



**NEW CONVERT
REFLECTION AND REVIEW
GUIDE**



Harvest Church New Convert Reflection and Review Guide

Greetings,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! When you chose to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you made the most significant decision you could ever make toward eternal life. We are excited about your future as a believer and desirous to enhance your walk with Christ. It is essential that you, as a believer, study your Bible, establish a daily prayer life with God, and avail yourself to attend regular church services. As a result, we've put together this pamphlet to share with you to aid you in your spiritual journey.

As you begin to study and learn, please feel free to reach out and ask questions, wherever needed. We are here to equip you with the knowledge of God so you can grow in the things of God while building the kingdom along the way.

Wishing you nothing but the best on this journey.

In Christ's Love,

Apostle Chris & Pastor Christina Spells

INTRODUCTION - HARVEST CHURCH

PURPOSE

Through partnership with the Holy Spirit, we fulfill our global mandate to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through revelatory bible teaching, practical ministry and international missions. Moreover, we are appointed to develop an extraordinary, worldwide body of believers for dynamic visionary leadership in the Twenty-First Century.

VISION

To win souls, train leaders and restore families back to their rightful place by the preaching of the Gospel and teaching of the Kingdom of God.

MISSION

Our mission is to train believers how to live a kingdom life from the ways of the world by walking in divine dominion.

- We Are Kingdom Recruiters: A body of believers committed to building a church without walls by fulfilling the great commission called to be a witness unto God both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8
- We Are Community Builders: Restoring hope and spreading the love of God by partnering with the local community to put Christian faith into action through volunteering, giving back and serving our community.

HARVEST CHURCH MINISTRY - SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Apostle Chris Spells - Senior Pastor

Major Responsibilities:

- Provide Apostolic leadership to the *Body of Christ* consisting of seeking the face of God and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom to establish an Apostolic People
- Provide and delegate order and authority to every dimension of Harvest Church
- Spiritual Father, Financial Leader, Visionary, Life Coach and Author



Pastor Christina Spells - Executive Pastor

Major Responsibilities:

- Assist in carrying out the Apostolic Calling
- Serves as the Overseer of Ministerial Operations, Ministry Planning Teams and Auxiliaries.

HARVEST CHURCH MINISTRY - CHURCH HISTORY

- Apostle Chris and Pastor Christina Spells founded Harvest Church on August 4, 2005. Harvest Church held its first Sunday service in Kingdom Kuts Barber Shop, with only five people in attendance. As the Word came forth, the people grew and the ministry grew. Not only did the numbers increase, but more importantly, the spiritual maturity of the people increased.

- With a strong witness from God, Apostle Chris continued to believe the Lord for a church building, and God led him to an abandoned, dilapidated restaurant on Quash Street in Hampton. Excited about the vision Apostle Chris and the congregation completed the renovation of the building debt free in 2006!

- In 2007, God gave him another vision for a second church campus- a historical church building located on 22 Rip Rap Road in Hampton. Trusting in God's word and walking in total faith; God allowed the ministry to purchase the building in full and complete a total renovation, all debt free! In August 2009 we had our first service in this location.

- Also in 2007, Pastor Christina Spells sensed a need to address the emerging needs of the homeless, elderly, poverty stricken, and working class needy in this area. Many members of this silent population were employed, yet still unable to provide food for their families between pay days. That June, she and Apostle Chris founded the Harvest House Food Bank. This non-profit organization offers free food assistance, each month, to the needy of this community and serves as the longest ministry in Harvest Church.

- In March of 2012, God gave Apostle Chris and Pastor Christina Spells the vision for our current edifice. We closed on the acquisition of this 10,300 square foot beautiful church property in October 2012. This larger edifice allowed us to accommodate and minister to many more spirit filled believers, preparing them to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

- In 2017, Harvest Land Ministries International transitioned its primary name to Harvest Church. We also host various activities, conferences, fellowships, workshops, and programs throughout the year, affording the church body to bond, grow spiritually and fellowship together. As we continue to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, more lives will be changed, more people will be set free, and more destinies will be fulfilled to the glory of God.

HARVEST CHURCH MINISTRY - I'M SAVED, NOW WHAT?

Reflection: Provide foundational understanding of Christian principles that build disciples for the kingdom.

- How can I strengthen my walk with God?
- How do I protect myself during this transition?
- What should I expect from attending this training?

Overview:

- Prayer
- Training Overview/Introductions
- Salvation
- Justification
- Sanctification
- What's Next
- Questions & Answers?
- Review

Key Scriptural References:

- Romans 10:9
- Mark 10:45
- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Galatians 5:16-18

SALVATION

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It is God's will to save everyone; everyone includes all of the world: all sinners regardless of where you are in life. Through the death of his son, Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to have everlasting life. This opportunity can only be accepted through salvation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16, KJV

Accepting Salvation is as simple as A – B – C!

A – ACKNOWLEDGE - Acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God and that you accept Him as your personal Savior and Lord!!

B – BELIEVE – Believe this in your heart!!

C – CONFESS – Confess, say this with your mouth!!

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9, KJV

Rededication is for someone who has been saved but for whatever reason they have not been walking in right relationship with the Lord based upon His Word. They have been out of fellowship with the Lord and out of fellowship with the local church. It is important for a believer to acknowledge and confess our sins so we can start our walk anew with Christ.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.", 1 John 1:9, KJV

JUSTIFICATION

¹ My little children, I write you these things so that you may not violate God's law and sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One Who will intercede for us) with the Father—[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous [upright, just, Who conforms to the Father's will in every purpose, thought, and action]. ²

And He [[a]that same Jesus Himself] is the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for [the sins of] the whole world.”, 1 John 2:1-2, AMP

The ministry of the lamb was complete through Christ’s death so you don’t need to feel as though you don’t have an opportunity to be forgiven...it is Finished!

SANCTIFICATION

Before Jesus Christ, we operated under the laws of the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 26:16); after the death of Jesus Christ, we no longer operate under the law but instead operate in the grace of God, given through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 12:9) .

Through his love and grace, we transform into his likeness and His image...the continuous process in which we are becoming transformed into the character of Christ. There’s a new standard over our lives! Achieving a lifestyle of holiness is not without its challenges and does not happen overnight – it’s a process!

*²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ’s representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would **become** the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, AMP*

Let’s discuss some items to be mindful of as you begin your new journey.

Protection – EVERYONE will not be happy that you’ve accepted Christ. You will be reminded of your past or be constantly pulled back into your “present”. It is important to remain in constant prayer during this time as a result. Knowing how to pray is important so you can protect yourself from this type of warfare.

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³³ *I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.], John 16:33, AMPC*

Wisdom – Wisdom is so important! Understanding when and how to know and discern what is right from wrong and good from evil in our actions and the actions of others can assist in you making decisions that add (not take away) from your spiritual walk.

⁵ *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, KJV*

Victorious Living/Witness - Holiness is a lifestyle that we engage in as we progress in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We also recognize that the challenges of making our lives, our conduct and our conversation reflect our new position as Christians has just begun.

¹⁶ *But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. ¹⁸ But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. Galatians 5: 16-18, AMPC*



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So...What's Next? This is a moment to share your thoughts, we encourage you to write down this moment of reflection so that you can refer to it as a word of encouragement and remembrance :

- How can I strengthen my walk with God? _____

- How do I protect myself during this transition? _____

- How can I connect with God in my every day living?

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We would like to extend to you an invitation to become a partner of this cutting-edge ministry. It is essential that you find a church home that preaches and teaches the unaltered Word of God. Our next New Partner's Orientation normally takes place on a monthly basis so if you are interested in becoming a partner with Harvest Church, send us an email letting us know at info@harvestchurchva.org.

We look forward to seeing you in service again real soon and invite you to stay up to date by connecting with us on our website and on social media:

Facebook: HarvestChurchVA

Instagram: Harvestchurchva

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Main Phone Number: 757-223-0645

Service Times:

- Sunday Worship Service: Sundays, @10:30AM EST
- Better By Choice Virtual Prayercast (via Facebook Live on our page, HarvestChurchVA): Daily, @8:30AM EST
- Wednesday Bible Study Service: Wednesdays, @7PM EST

Youth Services:

- Nursery, Sundays, @10:30AM EST
- Children's Church, Sundays, @10:30AM EST
- Middle School Youth Class, Every 2nd Sunday, @10:30AM EST
- High School Youth Class, Every 4th Sunday, @10:30AM EST