

NEW BELIEVER · NEXT STEPS

I Said Yes to Jesus. Now What?

"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

START HERE

Welcome to the family.

Something just happened that heaven noticed. When you said yes to Jesus, you didn't just make a decision — you started a relationship with the God who made you and has been after your heart your whole life.

Here's the first thing to know: you don't have to have it all figured out. You don't need the right words, the right background, or a clean track record. The Christian life isn't about becoming good enough for God — it's about walking with the God who already loves you.

This little guide isn't a rulebook. It's a set of first steps — simple, doable things that help a new relationship grow. Read it slowly. Come back to it. And whenever you've got a question, just ask us. That's what we're here for.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are."

1 JOHN 3:1

WHAT JUST HAPPENED

Three things that are now true of you.

These aren't feelings to work up. They're facts to stand on — true on your best days and your worst.

01 **You're forgiven.**

Every wrong thing — named and unnamed, past and future — was paid for at the cross. God isn't holding it over you. The slate is clean.

1 JOHN 1:9 · COLOSSIANS 2:13–14

02 **You're new.**

You're not the same person trying harder. God has made you new from the inside out, and He's committed to finishing what He started in you.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 · PHILIPPIANS 1:6

03 **You belong.**

You're a son or daughter of God now — part of a family. Nothing you do can make Him love you more, and nothing can separate you from that love.

JOHN 1:12 · ROMANS 8:38–39

FIVE FIRST STEPS

How a new faith starts to grow.

1

Talk to God.

Prayer is just talking to God like He's in the room — because He is. No special words, no formula. Tell Him thank you. Tell Him what's hard. Ask Him for help.

Try this: Before your feet hit the floor tomorrow, say "Good morning, God. I'm yours today."

2

Read His Word.

The Bible is how God speaks. Don't start at page one — start with the life of Jesus. The Gospel of John or Mark is the best place to begin.

Try this: Grab our *First 30 Days* reading plan and read one short passage a day.

3

Get baptized.

Baptism is going public — an outward picture of the inward change God has made. It doesn't save you; it celebrates that you've been saved. It's the next big step.

Try this: Tell us you'd like to be baptized — we'll walk you through it.

4 Find your people.

You were never meant to do this alone. Sunday is the front door, but real growth happens in a smaller circle — people who know your name and your story. Get in a group.

Try this: Show up this Sunday at 10:00 AM, and ask about a small group.

5 Tell someone.

You don't need a degree to share what God has done — just your own story. Telling someone what changed makes it more real for you, too.

Try this: Text one person this week: "I gave my life to Jesus. I wanted you to know."

TAKE A MINUTE

Which of these five steps feels like your next one — and when will you take it?

A PLACE TO START

A prayer you can pray today.

“God, thank you for not giving up on me. I believe Jesus is who He said He is, and I’m putting my life in your hands. I don’t have it all together, but I’m yours. Teach me to walk with you, one day at a time. Amen.”

Read A few verses — start in the Gospel of John.

Reflect What is this telling me about God? About me?

Respond One small thing to do or change today.

Pray Talk to God about what you just read.

Ten minutes a day is plenty to start. Consistency beats intensity — a little, often, is how a relationship grows.

HONEST QUESTIONS

A few things you might be wondering.

Do I have to be perfect now?

No — and you won't be. Following Jesus isn't about flawless behavior; it's about a direction. You'll grow over time, the same way you grow in any relationship. Give yourself grace, because God already has.

What if I mess up?

You will, and it doesn't cancel anything. When you blow it, just be honest with God about it. He promises to forgive and keep you close — every time.

Do I need to read the whole Bible right away?

Nope. Start small and start with Jesus. A few verses you actually think about beats chapters you skim. The *First 30 Days* plan will get you moving.

What's my next step at The Church?

Three things: come this Sunday, get connected to a group, and let's talk about baptism. Email us and we'll help you with all three.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Just show up.

You've taken the most important step there is. Now take the next one with us — you don't have to figure this out alone. Reach out anytime. We mean it.

GATHER

Sundays · 10:00 AM

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