

On To Maturity 02

An Invitation to The Kingdom

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Mark 1:14–18 1:14 ... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming **the Gospel of God**, 1:15 and saying, “The time is **fulfilled**, and the **Kingdom of God is at hand**; **repent** and **believe** in the Gospel.” 1:16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 1:17 And Jesus said to them, “**Follow me**, and **I will make you** become fishers of men.” 1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1 The Gospel of God

The “Good News” has its origin in the One True God who defines Truth. This Truth gives us **HOPE**.

Romans 15:3–4 For *whatever was written* in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through *the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope*.

2 The Time is Fulfilled

Everything in the Hebrew Scriptures promised and pointed to The Kingdom. *Jesus fulfills these Promises*.

3 The Kingdom is at Hand

Jesus is THE long expected King foretold through the promises, especially the promises given to David. His presence means the Kingdom is NEAR, in their midst.

Luke 17:20–21 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 17:21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, **the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.**”

4 Repent

Greek: *METAnoia*

Key Definition: **Repentance:** Changing the way we think about everything so that the way we live is also changed. Repentance involves changing *who you are following* and *who you are trusting* to lead you through life.

5 Believe (Faith)

6 Follow Me

7 I will make you... (Transformation)

The Reliable Pattern of Transformation

Hear >>>	Turn >>> (Repent)	Trust >>> (Believe)	Follow
We begin by hearing the Gospel - the good news of what Father-God is doing in Christ through the Holy Spirit.	We have to change the way we are thinking which changes the <i>way</i> we are living: <i>turning away</i> from any lies and false saviors.	We turn to Jesus as our Savior and Lord who has saved us, sustains us and leads us.	We follow Jesus with our other brothers and sisters in Christ as He leads us through the Presence and Power of His Spirit.

ALLEGIANCE: Letting our **HOPE** be shaped by God’s promises in Christ, **TRUSTing** (faith) Christ our Lord (King) to lead us in truth, and following Him in **LOVE** can be described as our **ALLEGIANCE** to Him.