

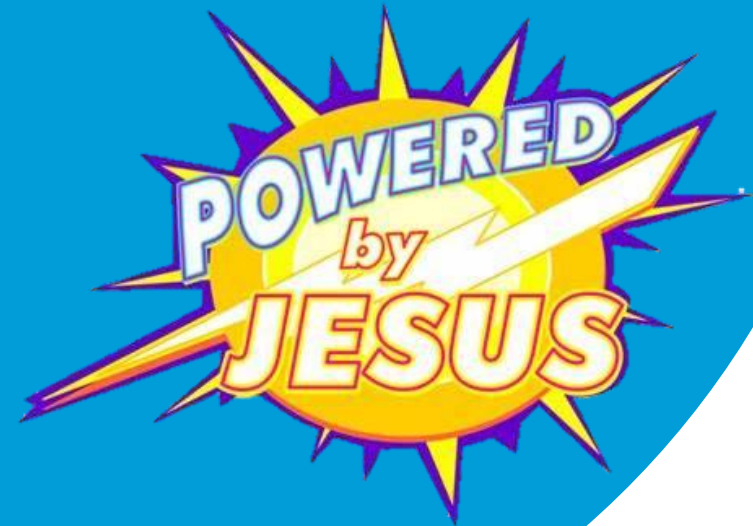
# My First Steps as a Christian

For Our Youth



**THANK GOD THAT  
YOU ARE SAVED!**

**YOU ARE NOW A  
NEW CHRISTIAN.**



Being a Christian means being like Christ.  
Here are some important steps  
for you to practice as you begin  
your new life as a Christian.

After each step, there are Bible verses for  
you to read. Please go over these steps  
again and again. If you have any questions,  
it's O.K. Please speak with your  
First Steps Instructor.

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# STEP ONE YOU ARE SAVED BY FAITH

GOD'S  
GRACE + MY  
FAITH =  
BEING SAVED  
“a Christian”

Before I became a Christian I lived my life, like many others, as a sinner. When we were sinners, we did not please God. But God loved us so much that he sent Jesus Christ (his son) to die for our sins. When Jesus died for our sins, He made it possible for us to be Christians (like Christ) so that we could please God again. Jesus Christ was God's gift to us. This gift that we did not deserve is called God's grace.

When we trust in Jesus Christ to be the only one to save us from our sins, we have faith. We trust Him as our Lord (someone to rule over our lives). We also believe that after He died for our sins he rose from the dead.

## GOD'S GRACE + MY FAITH SAVED ME

*God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it.*

*(Ephesians 2:8-9 NIRV)*



## STEP TWO

### YOU'RE NOT SAVED BY FEELINGS



**My feelings did not save me.  
My feelings will not keep me saved.**

Even though I am happy that I am saved, there may be times that I may not feel happy. This does not mean that I am not saved. I may feel that God is with me, or I may feel that he is not.

Whether I feel that God is close to me or not, I must believe that I am saved.

**We live by believing, not by seeing.**  
(2 Corinthians 5:7 NIRV)



## STEP THREE

### YOU MAY EXPERIENCE DOUBTS



**Sometimes I may have second thoughts  
(doubts) about being saved.**

All new Christians may wonder, “Am I really saved?” Sometimes the devil or even my friends may try to tell me that I’m not really saved. But I have faith and I don’t have to listen to them. When these thoughts come to my mind, all I have to do is pray. God will build up my faith and then I can say, “I know that I am saved”!

**Say with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord.” Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved.**

(Romans 10:9 NIRV)

## STEP FOUR

YOU ARE  
FORGIVEN OF  
ALL YOUR SINS

**All of my sins are forgiven.**

There was nothing that I did before I was saved that was so bad that Jesus did not forgive me. Big or small, God is able to forgive me of all my sins.



**But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.**

(1 John 1:9 NIRV)



I'm forgiven  
1 John 1:9

## STEP FIVE

**YOU ARE NOT  
PERFECT, JUST  
FORGIVEN**



**I may still make mistakes.**



There may be times when I make mistakes  
or do things that I'm not suppose to do.  
But, if this happens, I can ask God  
to forgive me and He will.

**Those who belong to Christ Jesus  
are no longer under God's sentence.**  
(Romans 8:1 NIRV)



# **STEP SIX**

## **YOU ARE A NEW CREATION**



**God created me as a new me.**

I may look the same to everyone,  
but inside God has made me brand new.  
The things that I used to do that were bad, I  
don't have to (and should not) do anymore.  
Jesus promised never to leave me, so I will  
always have His help.

**Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation.**  
**The old is gone! The new has come!**  
(2 Corinthians 5:17 NIRV)



## STEP SEVEN YOU HAVE THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

*The Gift of God is  
eternal life through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6:23




**Jesus promised me that I would live forever in heaven.**

Jesus promised me that if I am saved when He comes back to take us to Heaven, I will live with Him forever!

**God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.**

(John 3:16 NIRV)

# STEP EIGHT YOU MUST KEEP LIVING FOR CHRIST

every day,  
week, month, year,  
**I live for**  
 *Jesus*

## I must keep living for Christ.

Now that I am saved, I must live my life as a Christian (like Christ). I can do this by praying and reading my Bible every day.



...but you must keep your faith steady and firm. Don't move away from the hope that the good new holds out to you. It is the good new that you heard...

(Colossians 1:23 NIRV)

## STEP NINE YOU NEED TO GO TO CHURCH



**I must continue to go to church.**

Going to church is very important for all Christians and me. At church, we help each other to live for the Lord by singing and praying together. We also encourage each other to keep on living for Christ.



**Let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us cheer each other up with words of hope...**

(Hebrews 10:25 NIRV)

# STEP TEN YOU NEED TO PRAY EVERY DAY



**I must pray every day.**

Prayer is talking and listening to God. The more I pray, the more I get used to speaking and listening to God. God speaks to young Christians too.



**Never stop praying.**  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIRV)



# STEP ELEVEN YOU NEED TO READ THE BIBLE DAILY



**I must read my Holy Bible everyday.**

My Holy Bible is full of God's Words.  
God's Words are my spirit food.  
If I don't read it (eat it), I will get  
weaker and weaker as a Christian.



**Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way.  
It is like a light that guides me.**

(Psalm 119:105 NIRV)



# STEP TWELVE YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED IN WATER



**I need to be baptized in water.**

When I am baptized in water, this tells everyone that I am saved. Water baptism stands for my sins being washed away.



**...turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

(Acts 2:38 NIRV)

# STEP THIRTEEN YOU NEED TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE



**I need to live a holy life.**

A holy life is a clean life. When I am living a holy life, God can use me. I need to live a holy life even after I leave church. I don't know when God may want to use me. I should always be ready.



**Dear friends, we have these promises from God. So let us make ourselves pure from everything that pollutes our bodies and spirits. Let us be completely holy. We want to honor God.**

(2 Corinthians 7:1 NIRV)

**STEP  
FOURTEEN  
YOU NEED  
TO BE FILLED  
WITH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT**



## **I need to be filled with God's Holy Spirit (His Holy Ghost.)**

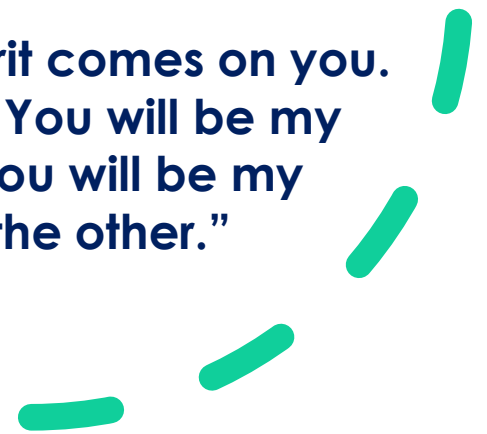
God's Holy Spirit is a gift from Him. I can receive it if I ask God for it. But, His spirit will not live in an unclean heart. It is important that I pray and read my Bible every day.

***The Holy Spirit is God in me. He helps me by:***

- *Teaching me and showing me how to live a holy life*
- *Talking to God with me and for me when I pray*
- *Helping me understand God's Word in the Holy Bible*
- *Letting me know when I am doing wrong*
- *Giving me power over the devil*
- *Giving me power to tell others about Christ*

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem. You will be my witnesses in all Judea and Samaria. And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.”**

**(Acts 1:8 NIRV)**



# **STEP FIFTEEN**

## **YOU NEED TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT CHRIST**



### **I need to tell others about Christ.**

One of the best ways to tell others about Christ is to show them. When others see me living a holy life, it makes them want to know about being a Christian. When I can, I also tell others about Christ. When I'm shy or don't know what to say, I can pray for the Holy Spirit to help me. He will give me what to say.

**32 What about someone who says in front of others that he knows me? I will also say in front of my Father who is in heaven that I know him. 33 But what about someone who says in front of others that he doesn't know me? I will say in front of my Father who is in heaven that I don't know him.**

(Matthew 10:32-33 NIRV)

# HOLY COMMUNION



Holy Communion is also called The Lord's Supper. It took place on the night before Jesus died, at a meal that is also called The Last Supper. It was called the Last Supper and The Lord's Supper because it was the last meal that our Lord Jesus had with His disciples on earth.

During the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples shared bread and wine. They were used to doing this as part of the Passover holiday. Jesus told His disciples to remember Him after He died. Having bread and wine together would remind them of Jesus and His dying for them. The bread would remind them of His body. The wine would remind them of His blood.

Today, we remember Jesus and his dying for us when we take Holy Communion. The wafer reminds us of Jesus' body. The grape juice reminds us of His blood. It is a time of celebration with other Christians.

**When you eat the bread and drink the cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again.**

(1 Corinthians 11:26 NIRV)





# **STEPS FOR NEW CHRISTIANS**

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