are you hungry for God ?

The Christian life begins when you are born again, when you are saved and this is when your journey begins. The goal is to be like Christ and if the Lord comes earlier, you want to be raptured. It is never a straight line. The Christian life is full of ups and downs with its trials and tribulations. The goal is to be like Christ or made worthy to be raptured. So I will give you scriptures for everything I am drawing here. Although you are now born again, before that, you were sinners. It started with Adam. When people sin they have to die (Roman 6:23) even if they repent of their sins, still they have to experience physical death. There is a devil's plan and there is God's plan. You come from the devil's plan into God's plan, and then you have to grow spiritually. To grow spiritually you need prayers and stay in prayer all the time. You have to read the Bible. You stay in the Word and your spiritual growth increases. This path also includes discipleship. You also have to be like a servant, servant hood. Not only that but you have to crucify your body. You have also to renew your mind. There should also be a walk of faith and you should walk in Love.

INTRODUCTION



2. ADAM - SIN

We will start from Adam. We will begin from Genesis. *Gen 2:7, 8,9, 16, 17.* "Then the LORD God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it;" : He breathed life giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man He had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees to produce good fruits. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life, and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad.... He told him,(Adam) You may eat the fruit if any tree except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad, You must not eat the fruit of that tree ; if you do, you will surely die." These are the scriptures that start with the creation of man. In the earlier scriptures God created the whole universe. He spoke, He spoke, He spoke, and everything came into existence. But for man, He formed him Himself because He wanted to make him in His own image. He formed man out of the dust. Man was male and female both. He breathed His own breath into his nostrils and he became a living soul. God also made a garden for him so that he could live there, but He warned him not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned him." if you eat of that tree you will surely die" God did not create Adam to die. He was covered with the glory of God. So much so that he did not know that he was naked. God saw Adam was alone so he wanted to give him a helpmate.

Gen.2:21,22,23. 'Then the Lord God made the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he was sleeping He took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh. He formed the woman out of a rib and brought her to him. He put Adam to sleep. This is the first indication of anesthesia. This was also the first surgery, when

God took a rib out of Adam and formed a woman out of it and brought her to Adam. Then the man said, "Here is one of my kind - bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She was called "Woman" because was taken out of man."

Gen.2:24. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife". This is the first indication of a marriage. The marriage of a man with a woman. We have a big issue of gay marriage. But that is not God's plan. It is God's plan for a man to marry a woman and then leave his parents and become one flesh with his wife. When Eve was formed both Adam and Eve were naked, they were not aware of this because they were surrounded with the Glory of God. They were God conscious. God was walking with them, talking with them and fellowshiping with them.

The next verses I want you to read are *Gen 3:1 to 7.* "Now the serpent was craftier than any of the animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman "Did God really say." You must not eat from any tree in the garden"? The woman said to the serpent " We may eat from the trees in the garden but God did say "You must not eat from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die.""You will not surely die" the serpent said to the woman, "for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil". When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she ate it. She also gave to her husband who was with her and he also ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized that they were naked, so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

This was God's way of testing man's obedience. The Devil had been thrown out of heaven onto the earth. Now in the form

of a serpent he attacked the weaker person in the marriage and started talking to her. "Has God indeed said you must not eat or even touch". God had not told Adam not to touch it, only not to eat of it. The woman modified what God had said. Now look what the devil does. He said, "You will not surely die. God knows that if you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will become like God, knowing good and evil". Unfortunately they did not know that they were already like God to start with. And so the woman was deceived. She looked at the fruit and it was pleasant to the eyes. That was the lust of the eyes. It was desirable to eat - lust of the flesh. She took the fruit and ate it, also gave it to her husband. This is when sin entered. If she had said "No", the Lord Jesus would not have had to come. Eating the fruit was an act of disobedience. Eating the fruit was not wrong but it was an act of disobedience, which was wrong. God was testing their obedience and they failed.

Let us go further and see how the curse came. Let us read.

Genesis 3:17-19. To Adam God said, "Because you listened to your wife, and ate from the tree which I commanded you, "you must not eat of it," cursed be the ground because of you : through painful toil you will eat of it all your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field by the sweat of your brow, until you return to the ground from where you were taken. For dust you are and to the dust will you return." God was very mad at Adam because he listened to his wife and ate of the tree, God had told him not to eat. So the ground was cursed and he would eat of it by toiling all his life. When he would die he would return to the dust from where he was taken. Adam had now spiritually died. The body will also die one day. So now all generations (from Adam till the Lord Jesus came to the earth) were sinners. In the old testament times they

had to offer sacrifices of animals for their sins. They had to go to the priests and offer sacrifices. But they were dead spiritually. So sin became a problem for all mankind. I will give you some scriptures about sin.

PS.32 : 1. " Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."

Nu.32 : 23. "But if you fail to do this you will be sinning against the Lord, and you may be sure your sin will find you out". The Lord says, Your sin will find you out.

Rom. 3 : 9, 10. "Well than, are we Jews in better condition than the gentiles? "not at all !" I have already shown that Jews and gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. As the scripture says; "there is no one who is righteous."

Rom. 6 : 12, 13. "So do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies so that you may obey its evil desires. Do not offer your bodies to sin or instruments to do wicked works, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought to life from the dead, and offer your bodies to him as instruments of righteousness".

Rom. 6 : 23. Says, " The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life". So God has made a way out of that. He gave his Son to die for us so that if we accept him we will have eternal life. This is the free gift of God. God has made a way out. He gave his son to die for our sins. If you accept him as your Lord and Savior, you will be saved. The next verse I want you to read is.

John 1 : 9, 10. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned we make Him out to be a liar, and his word has no place in your life." These scriptures are addressed to believers. Although our spirit is reborn, and we are born again, but we still have the old flesh and mind. You have

to crucify your flesh daily and renew your mind with the Word of God. It is not an instant process like the new birth. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, your spirit is instantly reborn. So 1/3 of you is reborn. Killing the flesh and renewing of the mind is a process. Thank God for these verses because we still sin and the Lord says,

"If you confess your sins, I will forgive you and make you righteous".

He is a great God. He has given us an outlet when we sin. Some people call these verses "Christian soap" by which we can clean ourselves from sin. I am going to give you one more scripture.

1st John 2:15, 16, 17. "Love neither the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world -the carvings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes, the boasting of what he has and does- comes not from the Father but from the world". There is a difference between us and the world. These scriptures are addressed to us believers. It says we have not to love the world. If we do, the love of the Father is not in us. These are characteristics of the world : the lust of the flesh and the pride of life, is not from the Father but of the world. God wants you to control your flesh. You have to control all the members of your body. You have to be careful about what you see, what you put in front of your eyes. Everybody watches T V these days, I have T V, but I watch Christian channels mostly. I pass on the other channels. We have only three or four Christian channels here. I can get 100 or more channels in American on my T V. but I have made an effort not to switch to those worldly channels. They are tempting to watch, so I put my T V on Christian channels all the time, so I do not have to use my remote to flick on any other channel. You should also be careful of what you

read. When you read, read Godly literature, then you are serving the Lord. But if you read trash or look at it, it will hinder you in your Christian journey. There is extensive literature on pornography, especially on the computer. They have come out with filters. You can buy software with these filters so you can screen them out. It is important that Christians are aware of these things. We cannot shut our eyes or ignore them.

3. REPENTENCE - THE NEW BIRTH

Now let us start with repentance. We saw how sin entered into the human race, and how Adam disobeyed God and how God cursed him and how all mankind since then is under sin.

The first step in spiritual growth is repentance. Repentance means turning away from sin. You do exactly the opposite of what you were doing before. It is a 180 degrees turn. Let us see *II Pet. 3.9* "The Lord is not slow in doing what he has promised...."God is long suffering. He is waiting for you to repent because He does not want any of us to perish and does not want us to go to hell. He wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever. That was his original plan for all of us.

Probably you all know this story. There was a man named Nicodemus. He was a leader in the synagogue. He came to Jesus one night. Do you know why he came at night ? He did not want to be seen with Jesus. But he knew that Jesus was a man of God. He asked Jesus "What shall I do to enter into the kingdom of heaven ?" Jesus answered, "In order to see the kingdom of heaven one has to be born again. Jesus told them, "I am telling you the truth, that no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit. A person is born physically of

human parents, but he is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must be born again." Nicodemus was not able to understand how one must be born again when he is old. Can he enter his mother's womb again when he is old? The Lord Jesus was not referring to the physical birth. He was referring to being born in the spirit; He said that he who is born of the spirit is spirit and he who is born of the flesh is flesh. There are two births. But they did not understand the spiritual birth. So Jesus again emphasized that you must be born again to enter the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus had no conception of the spiritual birth so Jesus goes further and talks to him.

John 3:15,16 "So that every one who believes in him may have eternal life." "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that every one who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life." What the Lord Jesus was referring to was Himself. He was saying, "if you believe in me you have eternal life". He also said that God the Father had given his only Son because he loved the world so much. Now when anyone dies believing in the Lord, he will not perish but have everlasting life and will be with God. Life in hell is life without God. God does not want one soul to be lost, so he goes on to say in vs.17 that God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Let us go to **Rom 10 : 9, 10, 13** "If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved As the scripture says every one who calls out to the Lord will be saved."

That is all. There is no fanfare no bugles or ceremony. It is between you and God. You can do it in your bedroom at night or in any place any time. You can do so in the church also. When you

accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you are saved. As the scripture says that with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. So whoever calls on the name of Jesus and accepts Him as Lord and Savior is saved. It is so very simple. When I found this out, I could not believe it, because of its simplicity. The scriptures are very simple and clear. With the mouth of confession is made that you believe in the Lord. With the heart man believes and is saved. If anyone wants to come to Christ the only thing they have to do is to do what we have just read. They have to do it with sincerity, not for show or to please anyone. It should come from the heart. As soon as you do that the Lord Jesus will come into your heart and your spirit will be reborn. Remember, when Adam committed sin, his spirit died. His flesh and mind started dominating him. So now that spirit is reborn or regenerated and you are a Christian.

4. SPIRITUAL GROWTH. A JOURNEY - THE GOAL

What is the next goal of the Christian life? Let us see what the scripture has to say. In **III John 3 : 2** the key verse is vs. 2 "As your soul prospers..." "When your soul prospers, you will also prosper and be in health. It is like a mother duck that has two ducklings. These two ducklings follow the mother duck. So when your soul prospers then prosperity and health follow.

My question was how do I know whether my soul is prospering. So I started studying what it meant. The Lord showed me that when your soul prospers you become like the Lord Jesus Christ. You become like him, you act like him. You have the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us see what the scripture says

Rom 8:29, "those whom God has already chosen he also set apart to become like his Son. So that the Son would be the firstborn among many brothers.

"For those who God foreknew, He also predestined to be confirmed to the likeness of his Son, and that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." The scripture also says you have to be like the Lord Jesus Christ. To continue in *Rom 8:9*, we see that the Lord foreknew you. He knew you before you were born. You are also predestined. Predestined for what? You have been predestined to be like the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the firstborn. Christ was the first born so we can follow him. This is one of the goals of the Christian life.

5. THE RAPTURE

There is another thing we have to look forward to. It is called the rapture of the Church. Let us see how exciting it is. It is something we all are looking forward to. So let us see how the rapture will occur. Let us turn to *1 Thess. 4:17*, "Than we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord." *Vs 16*- "there will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet and the Lord Himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise first."

Three things will happen first. There will be a shout; there will be the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. Three things will be happening to us. We will be caught up with him and will meet the Lord in the air and will always be with the Lord.

If you read Revelations, you will find many prophecies which are given about dangers on earth. There will be nuclear wars, famines' earthquakes, wars etc. From the space the earth will be struck and 1/3rd of the vegetation will be burnt. But the good news for us is that we will be gone. We will be raptured. We will not witness all this destruction on the earth. What a mighty God we serve; He saves His people. He takes care of us. Do you know what we will be doing in heaven when the earth is going through this turmoil? We will be taking part in the wedding supper of the Lamb. We will eat whatever we want. We will be happy. We will be rejoicing and praising and worshiping the Lord. Then we will come back with the Lord when his feet will touch the mount of Olives. He will bring us with Him and we will reign and rule on this earth for a thousand years. That is called the millennium reign of Christ. Let me give you another scripture on the rapture.

1 Cor. 15:51 - 54. "Listen to this secret truth; we shall not all die, but when the last trumpet sounds, we shall all be changed in an instant, as quickly as the blinking of an eye. For when the trumpet sounds, the dead will be raised, never to die again, and we shall be changed into what cannot die. So when this takes place, and the mortal has been changed into immortal, then the scripture will come true..." "Death is destroyed, victory is complete!" So the body will be transformed in the twinkling of an eye. The twinkle of an eye is 100th of a second. You will be transformed into glorious body instantly. The corruptible will become incorruptible. The mortal will become immortal, so you will have a glorified body. This is what will happen at the rapture. Read *1 Cor 15:58*, "so then, my brothers, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless. So what the Lord is saying that, 'since you know what is going to happen, continue

working for the Lord. Be firm and immovable so that your labor will not be in your vain. Start preparing for that day. How ?

6. RENEWING OF THE MIND

Romans 12 : 12 Read how to renew your mind ? By reading His Word. Read the Bible everyday. Pray to God everyday. Then your mind will be filled with His Word and the Word will drop into your heart. So whenever a situation occurs, when the world wants your attention, the word inside you will rise up. It will say, "This is not scriptural. Don't think on that, Don't look at those things!" Because the Bible says don't do it. If I don't have the Word in my mind I will be influenced by the world. I will be influenced by the television, I will be influenced by the newspapers, I will be used by the internet, so I have to guard my mind. When your mind is filled by the Word because of what God is saying, you will know the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. It is a progressive process of the will of God; good, acceptable and perfect, all three as a kind of a progressive will of God. You will have heaven on earth here.

Jesus said in *John 10 : 10* "I have come to give them life and more abundant life " so your abundant life will start here on earth. You don't have to wait to go to heaven. Your kingdom starts here but you have the responsibility to protect it, so you crucify your body everyday, renew your mind everyday, pray everyday, read the Bible everyday. Do not be entangled with the world. Then see what happens with your life. You will have heaven on earth here.

Scriptures that help me in my spiritual journey :-

1. Discipleship :
Luke 14 : 26 to 33 John 15 : 1 to 8

2. Servant hood :
John 13 : 3 to 17
Mark 10 : 43 to 45
3. Fruit of the spirit :
Galatians 5 : 22 to 25
4. Fruits of flesh :
Galatians 5 : 16 to 21
5. Gifts of the Holy Spirit :
1 Corinthians 12 : 4 to 11
6. Obedience :
Luke 10 : 25 to 28
Exodus 20 : 1 to 17
John 15 : 12 & 13
7. Spiritual Warfare :
Ephesians 6 : 10 to 18
8. Healings :
Exodus 15 : 26
Isaiah 53 : 5
1 Peter 2 : 24
Psalms 103 : 3
9. Scriptures for any need in your life :
Isaiah 54 : 17
Psalms 55 : 9 Zechariah 4 : 6
Malachi 3 : 10, 11
10. Scriptures on Prosperity
3 John 2
Malachi 3 : 10
Luke 6 : 38
11. Walk of Faith
2 Corinthians 5 : 7
Hebrew 11 : 6

12. Giving
Maladi 3 : 10
Luke 6 : 38

7. DISCIPLESHIP

What the Lord is saying here is that if you want to follow Me then you have to be My disciple. But it is not easy. You have to count the cost. Eg. You have to hate your family : mother, father, children, brother and even your life. God doesn't tell

You to hate in sense of hate, but He tells you to love them less. You put God first and you put them second. So he wants the first place in your life. You cannot go after Him if you don't bear the cross and be his disciple. You know what the Lord went through when he carried the Cross. He was beaten, mocked, spit-
ted on, his beard was pulled and He physically had no strength left to carry His cross. So somebody else was asked to carry the cross. Like him, it's a symbolic scripture. I have seen people in America wearing crosses. That is not what the Lord means by this. It is taking it symbolically as if you died on the cross. When you decide to become His disciple, you have to count the cost.

Eg : If you build a tower, you have to count the cost. If you are fighting a war, you have to count the cost. So don't take your Christian walk lightly. Be serious about life, so that when people look at you, they should say that this is a real Christian ! But it is not easy, you have to try it.

8. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - FRUIT OF THE FLESH

When you turn to *John 15 : 1 to 8* the Bible says that in order to dwell in him, the branch has to be united to the wine, it

cannot survive without the vine. Even so, for a Christian the Lord Jesus is the vine and you are united with Him as a branch. The juice of the wine flows into you as in a branch. If you are united with Christ, Christ will flow into you. But how do you know it ?

The scripture says "you will bear fruit". But if it is not as God wants it, he will prune you. It is painful but it is God's process so that you may bear more fruits. He is not satisfied with more, he wants you to bear more and more fruit. So in the last verse, He says "you cannot be my disciple if you don't bear much fruit". In order to be a disciple you have to bear much fruit. But what kind of fruit is he talking about ?

Lets open Galatians 5 : 22 to 25 "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their sinful nature, its passion and desire; since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit.

Love : the first fruit of the spirit :-

Fruit of the Spirit is produced only when you live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. The first fruit is love. God is love. People should see God in you. If you don't show love, and show artificial kindness, or piety or holiness, people will see that you are a hypocrite. They will turn away from Christianity. Many pastors have the Holy Spirit, but some of them are arrogant, some are haughty. That does not look good on Christianity. A person sitting at the back may be humble and hungry for God. That's what God wants. The scripture says "the first will be last and the last will be first".

If you want to exalt yourself, you will want the front seat, recognition on the platform and you will be haughty. God

does not like that. Those ministers are a failure. They don't show love. When people look at their personal life they are turned off. They will not show love. If they show love and be a servant then God will be exalted. He will honor them. They will be first in his kingdom, and those who exalt themselves who are haughty and proud will be the last in the kingdom of heaven. I wonder why so many preachers don't know the scriptures.

The next fruit is,

Joy : That is the inner joy in you. People will see that you are joyful and that it is not artificial happiness, but that your spirit is bubbling with joy.

Peace : It is the peace of mind which passes all understanding. When you walk into a room, your peace is felt by others. When people look at you they will think, "what kind of person is this who is not perturbed by worldly affairs ?

Long suffering : You suffer patiently and do not get upset.

Kindness : It is goodness in action. Whenever there is a problem on this earth, or any catastrophe, Christians are the first to help. When this happens they see our kindness and are filled with gratitude. They see Christ in us. This is the best witness we all can have, and people of other faiths will notice that. So much so that for whatever reason the politicians in that country may not like about Christians they will see what Christians are doing. Eg. In countries like Sudan and Africa, the Christians are doing a mighty work for God. They are winning many people to Christ. They are running hospitals, they are feeding the hungry, etc. but the government didn't like it. Because they were of another faith. They tried to kill them, and millions were slaughtered. They suffered for Christ. According to the scriptures, they will receive the crown of life.

Goodness : It means you are good to others, you are

good to your neighbours good to your spouse and good to your parents and to everyone you come in contact with.

Faithfulness : You are faithful in your walk with Jesus Christ. *Gentleness* : When you are gentle to others and you are humble it shows in your character.

Self-control : You will not fall into any vices. You will say "No" to anything that harms the body because the scripture says "No". You exercise self control. It is entirely different from the world. They want everything in excess, they take one drink than two drinks than three drinks and then they want the whole bottle and their lives are destroyed. The same pattern is seen in those who take drugs. It is

Very common everywhere as drugs are available all over the world. You want to try marijuana, and then you try heroine and then LSD. It is something you want so much you can't do without it. You become addicted to it. When you stop taking drugs your body gets into convulsions. Ultimately you die early. If you say NO you will not die early, you will live a long life. So self control is one of the fruits of the spirit. Another thing I want to point out is that it is a fruit not fruits. All the nine are characteristics of one fruit. You have nine in one. Now let us see what happens if you do not walk in the spirit. For that we look at the fruits of the flesh. *Gal. 5 : 16-21*, "This I say than walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh, for the flesh lusteth against the spirit, the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary one to the other so that you cannot do things that you would. But if ye be led of the spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these : adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like – they which do such things

shall not inherit the kingdom of God. These are the fruits of flesh. The spirit and the flesh are at war with each other. If you walk in the spirit, than you wont fulfill the desire of the flesh.

9. OTHER IMPORTANT SCRIPTURES

Your Christian life should be a spirit filled life. You will have abundant life here when you are born again. You start that life straight away, you don't have to go to heaven to enjoy that life. You will have abundant life here.

John 10: 10, "the devil came to steel, kill and destroy. The Lord Jesus says, "I came that you may have life and abundant life."

So when he comes, and lives in you are transferred from the devil's plan into Gods for your life. But you will still have trials and tribulations. Go to these scriptures in times of need.

(viii) Isa 54 : 17,

(ix) Ps 55 : 9,

(x) Zach 4 : 6

Through these scriptures you can talk to God in prayer **Mal 3: 10,11**. You can go to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, I am attacked by the devil, but I have been obedient to your word; therefore, I claim these promises, please fulfill your promise because you said "try me". That is the only one time he has made that statement. You will have scriptural right to ask these blessings.

Healings : EX 15 : 26, " I am the God that healeth thee" **1 Peter 2 : 24**. "By His strips, ye are healed". You can claim those scriptures when you are sick.

Prosperity : When you want to prosper, you have a right to become prosperous. The Bible doesn't say that you have to be poor. All the teachings on Christians being poor is wrong.

Ill John 2 "I pray that you may enjoy good health and that

all may go well with you even as your soul is getting along well."

So long as you have a nice Christian walk and your walk is by faith in Christ, you have a right to be healthy and you have the right to be prosperous. But I warn you don't make prosperity your God. There are many teachings on prosperity so keep it in balance. Put God first, put Jesus first when you prosper in your soul. Automatically like the two small ducklings that follow the mother duck, prosperity and health will follow. I bless you all and wish you all a prosperous and a healthy life. I wish you become like Christ and that you become good witnesses for Jesus and bring many souls into His kingdom.

The reader is strongly advised to look up all the scriptures for himself.

Christian walk is walk of faith in Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by te word of God (**Romans 10:17**). So keep on hearing the Word og God. By tapes, CD's, T.V., reading the Bible with your voice. Because without faith it is impossible to please God. (**Hebrews 11:6**)

Matthew 6

Do no do in public

- (A) Alms giving
- (B) Fasting
- (C) Pray

Matthew 7

- (A) Do not judge
- (B) Ask, seek and knock
- (C) Do to others as you would have done to you
- (D) Narrow way - leads to life
- (E) Do the Will of God- Which is the Word of God

10. TO BE LIKE CHRIST : Look what the Lord Jesus has to say about this in St. Matthew Chapter 5

How do you know? What are the criteria?

- (1) Poor in Spirit (*vs3*)
- (2) That they mourn (*vs4*)
- (3) That one is meek (*vs5*)
- (4) Hunger and thirst for righteousness (*vs6*)
- (5) Merciful (*vs7*)
- (6) Pure in heart (*vs8*)
- (7) Peacemakers (*vs9*)
- (8) Persecuted for Righteousness sake (*vs10*)
- (9) Man will revile you, persecute you (*vs11*)
- (10) You are the salt of the earth (*vs13*)
- (11) You are the light of the world (*vs14*)
- (12) Do not break the law (*vs19*)
- (13) Murder not (*vs21*)
- (14) No adultery - Do not look at a woman to lust after her, is adultery (*vs 27*)
- (15) Divorce is not justified except for the cause of marital unfaithfulness (*vs 31*)
- (16) Oaths - Do not swear at all (*vs 33-37*)
- (17) a. Turn the other cheek - No retaliation (*vs 38-42*)
b. Give your cloak
c. Give to them that ask of three
- (18) 1. Love your enemies (*vs 43-47*)
2. Forgive those who hurt you
3. Be perfect as your Father in heaven in perfect
- (19) Love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and all your strength (*Luke 10:27*)
- (20) Love your neighbour, as you love yourself. (*Luke 10:27*)

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

THE GOOD NEWS

So you've never heard about the Lord Jesus Christ? So you've never heard about Christmas? So you've never heard about Christians?

Or you might have heard about the Lord Jesus Christ, or you might have heard about Christmas and even know somebody who is a Christian..

This letter is written just for you. To give you a basic understanding of who the Lord Jesus Christ is, and what He did for us as a man while on earth, and what He is going to do about mankind in the future.

If you are still interested to know more, please read on. As God Almighty wants you to read on - He is on your side!

To understand about all the questions posed above. The Bible is the answer. It contains from page one to the last page, all about the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is the reincarnation of God (usually to save righteous) to save sinners.

HOW CAN WE NOT BE SINNERS!

Should we do good works and be morally pure?

Can we do perfect?

NO WAY !!!!

Humans (flesh) cannot be perfect, we are born in sin. There is a Way out !! Thank God for this. He saw mankind's plight and came to our rescue

HOW ??

By having his own son take the rap for our sins, or in other words making Him a sacrifice instead of us!!

HOW DID HE DO IT ??

He made His own Son born to a virgin. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Ghost. So when Jesus was born. He had no genealogy to the sin of Adam. He was pure, sinless man.---The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood. He was buried and was raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit on the third day. **So whoever accepts Him as Lord and Savior and believes from his heart that He was raised from the dead, is SAVED!**

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

When God looks at a believer on the Day of Judgment, He will not see his sins at all. He will only see the blood of Jesus. That person will be saved from punishment.

HOW DO I GET THIS BENEFIT ?

It is so simple...

The only thing you have to do is believe and confess that Jesus is the Lord and He was raised from the dead. Then instantly you become a Christian, or Christ-like and anointed (filled with God's power). You are assured a place in Heaven and not Hell.

You also become a new creature in Christ. Your old man died and a new man is created.

What should I do now, since accepting Jesus and becoming a Christian???

- Get a Bible
- Join the Church
- Get Baptized
- Pray, Pray, Pray
- Learn to be disciple of Christ

The goal is to become like Christ.

Dr. Shah moved to USA in 1965.
He was a Hindu & was always
searching for God, he attended...

- † Christian Seminars,
- † Churches,
- † Yoga,
- † Ashram,
- † Studied Gita,
- † Upnishad,
- † Ramayan,
- † Mahabharat

When Dr. Shah started studying the Bible
& found that it was true, he did not see
any reason to turn back.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord
& Saviour & got baptized. He has been
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