



Next Steps for New Believers

A simple guide for your first steps after salvation and baptism

1. Understand What Has Happened

You are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Your baptism is an outward declaration of an inward transformation.

- You are forgiven ([Romans 8:1](#))
- You are a new creation ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#))
- You now belong to God's family ([Ephesians 2:19](#))

Reminder: Salvation is not based on your performance, but on Christ's finished work.

2. Begin a Daily Walk with God

Relationship grows through time and consistency.

Read the Bible (Start Simple):

- Begin with the Gospel of John
- Read 1 chapter a day
- Ask: *What does this tell me about God? About myself?*
- Follow a daily discipleship guide for new believers to help direct your study.

Pray Daily:

- Talk to God honestly
- Thank Him, confess sin, ask for help, pray for others
- Even a few minutes matters.

3. Get Connected to the Local Church

Christianity is not meant to be lived alone.

- Attend worship weekly
- Join a small group or Bible study
- Introduce yourself to a pastor or group leader

Reminder: Growth happens best in community.

4. Learn to Turn from Sin and Trust God Daily

Following Jesus means ongoing repentance and faith.

- Expect growth, not perfection
- Confess sin quickly (1 John 1:9)
- Ask the Holy Spirit for strength to change

Reminder: Obedience flows from love, not fear.

5. Discover Your New Identity

You are now:

- Loved and chosen by God
- Free from condemnation
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Reminder: Spend time learning who God says you are, not who your past says you were.

6. Begin Serving and Sharing

Faith grows when it's lived out.

- Serve in a simple way at church
- Share your story with others
- Live differently as a witness to Christ

Reminder: You don't need to know everything, just what Jesus has done for you.

7. Know What to Do When You Struggle

Every believer struggles..

- Don't isolate. Reach out
- Return to Scripture and prayer
- Talk with a pastor or mature believer

Reminder: Growth is a journey. God is patient with you.

Final Encouragement:

“He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion.”

(Philippians 1:6)

You are not walking alone. God is with you, and His church is here to help you grow.

Church Name:

Pastor/Contact:

Next Recommended Step(s):