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"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:15-18 NKJV).

We are called to:

1. Preach The Gospel.

• Share the good news of the plan of salvation. Share your personal testimony (see John 3:3, John 3:16-17, Acts 4:12, Hebrews 2:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, and Romans 10:9-10).

2. Water Baptism.

- You do not need to be an ordained minister and you do not need to be in a church to baptize someone in water. Any believer can baptize a new convert! In the Book of Acts, baptism almost always happened immediately after conversion!
- As long as the person has truly repented of their sin and they are ready to follow Jesus with their whole heart, you should baptize them right away in your bathtub, swimming pool, or hot tub, or a coin fountain in the middle of the mall! It really doesn't matter (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Matthew 3, and Acts 8:36-40).

3. Cast Out Demons.

• You must drive out and break off any demonic spirit that is attached to the life of a new believer! This ideally should be done shortly after conversion. If possible, within the same day.

4. Speaking In Tongues.

- Every believer should receive the baptism of the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
 - "And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said

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to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.' And he said to them, 'Into what then were you baptized?' So they said, 'Into John's baptism.' Then Paul said, 'John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.' When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied" (Acts 19:1-6 NKJV).

- "Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:14-17 NKJV).
- "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;" (Mark 16:17 NKJV).
- Immediately following water baptism an explanation should be given to the new believers about the importance of the heavenly prayer language. And you should lay hands on them and pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues!
- GOD WILL ALWAYS ANSWER THIS PRAYER IF IT IS PRAYED WITH A SINCERE HEART! Only our carnal mind can stop us from receiving it! Instruct the person you are praying for to ask God for this baptism along with their prayer language. Tell them to quiet their mind. Do not resist the Holy Spirit whatever happens allow it to happen and speak whatever comes up in their spirit no matter how silly it may seem.
- After receiving ,encourage them to pray in tongues daily!

5. Believe God for supernatural protection from harm!

• "But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, 'No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.' But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered

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no harm. However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god' (Acts 28:3-6 NKJV).

- "So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way" (Luke 4:28-30 NKJV).
- "Then Daniel said to the king, 'O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.' Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God" (Daniel 6:21-23 NKJV).
- "And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, 'Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?' They answered and said to the king, 'True, O king.' 'Look!' he answered, 'I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.' Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here.' Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them" (Daniel 3:23-27 NKJV).

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6. Pray for miracles and healing.

- "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:1-2 NKJV).
- "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give' (Matthew 10:7-8 NKJV).

This is our commission.

- We are called to make disciples and teach them to obey the commands of Jesus!
- We are not psychiatrists, psychologists, medical professionals, marriage counselors, life coaches, or personal trainers etc.!
- Teach the people that you are discipling to obey Jesus! If they need any of the above services, point them in the right direction, but stay in your lane.

Prayer for Salvation:

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the son of God and the only way to the Father. I believe that You came in the flesh, died on the cross for my sin, and rose again on the third day. Please forgive me of all of my sins. I also freely forgive anyone who has ever hurt me. Wash me in Your Blood and fill with Your Holy Spirit. Guide me every day. My life belongs to you.

Prayer for Water Baptism:

You can either say upon your confession of faith, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (then submerge them in the water) or "I baptize you in the name of Jesus" (then submerge them in water). Though some denominations believe and teach that it must be spoken a certain way I truly believe either way you say is valid. Personally, most often I will simply say die with Christ as they are going into the water and say rise with Christ as they are coming up out of the water (see **Romans 6**).

Prayer for Casting out Demons:

You spirit of _____ come out in the name of Jesus and never enter him again!

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Prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

Have the individual pray and ask God for this. Have them say something like this: "Holy Spirit, fill me now! Give me boldness to overcome the world and be a witness for Christ. Give me that heavenly language!" Then you say, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit." Lay hands on them and begin to speak in tongues and encourage them to speak out loud any words or syllables that the Hoy Spirit brings up to their spirit.

Prayer for Trusting God for Supernatural Protection:

Thank God that His angels are with you protecting yo, and that His spirit is giving life to your body and protecting you.

Prayer for Healing:

Command the sickness or affliction to go in Jesus' name and have the person test it by doing something to verify the healing.