

STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING AN OVERCOMING CHRISTIAN

STEP #		The Holy Spirit	Jesus	You
1	Your condition in sin	Seeks to get your attention (John 12:32).	Took your sins upon Himself and died for you (Rom. 5:8).	Dead in trespasses and sins; alienated from God (Eph. 2:1, 2; Psalm 51:5).
2	Recognizing your need	Awakens your mind to: a) a sense of your sinfulness b) your need to repent of your sins c) God's love for you in giving His Son to die in your place	a) Draws you to Himself. b) Presents Himself to you as your Saviour. c) Reveals the Father's love to you.	a) Become uncomfortable with your life of sin. b) Recognize your guilt and a sense of your separation from God b) Recognize your inability to do anything about your condition.
3	Accept Jesus as your Saviour	Points you to Jesus as the only One who can save you (Acts 2:37; 4:12).	a) Welcomes you with open arms (John 6:37) b) Offers to freely forgive; justify and cleanse you from every sin (Isa. 1:18; 1 John 1:9).	a) Confess, repent of and forsake your sins (Prov. 28:13; Psalm 32:1-4). b) Surrender your life to Jesus. c) Exercise faith to receive His promise to forgive your sins
4	Believe that He accepts you	a) Gives you a new heart; creates a new life in you (Ezekiel 36:26, 27). b) Comes and abides in your heart (John 14:17; Romans 8:15).	a) Gives you His righteousness in exchange for your sins (2 Cor. 5:21). b) Comes and dwell in your heart by faith (Rev. 3:20; John 14:23).	a) Experience the joy of salvation. b) Stands justified, forgiven and without condemnation before God (Romans 3:24; 8:1). c) Born again—have a new life in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17; John 3:3-6). d) Receives the ordinance of baptism as a symbol of your new birth (Romans 6:3-6).
5	Walk with Him	a) Directs you in the path of righteousness (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:16). b) Speaks to you through the word of God and other means of divine revelation concerning the way of the Lord (Isaiah 30:21).	a) Assures you of His presence with you at all times (Matt. 28:20; Hebrews 13:5). b) Stands as your High Priest in the presence of God to accept your prayers for help to overcome temptation and to give you strength to live the Christian life (Hebrews 2:17, 18; 4:14-16; 7:25).	a) Obey the voice of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 3:7, 8). b) Refrain from continuing the evil practices that you developed while living a sinful life (Romans 6:1, 2; 8:12, 13). c) Practice to spend much time in fellowship with God through daily Bible study and prayer (1 Peter 2:1, 2). d) Enter into fellowship with other believers through worship and working

				for the Lord (Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:25).
6	Grow up in Him	<p>a) Works in you to reproduce the Character of Jesus in your life (Gal. 5:22, 23; Rom. 5:5; Phil. 2:12, 13).</p> <p>b) Urges you to become more like Jesus in all that you do through obedience to God's word.</p> <p>c) Helps you to become aware of habits and practices that are offensive to God so that you can surrender them to Him (2 Cor. 10:4, 5; Heb. 12:1, 2).</p>	<p>a) Imparts His righteous attributes to your life so that you bear more of His likeness each day (Heb. 12:10).</p> <p>b) As your Advocate before the Father, He stands ready to forgive you of your sins if you should make missteps (1 John 2:1).</p> <p>c) Rebukes and chastens you where necessary as a part of helping you to grow up in Him and to partake more of His righteousness (Heb. 12:3-11; Rev. 3:19).</p>	<p>a) Be willing to put away evil habits when the Holy Spirit brings them to your attention—do not cherish any sinful practice (Heb. 12:1, 2).</p> <p>b) Do not give in to discouragement when the Lord exposes your unlikeness to Him (Heb. 12:3-5).</p> <p>c) Consecrate yourself to the Lord and His service everyday (Luke 9:23).</p> <p>d) Do not draw back or pull yourself from God's care (Heb. 10:35-39).</p> <p>e) As you abide in Christ, you will find yourself taking on more of His likeness each day.</p>
7	Abide in Him	<p>a) Helps you to bear much fruit for the Lord (John 15:1-7).</p> <p>b) Urges you to repent when and if you fall into temptation.</p> <p>c) Helps you to endure temptation and trials (James 1:2-5).</p>	<p>a) Assures you of His unconditional love and continual presence (Rom. 8:38, 39).</p> <p>b) Promises to complete the good work that He has started in you (Phil. 1:6).</p>	<p>a) Avoid becoming boastful and self-confident (Gal. 6:3, 4; Rom. 12:3).</p> <p>b) Examine yourself everyday to make sure that you are following the Lord (2 Cor. 13:5).</p> <p>c) Maintain your victory over sin. Do not become weary of following the Lord (Gal. 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:58).</p> <p>d) Keep you eyes on Jesus and constantly seek for a deeper experience in Him (Phil. 3:12-14).</p>