

## Step 1: Settle Your Salvation

Romans 10:9 says, “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” But what does it mean to believe? Let’s say, for example you say you believe that a chair will hold your weight but then are unwilling to sit on the chair. Do you really believe it? Now how about if you say you believe that there is one all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present God who sent His Son to die for your sins so you can live. If that’s what you believe, can you just add Jesus to your already-full life? No. If you truly believe in God and have made Him your Savior, you must also make Him your Lord and Master. Just as Christ gave His life for us, we must also give our lives to Him. In fact, He will accept nothing less. (See Luke 9:23, Matthew 10:38, Romans 12:1, Galatians 5:24, Luke 14:23, and Luke 6:46.) Settle it now. Go “all-in” and commit to living what you believe with your whole heart.

## Step 2: Ask for His Holy Spirit

Belief is the first step, but salvation isn’t just about you and your decision. It’s about the God of the universe supernaturally making you into a new creation. You must be born again by the Spirit of God. Romans 8:9 says that if you don’t have the Holy Spirit, you do not belong to God.

Pray and ask God to send His Holy Spirit to live inside you. (Luke 11:13 says that God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.)

## Step 3: Spend Time with God

Prayer isn’t just talking to the ceiling. It’s about spending time both talking and listening to the God who loves you.

Set a time every single day and never miss an appointment to spend time in prayer and worship. Find a private time and place where you can get alone with just you and God. Speak to God. Study the Scriptures. Memorize them. Meditate upon them and hear what the Holy Spirit might be trying to speak to you. Whether it is in the morning or at night, you might want to begin with music/worship to focus your thoughts.

Use the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) as your guide to praying effectively.

- Address God as your Father
- Praise Him and give thanks
- Acknowledge that He is in control and knows what's best
- Ask Him to meet your needs and the needs of others
- Ask forgiveness for your sins.
- Forgive others who have hurt you. (It's a CHOICE to forgive. God will help you with the feelings in His timing.)
- Ask for help to do what's right.
- Ask for protection from evil.

## Step 3: Read the Book He Wrote to You

Just like you would never go days without eating regular food, you can’t go very long without eating spiritual food. The Bible calls the Word of God “pure milk” in 1 Peter 2:2 and meat in Hebrews 5:14. It’s how we “feed” our spirit and get to know the God we serve. We can’t just read it, though. We must also do what it says (James 1:22).

Always begin your Bible reading with a prayer asking for God to help you understand. Start in Genesis. Read a chapter or two, however you feel led. Put a bookmark in there and turn to Matthew. Read a chapter or two there as well. Continue reading sequentially in both the Old and New Testaments. When you get to the end of the New Testament, start over again. In this way, you will always be in both the Old Testament and the New Testament at the same time. If you will truly be led by God, you will be surprised how many times you will find yourself right where you need to be in the Bible for God to speak to you.

## Step 4: Find Fellowship

As part of the body of Christ, we are not meant to be by ourselves. We are meant to function in a group of believers where each person has a part to play to help the others. We can help each other with prayer

support, encouragement, and even acts of service. We also can hold each other accountable for spending time in corporate worship. The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves. In other words, we must plug into a group.

### **Step 5: Plan Your Giving**

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the Bible tells us that we should give to the church as we have purposed in our hearts. That means we decide ahead of time what we want to give to God, not just give whatever might be left over. It's helpful to realize that everything we have has been given to us by God (1 Corinthians 4:7). It is really His money; we are just stewards. Get in the habit of praying about how God would have you to spend the money He so graciously allows you to have. Remember that those who give generously to God will be blessed for it (Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:10).

### **Step 6: Tell Others About Christ**

Living like we believe means more than just praying, reading the Bible, gathering with other believers, and giving. It means that we tell others about Christ. Jesus is the only way to eternal life. All other ways lead away from God and to an eternity apart from Him in hell. If we have the love of God inside us, we want others to be saved too. Pray about who you can talk to about Jesus today.

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### **Salvation Is Just the Start of Your Journey**

As a new believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you might be wondering where to begin. Here are six easy steps to get you started on a life-long journey to get to know your Savior and begin serving Him faithfully.

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