



FIRST STEPS

— A GUIDE FOR —
NEW BELIEVERS



“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun
a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

— PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (KJV) —

Welcome

TO THE FAMILY OF GOD



Praise God! You have taken the most important step of your life—trusting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. You are now a child of God, a new creation, and part of His forever family!

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

★ THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION ★

You can know for sure that you are saved and have eternal life. Salvation is not based on how you feel—it’s based on what God has done!



JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

He loves you and gave His life so you could be forgiven.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

– Romans 5:8 (KJV)



JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

His victory over death is your victory!

“That he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:4 (KJV)



YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

It is a gift from God, not something you earn. You can never lose it.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

– Romans 6:23 (KJV)



YOU CAN KNOW FOR SURE

God wants you to have confidence in your salvation!

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.” – 1 John 5:13 (KJV)

A SIMPLE PRAYER

If you prayed something like this to receive Jesus, you can be sure you are saved.



“Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe You died for my sins and rose again. I turn from my sin and invite You to be my Lord and Savior. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me eternal life.”
In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



You are loved. You are forgiven. You are secure in Christ. God has an amazing plan for your life!

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” – Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

GROWING IN YOUR

Walk with God



• • THREE ESSENTIAL HABITS FOR EVERY NEW BELIEVER • •



1. PRAYER – TALKING WITH GOD

Prayer is how we talk to God. He loves to hear from you! You don't need fancy words—just speak from your heart. Pray anytime, anywhere.

TIPS:

- Praise God for who He is.
- Thank Him for what He has done.
- Ask for His help and guidance.
- Listen for His still, small voice.

MEMORY VERSE



“Pray without ceasing.”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)



2. BIBLE READING – GOD’S WORD TO YOU

The Bible is God’s Word. It teaches us who He is, who we are, and what His plan is for our lives. Make it a daily habit to read and study it.

TIPS:

- Start with the 30-Day Reading Plan in the back of this booklet.
- Read a little each day—even if it’s just a few verses.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply it.

MEMORY VERSE



“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

– Psalm 119:105 (KJV)



3. THE HOLY SPIRIT – YOUR HELPER AND GUIDE

When you trusted Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live in you (John 14:16–17). He is your Helper, Teacher, and Guide. He empowers you to live for God and makes you more like Jesus every day.

WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU:

- He convicts you of sin and points you to Jesus.
- He gives you wisdom and guidance.
- He comforts you in tough times.
- He helps you grow in faith and love.

MEMORY VERSE



“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.”

– John 14:26 (KJV)



A DAILY HABIT THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Prayer, Bible reading, and walking in the Holy Spirit will build a strong foundation for your life with Jesus. Stay close to Him—He will never let you go!

“DRAW NIGH TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NIGH TO YOU.”

– JAMES 4:8 (KJV)

GROWING TOGETHER

in God's Family



You were saved by grace—now let's grow in grace together!

1 FINDING A CHURCH HOME

The Bible tells us not to give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing (Hebrews 10:25). Church is where you will be encouraged, taught, and equipped to live for Jesus. Look for a Bible-believing church where you can grow, serve, and be part of the family.

TIPS:

- Visit different churches and pray for guidance.
- Look for sound Bible teaching.
- Find a church where the people love Jesus and love others.
- Get involved and serve!

MEMORY VERSE



"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

– Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)



2 BAPTISM – A STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Baptism doesn't save you—faith in Jesus does. But baptism is a public way to show the world that you have trusted Christ! It's an important step of obedience.

TIPS:

- Baptism pictures Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
- It's a testimony of your new life in Him.
- Talk to your pastor about being baptized.

MEMORY VERSE



"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

– Mark 16:16 (KJV)

3 FELLOWSHIP – DOING LIFE TOGETHER

God never intended for you to follow Him alone. Christian fellowship is about loving, encouraging, and helping one another grow. Find godly friends who will walk with you, pray with you, and build you up in your faith.

TIPS:

- Build relationships with other believers.
- Join a small group or Bible study if you can.
- Be a blessing and be blessed!



"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

– Hebrews 10:24-25 (KJV)

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

God has placed you in His family for a reason. We need each other, encourage each other, and help each other stay strong in Jesus.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

– Proverbs 27:17 (KJV)



LIVING IT OUT

Every Day



Your faith is real—and it's meant to be shared and lived out!

1 SHARING YOUR FAITH – TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Jesus didn't save you just so you could keep it to yourself. He wants you to tell others about His love so they can know Him too. You don't need to be perfect—just be willing.



TIPS:

- Pray for the people in your life.
- Look for opportunities to share how Jesus has changed your life.
- Be kind, listen well, and speak with love.
- Invite others to church or Christian events.
- Remember, the Holy Spirit does the work—you just plant the seed!

MEMORY VERSE



"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

– Acts 1:8 (KJV)

2 GROWING THROUGH CHALLENGES – FAITH THAT LASTS

Life won't always be easy, but God will never leave you. Challenges are opportunities to grow stronger in your faith and trust Him more.



TIPS:

- Pray and bring your worries to God.
- Read His Word—He speaks peace to your heart.
- Surround yourself with godly friends.
- Don't give up—God is building your faith.
- Remember: You are not alone!

MEMORY VERSE



"Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

– Joshua 1:9 (KJV)



NO MATTER WHAT COMES YOUR WAY—GOD IS FAITHFUL.

He has a plan for your life, and He will help you every step of the way.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!



REMEMBER THIS...

- GOD SAVED YOU by His grace.
- GOD LOVES YOU with an everlasting love.
- GOD GUIDES YOU by His Holy Spirit.
- GOD WILL FINISH what He started in you.

You are **HIS** and that **WILL NEVER CHANGE!**



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– Philippians 1:6 (KJV)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



~ Honest answers from God's Word for real life. ~

1 How can I know for sure that I am saved?



If you have trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are saved. God's Word says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

— John 3:36 (KJV)

Salvation is a gift from God, not something you earn.

— Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

2 What if I fall into sin?



Everyone sins, but God is faithful to forgive you when you confess and turn from it.

"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)

3 How do I know God's will for my life?



God's plan begins with helping you become more like Jesus Christ. As you read His Word, pray, obey Him, serve others, and share your faith, He will guide your steps and direct your path.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

— Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

4 Do I have to be baptized to be saved?



No. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus, not by works. Baptism is an important step of obedience after you are saved.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

— Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

5 How often should I read the Bible?



Every day if possible! Even a few minutes each day will grow your faith and help you know God's will for your life.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

— Psalm 119:11 (KJV)

6 How do I know God is answering my prayers?



God always hears your prayers, but His answers may not always look the way you expect. He knows what is best for you.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

— Romans 8:28 (KJV)

7 What if I have doubts about my faith?



It's normal to have questions. Keep seeking God, keep reading His Word, and talk to a mature believer.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

— Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

8 How can I grow in my faith?



Spend time with God daily, read His Word, pray, go to church, and build friendships with other believers.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

— 1 Peter 2:2 (KJV)

9 Is there hope for the future?



Yes! Jesus has prepared a place for us, and one day He will make all things new.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

— 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (KJV)



Keep seeking. Keep trusting. Keep following Jesus.

He will never leave you!



30-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Getting to Know Jesus and Growing in Faith

God's Word is your guide for everyday life.

This 30-day plan will help you build a strong foundation and grow closer to Jesus as you read.



WEEK 1	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7			
MEET JESUS <i>The Gospel of John</i> 	John 1-3 The Word became flesh.	John 4-6 Jesus reveals His grace and power.	John 7-9 You must be born again.	John 10-12 Living water and the Good Shepherd.	John 13-15 Jesus teaches love and obedience.	John 16-18 Truth, the Spirit, and His mission.	John 19-21 The cross, the resurrection, our hope.			
	WEEK 2	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14		
	UNDERSTANDING SALVATION <i>Romans</i> 	Romans 1-2 The gospel revealed.	Romans 3-4 God's plan and our need for grace.	Romans 5-6 Justified by faith; new life in Christ.	Romans 7-8 Freedom in Christ and life in the Spirit.	Romans 9-10 God's choice and our response.	Romans 11-12 God's mercy and living sacrifice.	Romans 13-16 Living for Christ in a broken world.		
		WEEK 3	DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19	DAY 20	DAY 21	
		GROWING IN CHRIST <i>Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, James</i> 	Ephesians 1-3 Blessed with every spiritual blessing.	Ephesians 4-6 Live as God's people; stand strong.	Philippians 1-2 Joy in Christ; humility and unity.	Philippians 3-4 Press on toward the heavenly call.	Colossians 1-2 Christ is supreme over all things.	Colossians 3-4 Put on Christ; live wisely and faithfully.	James 1-5 Faith that works in daily life.	
			WEEK 4	DAY 22	DAY 23	DAY 24	DAY 25	DAY 26	DAY 27	DAY 28
			LIVING FOR CHRIST <i>Psalms, Proverbs, 1 Peter, Galatians</i> 	Psalms 1, 19, 23, 27 God's Word brings blessing, strength, and comfort.	Proverbs 1-3 Wisdom for the path ahead.	Proverbs 4-6 Wisdom for daily choices and life.	1 Peter 1-2 Living hope and holy living.	1 Peter 3-5 Suffering, humility, and God's care.	Galatians 1-3 Freedom from the law; living by faith.	Galatians 4-6 Live by the Spirit; bear one another's burdens.

FINAL TWO DAYS	DAY 29	DAY 30
OUR BLESSED HOPE 	Revelation 21 A new heaven and a new earth.	Revelation 22 Come, Lord Jesus! The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

God's Word gives us hope now and forever.
Keep reading, keep trusting, and keep growing!

EACH DAY, TAKE TIME TO REFLECT:

- What does this teach me about God?
- What does this teach me about myself?
- How can I apply this today?

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
 - Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

LET GOD'S WORD TRANSFORM YOUR HEART AND GUIDE YOUR STEPS EVERY DAY.

Grow in grace. Walk in truth. Live for Him.



YOUR JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING

Congratulations on taking these first steps in your walk with Jesus Christ.

As you continue growing in your faith, remember that the Christian life is not about perfection—it is about following Jesus one day at a time. Spend time with Him in prayer, read His Word faithfully, stay connected to a Bible-believing church, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide your steps.

There will be victories, challenges, questions, and opportunities to grow. Through it all, God is faithful. He promises never to leave you nor forsake you.

**KEEP SEEKING HIM.
KEEP TRUSTING HIM.
KEEP SHARING HIS LOVE.**

The same Savior who saved you will continue to lead, strengthen, and transform you as you walk with Him.

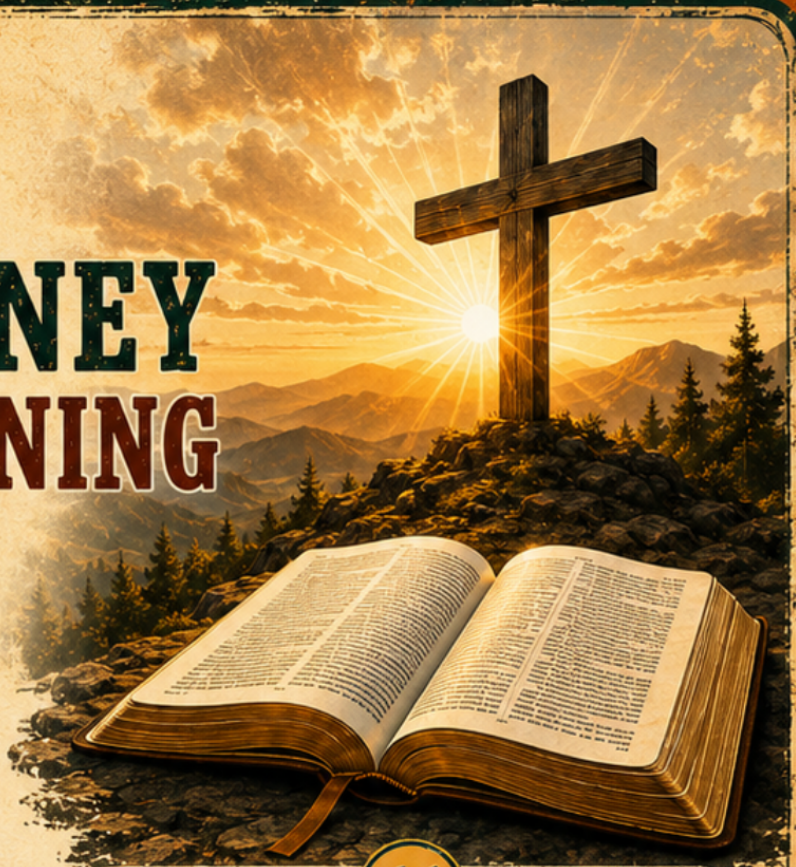
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