

BRING JESUS HOME INTO YOUR LIFE . . .

TRUST IN JESUS TO SAVE YOU

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).

REPENT OF YOUR SIN

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR LORD

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32, 33).

FOLLOW JESUS AS YOUR MASTER

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

FIND REST AND PEACE

“Ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matthew 11:29).

“The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

RECEIVE POWER TO SERVE

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8).

FIND WISDOM TO LIVE

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).

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“Come unto me, and I will give you rest.” – Jesus

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A House or a Home?

The sign says *Home for Sale*. We know better; it is only the house that is for sale. A home can't be bought or sold. It must be made.

Home. The word ought to have a warm, comfortable, inviting feel. Perhaps for you it does not. What can you do about it? How can you help make a house into

a home?

God tells us how in His Word, the Bible. And each family member has a part.

To husbands, God says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it . . . so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church" (Ephesians 5:25, 28, 29).

God tells wives to "submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church . . . As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing" (Ephesians 5:22-24).

Many couples misunderstand or misjudge God's instruction to husbands and wives. The husband is not to be bossy and domineering, ordering his slavishly obedient wife around. This is the way it works (or *doesn't* work) in too many *houses*.

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But in a *home*, the husband and wife are a team, of which the husband takes the lead. Because he obeys God's command to love her, he is not bossy and domineering. He cares for her. Her needs and interests are important to him.

Likewise, the wife who truly submits is not a slave. She is the second half of the

team. She supports, counsels, and yes—submits to her husband. She finds joy in pleasing him—just as the true Christian rejoices in pleasing God.

The husband and wife who take God's way have much more than a *house*—they have a *home*. They love each other and give themselves for each other. They find joy and blessings for decades beyond the honeymoon. Self-seeking marriage partners soon lose these things—if they ever had them.

The Bible tells children and youth how to help make a *home* also. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Children in a *house* may be forced to obey but lack real love and respect for their parents.

In a *home*, children and youth are taught to respect parents. They may not understand all that their parents ask of them, but they learn early to submit cheerfully to all authority.

Honor and obedience do not come naturally to children. Quite the opposite is true. God commands parents to teach and model these character traits to children. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

To teach children properly requires hard work. In a *house*, it is often left undone.

In a *home*, parents reprove, correct, and discipline—but always in love. That means they keep the child's good in view, realizing that if they do not teach him

true submission, respect, and character, he will not learn them.

You have heard children (from a *house*) who screamed, kicked, and cried (or worse) when they did not get their way. Such children, if not given proper *home* teaching, will do the same kind of things as youth and adults.

In a *home*, loving parents take charge of such situations and teach their children to act properly. Such teaching is never easy or pleasant—for the parent or for the child. But, for the child's good, it must be done. "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:11).

Parents in a *home* do not react in anger or frustration to a child's misbehavior. The Bible has a special caution to fathers about this. "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). The words *nurture* and *admonition* carry the idea of "loving discipline" and "instruction or warning."

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