

we may **boldly say**, *The Lord is my helper, and I will **not fear** what man shall do unto me.*—Hebrews 13:5–6

6 Act on the faith that God will take better care of His children than the best of human parents can care for their children.

*“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the **LORD** pitieth them that fear him.”*

—Psalm 103:13.

*“I have been young, and now am old; **yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**”*

—Psalm 37:25

Right now—as urgently as we would call out for the lifeguard if we were drowning—we should ask Jesus to be our Savior and Lord.

*“For **whosoever shall call** upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**”*

—Romans 10:13.

If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, this advice will help you become a *strong* Christian:

1. **Follow** Jesus Christ by studying and obeying the Bible, 1 Peter 2:2.
2. **Pray** for guidance, protection, and for power to be obedient, Philippians 4:6–7.
3. **Go** to an active, Bible teaching church on Sundays to worship and serve God with other Christians, Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2: 1–47.
4. **Tell** others every day about Jesus and His wonderful gift of eternal salvation, Acts 2:47.

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what we really
need is to . . .

❶ Know how to pray so we know for sure God is listening.

*"We know that God **heareth** not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and **doeth his will**, him he **heareth**."* –John 9:31

First thing, **God's will** is that you be saved from the penalty and power of sin. **"God our Saviour . . . will** (wills to; wants to) **have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*–1 Timothy 2:3–4* "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that **all** should **come** to repentance."*–2 Peter 3:9*

Then, *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask** what ye will, and **it shall be done** unto you."* –John 15:7.

Simply listen to God, and God will listen to you.

❷ Put ourselves in "protective custody" of the one and only Almighty God.

*"He that dwelleth in the **secret place** of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the **Almighty**. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and **my fortress**: my God; in him will I trust."* –Psalm 91:1–2

❸ Get prepared to meet God on judgment day in case today is our last day on earth.

*"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the **judgment**."* –Hebrews 9:27.

But because *"God commendeth [showed] his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**."* –Romans 5:8

*"There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus."* –Romans 8:1.

*"For I delivered unto you **first of all** that which I also received, how that Christ **died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures."* –1 Corinthians 15: 1–4

*"For the wages of sin is **death**; but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord."* –Romans 6:23.

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Please ask Him right now to forgive you and deliver you from the punishment you deserve for all your sins.

❹ Understand God's plan for us here and now on earth and follow His leadership.

*"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee**, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*

–Micah 6:8

*"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created**."* –Revelation 4:11

*"If ye know these things, **happy** are ye if ye do them."* –John 13:17

" . . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 Corinthians 6:2

❺ Face each day with the peace, confidence, and optimism that God's presence and favor will give us.

*"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee**, nor forsake thee. So that*