ow that you have been fully persuaded through the scriptures that you were a sinner headed for judgment, and that you repented with godly sorrow, and have become a child of God, what comes next?

"whatsoever is not of FAITH is sin"

Faith doesn't end at repentance toward God, for everything in the believers life is **BY FAITH**. Since the Spirit of God dwells in us, we follow his voice as he leads us daily in our walk (Romans 8:14).

The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth during our growth (John 16:13); he teaches us all things, so that we will never \underline{need} to rely on any man to teach us (1 John 2:27). He is our daily comforter (John 14:16) until the day of our redemption.

old things pass away...all things become new

As a result of our salvation, God puts within us a new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 36:26). "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, ALL things are become NEW" (2 Cor. 5:17).

We are born into God's family through the miracle of the Holy Spirit, "for by one Spirit are we ALL baptized into one body [not water, but the body of Christ], whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been ALL made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13).

As babes in Christ, we are taught by God that we should put off our former walk concerning the <u>old</u> <u>man</u> [<u>our flesh</u>], and put on the <u>new man</u>, which God created for us in righteousness and true holiness (*Please read Ephes. 4:20-24*).

To be victorious over the flesh, "<u>As NEWBORN</u> <u>BABES</u>, <u>desire the sincere milk of the word</u>, <u>that ye may GROW thereby</u>" (1 Peter 2:2-3). All babies desire milk, and so do spiritual newborns.

It is important for believers to study, showing themselves approved, *not to men*, but to God. We are His workmanship, and we **WANT** to be ready to give an answer to them who ask a reason of the hope that is **IN** us. Read 2 Tim. 2:15 & 1 Pet. 3:15.

Finally...BEWARE

Jesus said, "<u>Beware of false prophets, which</u> come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15).

Not every one that preaches or teaches is born of God. We are living in the last days, and Satan, knowing "... that he hath but a short time (Revelation 12:12), is doing all in his power to cause many to go to the Lake of Fire with him.

Beware of religion and personality worship. Peter warns us, "...there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom THE WAY OF TRUTH shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words MAKE MERCHANDISE OF YOU: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Peter 2:1-3).

So remember, the Grace of God that brings our salvation, also <u>teaches</u> us that "<u>denying ungod-liness and worldly lusts</u>, <u>we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;</u> <u>Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"</u> (Titus 2:11-14).

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works. Let us do good unto <u>ALL</u> men, especially unto them who are of the household of **faith** (Matthew 5:16 & Gal. 6:10).

We use the OLD King James Version:

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"