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You are holding in your hands a very important booklet for your spiritual journey that you have embarked on.

The notes in this booklet are the key basic, very important foundational teachings of our Christian life. You are therefore requested to study these notes carefully and prayerfully for your spiritual development.

Kickstart has been designed to help kindle a fire in your heart for the Lord Jesus Christ and his teachings. It is a first step in your walk with God. Regardless of your position or maturity level in Christ, we believe that you will find this booklet to be user friendly and applicable to your daily lives.

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Thank you and enjoy the journey.

CFAN Kickstart Team.

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LOSING MY RELIGION

Many of us grew up in or around churches and our parents exposed us to various types of churches. These experiences have formed our understanding and perceptions of God and the church.

These experiences have helped shape our understanding and our expectations of God and His church today. These expectations, become a list by which we measure whether this is a place you would like to stay or isn't really for you.

Most people make this decision within the first 5 minutes that they are with the church.

You probably have an idea of:

- How people should welcome a stranger / visitor to the church.
- The way a church building should look inside and outside.
- The friendliness of the people.
- The way the preacher needs to preach.
- The way things are meant to be done.
- The way communication is done.
- The dress code of the church.
- The type and loudness of the music.
- The way people should address the pastor/leader of the church.

All these things can add to a pot we call "religion". Religion is what we think we know that stops us from potentially living all the fullness God has for us. They are those stumbling blocks we keep tripping over on our way to becoming like Jesus.

Even the most "free of the church" carry religion in them. Those who do not even consider themselves Christian carry religion in them and

those of us who think we are above being religious are most in danger of religions grip. Basically, we all pick up a lot of religion on our life journeys whether intentionally or not.

While we know that there can be good found in almost anything, even religion, we also know religiousness can cause us to miss out on the new things God wants to do in our lives. To move into the new things God has for us we must leave our pasts behind us, and all the things we think we know as well. We must effectively “lose our religion” and embrace the new things of the King.

Example: When God saved the children of Israel from Egypt, taking them to their promised land, the people started to measure their current experience with their experiences in Egypt and longed for the things of Egypt again. They started to complain about their current reality, saying things like “at least in Egypt we had some good things”. This type of thinking was offensive to God and made Him angry to the point that only 2 from that generation went into Gods promised land.

Change is always a part of Gods plan - without it there can be no growth, no progress and no bigger future. To embrace the new things of God, the old has not only got to be left behind but it must be intentionally forgotten and not allowed to influence the present so that the new can be fully embraced.

See this time in Cfan as an opportunity to see things in a new way and allow yourself to learn new things and understand things potentially differently from your previous experiences of God and the church.

We do understand that for some people coming into Cfan, that Cfan is different from the things you know and have experienced. We know it's hard to have things you value or hold to be “the right way” or “the way it's done”, valued differently or not at all by the Eldership of the Church. We understand this and are ready to help explain why we do what we do, why we do things the way we do things and why we value

the values we value.

It's important to us that you know **our heart** and some of our **fundamental core values**.

1. Above all, we value the Bible as the only and final authority given by God to man and that the Bible speaks to us about everything we need or will ever need pertaining to life and godliness.
2. We believe we are to add nothing to the bible or take anything away from the bible.
3. We want to change who we are and how we do things to most accurately reflect how God wants us to be and how we are to do everything we do.
4. We want everything we do to be for His glory.
5. We are here to serve His will and purposes amongst men. We do not believe He exists to serve us and our interests.

Cfan is a church on a mission. Our mandate is clear and the work we have been called to do is clear. We are therefore totally committed to finishing the work our King has commissioned us to do. But at the heart of who we are, we want everything we do to eventually (it's a process) be a perfect reflection of who Jesus Christ is.

If Cfan is the place God is wanting you to be a part of, then the thing we encourage you to do is to be open to change and a different way of doing things. Be willing to unlearn those things you think you know about church and allow us to paint you a different picture.

Our hope and prayer is that King Jesus help us all to “lose all of our religion”.



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FOUNDATIONS

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Salvation

In Christianity, salvation is deliverance from sin and its consequences, which includes death and separation from God, through faith in Christ.

Now that I am saved, what must I do?

We encourage you to do this exercise so that you can understand for yourself from the Bible the decision that you have just made. And it will also help you answer this question.

Memory verse: Ephesians 2:8-9
'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

Our salvation is a precious gift given to us by God, through faith in his son, Jesus Christ by grace. This means that there is nothing we have done to deserve this salvation we have received.

Grace is the 'unmerited' mercy from God. It is a free gift from God to ALL who accept it!

This salvation comes from the Father, by the Son through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. The three persons in the holy trinity work together in our salvation and our spiritual walk.

i) God the Father: *John 3:16 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. It is God the father who gave us his son because of his love for us.*

ii) Jesus the Son: *1 John 2:1-2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

iii) The Holy Spirit: *John 16:8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of*

judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Once we are convicted, we become aware of our sin. We understand we need redemption. The Holy Spirit then draws us to salvation, through faith; we believe and trust in the work of Christ, who died for our sins. Believing we repent for our sins, and receive forgiveness, we are then justified with God because of the atonement (propitiation) of Jesus. We are then transformed or regenerated or born again. We may look the same on the outside, but on the inside, dwells the Holy Spirit.

What Is Sin?

According to the bible, sin is defined as disobeying God's laws. It can also be described as Lawlessness, Disobedience and Rebellion.

God lovingly gave us laws to live by, and he set boundaries that we should not cross. He did so to protect us.

Romans 3:23 *"Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence."*

1 John 1:8-9 *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us all our sins."*

Sin separates us from God, and hence we need to repent of our sins to God in order to be forgiven.

Repentance

After hearing the Good News (Gospel), a person who is to call himself a believer must have a Repentant Heart. A heart that says to God, "I am sorry and willing to change". True repentance should result in a complete change of heart, mind and direction.

(Read 2 Corinthians 5; 17)

Acts 2:38 *and Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

This was Peter's reply to the people who were listening to the first message that was preached when the Church was born.

Acts 2:37 *(When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?") They did not know "what to do" after hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

The Bible points out to this stage as the first step into Christianity. It is also known as being Born Again or Receiving Christ.

(Read John 1; 12, John 3; 3)

Read and write the verses

1. Forgiveness of Sins
Luke1:77.....

2. Eternal Life
John3:15.....

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3. We become children of God
John1:12.....

4. Jesus will always be with us
Mat28:20.....

5. The Holy Spirit will be in us to lead and guide us
John16:13.....

What we need to know is that, when the Bible speaks of Salvation it refers to these three things. We can call it the Salvation Package; (Repentance, Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism).

Water Baptism

To baptize means to dip something into water or liquid completely. After Repentance the Bible says a believer must be baptized. This becomes an outward and visible symbol of an inward, and unseen, rebirth. It graphically shows what has happened to a person who become a Christian. Going down the water is a picture of Christ's death and our own death to sin. As we come up out of the water this represent Christ's resurrection and our own rising to a new life.

WHY MUST WE BE BAPTISED?

a) We get baptized in obedience to Jesus' command.
Mathew 28:19 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very*

end of the age."

b) It is also an open declaration of our faith that we are dying to our sinful nature to leave a new life with Christ. **(Galatians 2: 20)**

Holy Spirit Baptism

Christianity is impossible without the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His Disciples not to leave Jerusalem without the Holy Spirit **(Acts 1; 4)**. To be a Christian therefore means to be 100% led by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the one who does the baptism of the Spirit, it is not man's work.

Mathew 3:11 *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the*

ends of the earth.”

Why we need the Holy Spirit baptism.

- i) It empowers us to witness for Christ
- ii) It enables us to live a victorious Christian life
- iii) The holy spirit gives us gifts to use for ministry

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Rom 8:14

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Galatians 5:16

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Rom 8:26

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Christian Life / Personal Spiritual Practices

Now you are saved, how do you live a Christian life? You are like a new plant in God’s garden, how do you get nourishment to grow and flourish? Or you are like a new-born baby, and you need food to grow. As a new-born, you need to eat regularly in order to grow normally.

You are now a child of God and you need to have a relationship with your Father.

How do you develop a relationship with God?

1. The Bible

The word bible is from a Greek word ‘biblios’ meaning library. So, the Bible is a library of books. It has 66 books, and it was written by 40 authors over a period of hundreds of years.

The Bible is God’s Word to man. It reveals the plan of God

for all mankind, the nature of God, God’s plan of salvation in Christ and guidelines for us Christians to follow in order to live as God’s children.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”.

The Bible reveals God to us.

- i) It reveals the will of God for us.
- ii) It reveals the heart of God.
- iii) It reveals the purposes of God.
- iv) It reveals the plan of God for us and the world.

Read and write these verses

1. Study the Bible
Joshua 1:8

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2. How to study the Bible
Romans 10:17

3. Memorize Scripture
Psalm 119:11

4. Map for life
Psalm 119:105

5. Share the Word
Psalm 119:46

1 Peter 2:2

- While studying the Bible, underline verses special to those that speaks to you
- Keep a small notebook to write down thoughts the Lord gives you while you are reading.
- Use a Bible reading schedule.

2. Prayer

Prayer is communicating with God, and it involves talking and listening. It delights the heart of God when His children talk to Him and call His name.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call on Me and I will show you great things you have not seen.

In prayer we are talking to the eternal, incredible God who created everything there is. He is in control of the universe.

How do we come to God in prayer?

Luke 11:1-10

A: Adoration- praise God for who He is

C: Confession- ask God to forgive your sins

T: Thanksgiving- thank God for the things He has done for you

S: Supplication- humbly bring your needs before God

Read and write these verses

1. How to pray

Matt 21:22

2. When to pray
1Thessalonians 5:18

3. Make time to pray

- Have a Prayer List
- Have a prayer card.
- Use scripture to go with your prayer if you can.

Jeremiah 1:12

4. Listen to God

- He speaks through His Word (the Bible)
- He speaks through our thoughts during prayer or Bible study

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STEPPING STONES

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1. Who is the Holy Spirit

a) Person of the spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the trinity (explain trinity). The Holy Spirit is a person because he has ALL the attributes of a person. The bible addresses the Holy Spirit as a person and has the following characteristics of a person.

i) The Holy Spirit is addressed as a 'He' and never as an 'it'.

John 14:16-17 - *"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

ii) He can feel, he has emotions.

Ephesians 4:30 - *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

iii) He has a will.

1 Corinthians 12:11 - *All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

iv) He can speak.

Acts 13:1-4 - *"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

v) He can be lied to.

Acts 5:3 - *Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?... You have not lied just to human beings but to God."*

b) The Role of the spirit.

The Holy Spirit has many roles and functions in the life of a believer. It is important to realize that the spirit of God is the representation of Jesus on the earth, and hence the most important person today.

Some of his roles include the following:

i) He convicts of sin and righteousness. **John 16:8** - *When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me;*

ii) He reveals truth to us - **John 16:13**

iii) He is the life giver.

John 6:63 - *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.*

iv) He is a Gifts giver. It is the Spirit who gives us all the gifts as he wills - **1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11**

v) He produces fruit in us. **Galatians 5:22-23** - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

vi) He is a guide. **John 16:12-13** - *'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

vii) He sanctifies – **1 Corinthians 6:11**

The Purpose of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Christ to us.

He glorifies Jesus in everything he does.

John 16:14-15 - *He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

2. Personal Practices of the Early Church

Acts 2:42 - *'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

The early church is a model that all churches should follow. The church practices very important things that leads it to be very fruitful and had a profound impact on the people.

- a. They devoted themselves.
- i) Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
- ii) Each one is responsible for their spiritual growth.
- iii) We need to value what Christ has done.

b. Fellowship

The people had fellowship regularly, they had everything in common, gave to the church.

c. Breaking of bread.

i) Communion was an important part of their lives, and it should be even to us.

ii) Jesus set us an example of communion, he is the one who instituted it and how it is to be performed.

Luke 22: 7-8 - *'After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This*

PATH FINDERS

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1. The Church.

The church was started by Christ himself; it is through the church that God wants to reach the world and make himself known to humanity.

Mat 16:18 - *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

i) The priesthood of all believers. The bible says we are all priests in the house of God. No one person is more important to God than the other.

1 Peter 2:4 – *“you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

ii) You are the church. The church is not necessarily the building that we meet in, but the individuals themselves.

2. My identity in Christ

The bible says that having given our lives to Christ, we become completely a new person; everything of our old self is passed.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – *“therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

It’s a new way of life, new way of thinking and doing things, it’s now the bible, spiritual way of life!

Everything in our past is gone, forgiven by God and forgotten.

3. Tithing and Money

It is important for us as believers that when we surrender our lives to

Christ, we surrender everything to him, including our money.

Why do we give and tithe?

i) Because we obey God.
Malachi 3: 10 - *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty.*

ii) We love God who first gave us his son.

iii) We honor him with our money.
Proverbs 3:9-10 - *Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

iv) We recognize that everything we have comes from him.
James 1:17 - *'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does*

not change like shifting shadows.

v) We let him in on our money to give him first place.

vi) Giving pleases God:
2 Corinthians 9:7 - *'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

vii) We give to support the work of the church.

4. God's government.

The church of God has a structure to it in the way that God himself has ordained that it should be governed.

i) Jesus the head:
Ephesians 5:23 - *"for the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself it's Savior.*

It means as head, Jesus gives the church direction, vision, purpose and its authority is from him.

ii) Elders: Are responsible for supervision, protection, discipline, instruction and direction for believers.
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iii) Deacons: Deacon; means "one who serves", are there to help the elders in leading the church.

Acts 6:1-4 - *'So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."*

house of God is shared amongst the members in the church. No one individual should be left out in the joy of serving our king.

Romans 12:4 - *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

1 Corinthians 12:27 - *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

i) Each one has a role, a part to play and a purpose in the church.

ii) We then should be willing to be involved and serve.

5. Church as a Team

The church should function as a team. The work that is done in the

6. Church on mission

i) Evangelism: the church has been mandated, given a mission by Christ himself to reach the lost for him.

Mathew 28:19-20 - *‘Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’*

Each one therefore is to reach one person with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Evangelism is not to be left only to the leaders.

7. Love God and Others

As believers, we understand fully well how much God himself loved us despite our weaknesses. We therefore

should love not only him but others as well.

i) We are commanded to love;
Matthew 22: 36 – 40 - *‘Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

ii) **Galatians 5: 13 – 14** - *‘You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

iii) **1 John 4: 7 – 12** - *‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not*

know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has

ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

8. Understanding Authority

All believers need to have an understanding not only of the scripture, but of God and those who are in leadership in all our areas of life.

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i) God is the highest: there is no other authority that we need to obey than our God. He is the ultimate authority in every area of our lives. God revealed his will in the bible, and hence we live according to the will of God revealed as that is his desire.

ii) Masters: we need to obey our bosses, regardless of their spiritual condition, in as much as they as bosses are commanded to treat those under them well.

Ephesians 6 : 9 - *And masters, treat your slaves in the same*

way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Employees: **Ephesians 6: 5-8** - *'Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.*

Notes

1. Cfan Vision

Going and growing for the glory of Christ.

Mat 28: 18-20

Eph 4: 13-15

John 17: 4,10,22

2. Cfan Call

An Apostolic Prophetic base church building a multi-generational work.

3. Cfan Values:

- i) Christ -Centred
- ii) Whole Bible Believing
- iii) All People Loving
- iv) Gospel Proclaiming
- v) Personal Worship

- vi) Generosity
- vii) Disciple Making
- viii) Team
- ix) Praying
- xi) Servant Hearted
- xii) Humility
- xiii) Training, Equipping & Releasing

4. Where from here?

- i) Sunday Church Meetings
- ii) Prayer Meetings
- iii) Discipleship groups
- iv) Ministries: Children, Men, Women, Young Adults, J-Crew Worship, Sound, Host the City (HTC), Community Impact

Conclusion

Reprioritize

Invest well

Re-order

Position yourself

Re-adjust



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