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Begin to Build a Love Relationship With God:

1. **Every day let God talk to you thru the Bible:** *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* II Peter 3:18 *"Desire... the Word"* I Peter 2:2
2. **Pray** asking God's help about problems, needs, stress, direction, relations, doubts, thankfulness...etc. *"Casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you."* I Peter 5:7
3. **Daily confess known sins to God:** You can't lose eternal life, but **sin** will break your fellowship with God. ***"If we confess our sins*** *He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us"* I John 1:9 Fellowship ***is*** *restored!*
4. **Share the good news of God's love in Jesus with others:** *"Love... as I have loved you."* John 13:34

Life began in a garden!

The word of God starts us with a garden (*"to be fenced in for protection"*) [*Genesis 2:8*] and ends with a garden -*Rev 22:1-2.*

Gardens grow on you!

The whole work of life is gardening. Adam, the first man created by God was a gardener. Christ, the Son of God, is pictured as a gardener in John 15.

"Who loves a garden, still his Eden keeps" B. Alcott

Barber needed to trim root hairs.
It takes a long time to grow an old friend!
No winter lasts forever, no Spring skips its turn!

God is **love** and created Adam and Eve in His image of **love** [*"holiness"*]! *Gen 1:26-27; I John 1:5-7; 4:8*

All their needs were met in the garden where they lived. They freely fellowshipped with God! *Genesis 1:28-31; 2:8,15*

In **LOVE**, God gave a commandment forbidding them to **eat the fruit** of the tree of the knowledge of ***good*** and ***evil*** to ***protect their family!*** *Genesis 2:15-17*

Gardeners know the best dirt!
Bloom where you are planted!

I Influential Grace

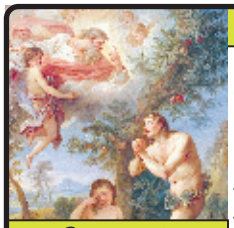
God gives you the desire to be saved from sin: *"Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow"* Isa 1:18

P Preservation of the Saints

Salvation from sin is secured: *"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish"* John 10:28

Gardening: Plant Parenthood

Friends are flowers in the garden of life!



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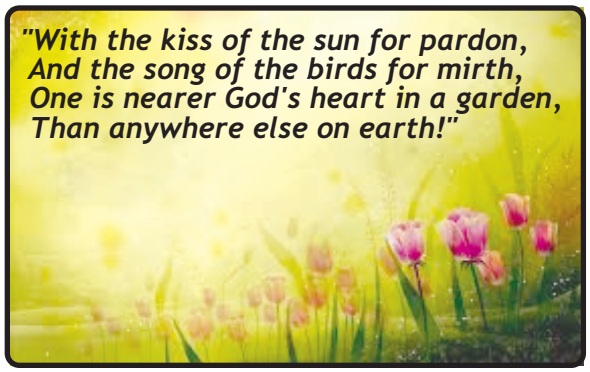
Disobedience to God's commandment changed their holy nature into a **sinful nature** of self righteousness, lust, idolatry, rebellion, and selfishness. *Rom 1:18-32; 6:20-23*

Then they were sent out of the Garden of Eden! *Genesis 3:22-24*

*Although they sinned against God, they didn't lose His **LOVE**!*
He still cared for them! Jeremiah 31:3

"Oh, for a book and a shady tree... either indoors or out!" John Wilson



5. **Stay away from evil:** Avoid evil people for friends, bad books and wrong thoughts. *"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."* I Corinthians 15:33

6. **Join a Bible believing Church:** Be faithful in attending, and serve the Lord with gladness. *"The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* Acts 2:47

7. **Praise God for the good and the bad times:** Be thankful and objective to why it happens. *"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God..."* Rom 8:28

8. **Do NOT be discouraged:** Temptations, disappointments, and persecution will come. Trust in Jesus who says, *" I will **never** leave you, nor forsake you."* Hebrews 13:5

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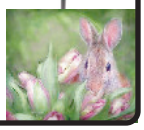
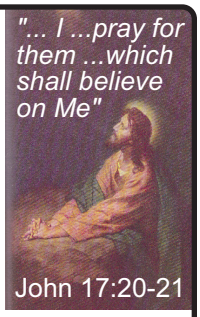
The purpose of gardening is to produce fruit. In the earth, food is grown.



In marriage, children are born - Psa 127:3, 128:3. With Christ, the righteous character of the Lord is imputed for fellowship with God - Gal 5:22-24, Phil 1:9-11, Heb 13:15.

COME NOW! BE SAVED TODAY:

*"Dear God, I know **Jesus paid my sin penalty on the cross with His shed blood.** His resurrection from the dead is my faith for the forgiveness of all my sins. I NOW repent of my sins [by turning away from trusting myself] to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Thank you for saving me from my sin and giving to me the gift of eternal life! Amen."*



Sign: _____ Date: _____

Your Witness: ***Jesus Christ*** **- Rev 1:5**

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God ***(Sin: to go against God's commandment)*** by eating from the forbidden tree, *they lost their image of His Holiness but not His Love! Their bodies **became flesh and mortal which they covered with leaves to conceal their sin!** Fellowship with God was now separated with guilt which caused them to hide from God!* *Genesis 3:1-11; Romans 5:12-14*

"Welcome to the Garden of Weedin'!"

S Seeking the Lost

God is looking for YOU!

"The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Matthew 20:16

"Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

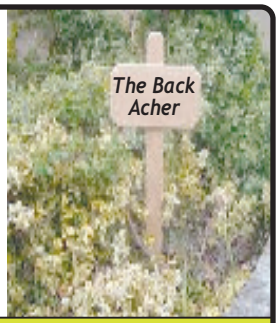
"Him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37

Come into the garden...
my flowers want to meet you!

So let's tip toe thru the tulips in the garden and see what bring us back to God!

T Totally Lost

People are lost without God: *"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL have sinned."* Romans 5:12



Where the plough shall fail to go,
there the weeds will surely grow!

Love began in a garden ***Thyme to garden!***

U Unconditional Love

We were created in God's love and holiness: *"I have loved you with an everlasting love"* Jeremiah 31:3

L Limited Response

God calls all people everywhere to repent of sin, but very few do: *"For many be called, but few chosen"* Matthew 20:16

Old gardeners never die, they just spade away!