

# Boot Camp

## Day One

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For all those who are  
in Christ Jesus  
To follow His life  
In devoted service  
To God

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This is the disciple's  
Introduction to the  
Army of God

## *One for all, and all for the One*

For all those who are in Christ Jesus, to follow His life, in devoted service to God.

*'Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'*

Mark 12:29-30

*'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* John 3:16

*"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

John 3:35-36

The One died for all; those who believe and obey Him can have eternal life in fellowship with the One God.

John 17:3

In order to enjoy the blessing of eternal life in fellowship with God, all must repent and turn

from pleasing themselves in how they live,  
and be baptised to live for Jesus Christ, the  
One and only Son. Luke 13:3

All must deny themselves and take up their  
cross daily. Luke 9:23

All will worship the Lord our God and serve  
Him only. Luke 4:8

All will die with Christ to live the life of the  
One and only Son. Rom 6:4-7 Gal 2:20

All must enter through the narrow gate which  
separates us from the ways of the world.  
Matt 7:13-14

All must be born again of the Spirit if they are  
to have a new life and walk with God.  
John 3:3

All must receive the Spirit of God and live  
under His guardianship. Acts 5:32

All are to obey all the One and only Son has  
commanded. John 14:23 Matt 28:20

All are to walk as the One and only Son walked. 1 John 2:6

All are to be the light of God in the world. Matt 5:14, 16

All will love others as Christ has loved us. John 13:14

All will receive the power of the Spirit to serve God. Acts 1:8

All will be witnesses in the world concerning the one and only Son. Acts 1:8

All will be servants of the living God. Eph 6:7

All are temples of God where God dwells. 1 Cor 3:16

All are members of the priesthood of God who serve God only. 1 Pet 2:9

All take up the full armour of God. Eph 6:10:20

### **In addition**

All receive special Spiritual gifts for service in the one body of Christ's Church. 1 Cor 12:7

All are placed in the body of Christ, the Church, just as the God desires. 1 Cor 12:18

**Some are also called to have greater responsibility as evangelists, pastors, and teachers**

While all are to serve, all are not the same. All believers are from every nation and every tongue. All do not have the same personality. All do not live in cities, all are not highly educated, all are not living comfortably, all are not protected from crime, all are not well fed or in good health, all are not free to worship their God without persecution, and all are not financially secure. All do not have the same level of responsibility.

But all share the same life of the One and only Son, and all are to be sanctified by the same provisions of grace listed above, so that all may glorify God, despite their personal circumstances.

The One and only Son determined the talents He gives to all His servants. Matt 25:14-30

*“Whoever serves, [let it be] as one who serves by the strength that God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”*

1 Peter 4:11

**God still loves the world and desires that none perish.**

2 Pet 3:9

Therefore, all those who are given the life of the One and only Son are to do the work of the One and only Son. (John 14:12) This work is to lead those who live in the darkness without God, into the kingdom of the One and only Son.

Acts 26:18

All are disciples of the One and only to do the work of God with the talents and Spiritual gifting God has provided.

If the members of the body of the One and only are not taught who they are and what they are to do, we sell them short of His blessings and rewards, and we limit the work of God in reaching a world lost in darkness and sin.

We can all do these things in obedience to the commands of the One and only Son, because they are all the necessary expression of His life through the power of His Spirit who now lives in us.

With His ability to do His will the Lord has said in Matthew 11:30 "*My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" God has an amazing plan to restore mankind to the image of His Only Son and He gives us the honour of sharing with Him in that work. We can do it, and we must, lives depend on us; ours and others.

*'So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing.'*

Philippians 2:12-14

When the One and only Son of God returns to earth for His Church; He would like to reward all of us for good service.

*'So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.'*

Rom 14:12

Do not be afraid of judgment if you do your best for His highest; because we know those He calls He also equips to do His will.

Therefore whatever He calls us to do, and in whatever situation He places us, we can say with the confidence of God's Spirit *'I can do all thing through Christ who strengthens me.'*

Phil 4:13

**All who desire to live a godly life will suffer with the One and only Son.**

2 Tim 3:12

And the One and only has promised a blessing for those who suffer with Him. *"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

Matt 5:10-12

This blessing is only for those who suffer persecution because they faithfully live for the Lord Jesus by obeying all He has commanded. When they do they will face opposition. *'But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED.'*

1 PET 3:14

The reward for these who are persecuted by the ungodly of the world is the kingdom of heaven. Disciples are not to look for rewards in earthly things; they have forsaken the world, they are to have their eyes fixed on the life to come. For this reason the Lord Jesus makes it clear we are not blessed if we are merely persecuted for any reason at all; the only valid reason for blessing is upholding the kingdom of God. We are only blessed for His righteousness sake, and for living for the one who came as light and life into the world of darkness. The Lord makes it clear that our persecution is for Him, for His name sake; for

His person and His work in a world that prefers darkness to His light.

Therefore being persecuted for righteousness is proof of godliness. Being persecuted for righteousness is proof of glory. *'If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.'* (1 Pet 4:14) No wonder the Lord says we are blessed if we are persecuted for Him *'For this finds favour, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.'* 1 Pet 2:19

When we are persecuted because we uphold the pure gospel of God, and refuse to water it down to make it the easy way it is not; when we refuse to compromise for people who live for the world, we will be persecuted but we can rejoice for it is evidence of God's blessing.

*'Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share*

*the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.'* 1 Pet 4:12-14

*'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!'* (Phil 4:4) Those who suffer for Him will be rewarded, because they are seen by God to be following the example of the only One Son. Jesus tells us we have a great reward in heaven.

## **Welcome to the Lord's army**

Now go to your God appointed guide and ask them to explain these things so you can be a good and faithful servant of the living God.

If the person you approach cannot explain these things, they are not equipped or called to guide or teach. Look again; God will not sell you short. Seek and you will find. Matt 7:7

Come Lord Jesus the Only Son of God, Come for your people. Come. Amen, Amen, and Amen

# Living Water Resources



Come to the river

*"My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

*Matthew 11:30*

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