

➤ **Act justly, show mercy and be humble**

See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God. Micah 6:8b CEV

➤ **Provide for the needy**

John told them, “If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn’t have any. If you have food, share it with someone else.” Luke 3:11 CEV

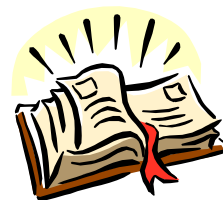
➤ **Tell others the good news about Jesus Christ**

Good News

Then Philip began to speak; starting from this passage of scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus. Acts 8:35 GNT

[♣ The good news about Jesus involves the things said about him earlier in this booklet. It is primarily about forgiveness of sins and being at peace with God through Jesus’ death.]

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➤ Keep on giving praise and thanks to God

Our sacrifice is to keep offering praise to God in the name of Jesus. Hebrews 13:15 CEV

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20 GNT

➤ Meet together with other believers



Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Hebrews 10:25a GNT

➤ Love others as you love yourself ...

Love others as much as you love yourself. Matthew 22:39b CEV

... What love involves

Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or ⁵rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. ⁶Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. ⁷Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 CEV

➤ **Keep reading God's word**



He is to keep this book [of God's teachings] near him and read from it all his life ... Deuteronomy 17:19a GNT

➤ **Make Jesus your Lord**

Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. 1 Peter 3:15a CEV

➤ **Live by the Holy Spirit**

... live according to the Spirit, and not according to human nature. Romans 8:4 GNT

[♣ *God has given his Holy Spirit to believers. We are to live by the Spirit. This involves: focussing on what the Spirit wants; paying attention to his promptings; and relying on his power.*]

➤ **Pray to God, as a caring father**

So pray this way: Our Father in heaven, ... Matthew 6:9a NET

I. What to Know

➤ **God is awesome**



[Moses, to the Israelites:] For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God ... Deuteronomy 10:17a NET

[♣ "LORD" is God's personal name.]

➤ **God is holy and acts justly**

[Believers, to God:] You alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship you, because your just actions are seen by all. Revelation 15:4b GNT

[♣ *God is holy - perfect in all he is and does. So he acts justly and does not put up with evil.*]

➤ **God is merciful and loving**

[God:] I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. Exodus 34:6b CEV

➤ **All things belong to God as he made everything**

The earth and everything on it belong to the LORD. The world and its people belong to him. ²The LORD placed it all on the oceans and rivers. Psalms 24:1–2 CEV

[♣ Verse 2 speaks poetically of God creating the world.]

➤ **God is the ruler of all things**

[David, to God:] You are the source of wealth and honor; you rule over all. 1 Chronicles 29:12a NET

➤ **Breaking God’s law is sin**

Whoever sins is guilty of breaking God’s law, because sin is a breaking of the law. 1 John 3:4b GNT

➤ **All people have sinned**

Everyone

All of us have sinned ... Romans 3:23a CEV

➤ **Sin leads to the penalty of eternal death**

For the payoff of sin is death ... Romans 6:23a NET

[♣ God’s holiness and justice mean that unforgiven sin must be punished with everlasting death or destruction. It involves separation from God, in hell.]

➤ **We can be sure of forgiveness and spiritual life**

But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away. 1 John 1:9 CEV

[John, to fellow believers:] Our love for each other proves that we have gone from death to life. 1 John 3:14a CEV

➤ **Trust in God**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5 NET

➤ **Love God with all your heart**



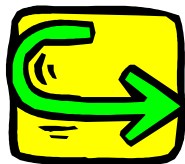
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸This is the first and most important commandment. Matthew 22:37b–38 CEV

➤ **Respect and obey God**

Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. Ecclesiastes 12:13b CEV

II. What to Do

➤ Turn from sin to God and believe in Jesus Christ



[Paul:] To Jews and Gentiles alike I gave solemn warning that they should turn from their sins to God and believe in our Lord Jesus. Acts 20:21 GNT

➤ Believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins

... all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name. Acts 10:43b GNT

[♣ We need to believe Jesus Christ to be the means of forgiveness of sins, with what he did by his death. As such, we are to trust in him for God's forgiveness of our own sins. By this we are made righteous by God - and granted eternal life.]

➤ Whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16 GNT

➤ However, God sent Jesus Christ to save the world

God did not send his Son [Jesus Christ] into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! John 3:17 CEV

➤ Jesus Christ died for us ...



But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. Romans 5:8 CEV

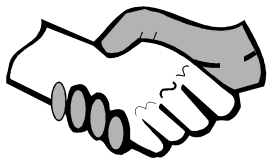
[♣ Jesus Christ gave his life in place of our lives to pay the penalty for our sin. He did this so that we would not have to pay it ourselves with eternal death. Instead we can have eternal life. This is spiritual life which extends beyond physical death.]

... So our sins can be forgiven

For by the blood of Christ [his death] we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. Ephesians 1:7b GNT

➤ **God raised Jesus Christ back to life**

But God raised him from death. Acts 2:24a GNT

➤ **Through Jesus' death we can be at peace with God**

[Paul, to believers:] You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. ²²But his Son became a human and died. So God made peace with you, and now he lets you stand in his presence as people who are holy and faultless and innocent. Colossians 1:21–22 CEV

➤ **We can only be saved through Jesus Christ**

Salvation is to be found through him alone ... Acts 4:12a GNT

➤ **God has made Jesus Christ Lord of all**

Jesus Christ ... is Lord of all. Acts 10:36b GNT

Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. ¹⁰So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth,

and under the earth. ¹¹And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Philippians 2:9–11 CEV

[† In the future all people will openly agree that Jesus Christ is Lord of all things.]

➤ **Jesus Christ will return and judge all people**

For the Son of Man [Jesus Christ] will come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. Matthew 16:27 NET