



After Care

**The Heart of an
Evangelistic Church**



A Letter to Myself

Date: _____

Dear _____,
(your name)

When I was baptized I obeyed the Gospel which is the _____,
_____, and _____ of Jesus. I Cor. 15:1-4

I confessed Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, repented of my sins and was baptized to
receive forgiveness of my _____ and to receive the _____
_____. Acts 2:38

When I was baptized God added me to _____ . Acts 2:47

At the time of my baptism I felt

The Scriptures that caused me to obey the Gospel were

With the rest of my life I plan to do the following for Christ because He has done so much for
me:

Sincerely,

(your signature)

My New Life
John 10:9-11

Introduction:

Celebration

What a great moment in your life! It's only been a short time since you started your new spiritual life. Many have celebrated with you in one way or another and heaven is certainly rejoicing with you, Luke 15:7, 10. Jesus' promise to you is being fulfilled at this very moment (John 10:9-11).



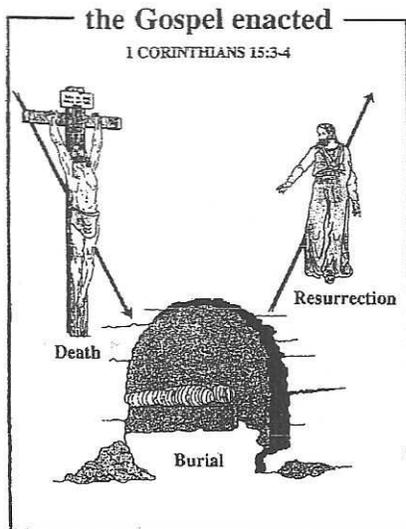
Goal

The goal at this time is to review what you have done as well as to view what the future can be. A review will give you greater confidence in your new birth and a view of the future will bring you opportunities for greater blessings.

Reminder

A reminder before we begin: (1) please help us to go at a pace that is comfortable to you and (2) please help us to use words that you understand. Any question is always in order. Your well-being is always in our heart.

Review — the event of your new birth:



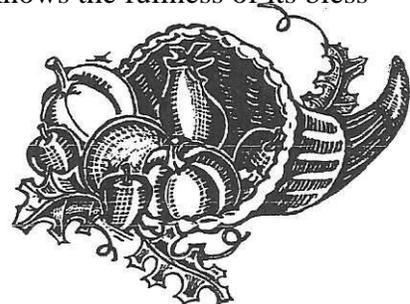
When you see a picture of a newborn baby what happens in your heart? The picture of your new birth looks like this: "When you by your faith responded to the Gospel (death, burial, resurrection of Christ) in baptism, God, by His grace, gave you a new life" (Romans 6:3-6). Before you obeyed the Gospel in baptism you were dead in sin; after you obeyed the Gospel in baptism you are now alive in Christ. Which of the following best pictures to you your spiritual birth?

- A new start
- All my sins forgiven
- A spiritual beginning

Having seen the picture of your spiritual birth, how do you feel in your heart?

Blessings that result from my new birth:

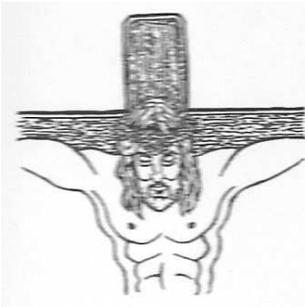
When a baby is born it never knows the fullness of its blessings, but as time passes a fuller understanding is realized, and so it is with your spiritual life. Just a few of these blessings will be mentioned at this time.



You will now be presented by Jesus to God your Father faultless, Jude 24. Dream for a moment that Jesus, with great joy, has just introduced you to the Father of heaven. How does it feel? You are a child of God, I John 3:1-3. You are now called Christian, Acts 11:26. It is a name of honor rather than a name of dishonor.

God knows all of us need someone to surround us, to encourage us, to fellowship with us, therefore He gave us a family where we can have brothers and sisters who will always be there. It is a family that cares enough to correct us and to bring out the very best in us. God also realized that we needed someone to worship with and with whom we can serve others. God's church is so important that He personally added you to it, Acts 2:47, just as He did the 3000 souls in Acts 2:41. If God personally added you to His church can you be in the wrong church?
___ yes ___ no

Love—a vital part of my new birth:



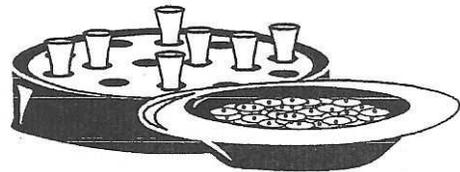
God's love for us was the very beginning of our new birth, John 3:16. God's love is so great for you that not only did He give His Son but He also gave you His Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38; Galatians 4:6-7. Wherever you go God goes with you so be careful where you go.

When I consider God's love and mercy in my life it leaves me no choice but to change my lifestyle. Change comes hard and God understands and is patient with me, Romans 12:1-2.

God's love caused Him to consider good will in my life. Now I want to consider His will in my life by taking the Gospel to others, Mathew 28:18-20, showing love to others, 1 John 4:7-8, and obeying His commands, John 14:15.

Remembering my new birth:

1. I will write myself a reminder of my new birth. (The letter is to be written at this time.)
2. My best and most important reminder will be to meet each and every week with my spiritual family, the church, Acts 20:7. What Jesus did with His apostles, I will do with my family in remembrance of Him, I Corinthians 11:23-26.



My new birth: My new lifestyle — a better goal:

Readings at home:
Colossians 3:1-15
Philippians 4:8-9
I Corinthians 13:4-8
I Thessalonians 4:13-18