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First Steps With Jesus

What to do today, this week, and in the days just ahead

— COLOSSIANS 2:6 (KJV)

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A letter to you, dear friend

Dear friend, you have begun the greatest journey of your life. You received Jesus the way a traveller takes the first step on a long road — by faith, one step, in the right direction. Now the question every new believer asks is simple: 'What do I do now?' This guide answers that question without confusing you. You will find what to do today, what to do this week, and how to keep walking when the first excitement settles into ordinary days.

Think of a baby learning to walk. Nobody expects the baby to run on the first day. The baby holds a hand, takes small steps, falls, is lifted, and tries again — and every step delights the parents. Your Father is like that, only more patient and more kind. Do not compare yourself with believers of twenty years. Walk your own first steps, honestly and daily, and you will be amazed where you stand in a few months. Keep this guide beside your Bible this week and work through its steps one by one.

Today: thank God, and tell Him everything

Your first step today is prayer — not long, religious-sounding prayer, but honest talk with your Father. Thank Him for saving you. Tell Him you are new at this and you need His help. Tell Him about your fears, your family, your work, your struggles — the real things on your heart. God is not shocked by your honesty. He already knows; He loves to hear it from you.

Set aside ten quiet minutes today. Turn off your phone if you can. Sit, breathe, and talk to God the way you would talk to a kind father sitting beside you. If tears come, let them. If joy comes, sing. If words are few, sit quietly and say, 'Lord, I am here, and I am Yours.' That is prayer, and heaven counts it precious.

Also today: forgive, in your heart, anyone you have been holding in bitterness, and where it is safe and wise, begin to make peace. A new

walk cannot carry old stones in the pocket. You may need help for deep hurts — that is fine, speak to a mature believer — but take the first step of willingness today.

> *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”*
> **— Philippians 4:6 (KJV)**

Do this:

1. Pray aloud for ten minutes today — thanks first, then your real needs.
2. Write today's date in your Bible or notebook: 'The day my new walk began.'
3. Drink water, rest well tonight — God cares for your body too.

Today: open the Bible and take your first food

A newborn baby cries for milk. Your new spirit also needs food, and its food is the Word of God. Do not wait until you ‘feel ready’ or until you own a big Bible. Start with what you have — a printed Bible, a Bible app, or even the verses in these guides. The best first book is the Gospel of John: it was written so that you may believe and have life. Read chapter 1 today, slowly, in a quiet place.

Read with a pencil if you can. Underline any verse that touches your heart. Write down one question and one thing you learned. Do not worry about what you do not yet understand — even mature believers are still learning. Understanding grows like sunrise: little by little, then all at once you realise the light has filled the room.

If reading is hard for you — perhaps English is not your first language, or your eyes tire quickly — listen to the Bible read aloud, or ask a believer to read with you. There is no shame in learning slowly. There is only danger in not eating at all.

> *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”*
> **— 1 Peter 2:2 (KJV)**

This week: tell somebody

Within your first week, tell at least one person that you have given your life to Christ. Choose wisely — a trusted friend, a family member, the person who prayed with you. You do not need a speech. Simple words are enough: ‘I have made a decision. I have given my life to Jesus, and I want to live for Him now.’ Jesus said that those who confess Him before others, He will confess before His Father. Your open confession strengthens you inside in a way private belief alone does not.

Be prepared: not everyone will rejoice. Some may laugh; some may test whether you are serious by inviting you back to old habits; some may watch quietly and, months later, ask you the secret of your change. Do not argue or fight. Answer gently, live cleanly, and let your new life preach its own sermon. The guide ‘Telling Others’ in this series will help you when you are ready for more.

Also this week, return thanks publicly in a fellowship or church service if there is opportunity — a short testimony of what God has done. Testimony seals the work in your own heart and encourages others who are still deciding.

> *“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”*
> **— Matthew 10:32 (KJV)**

This week: find your family gathering

No believer is meant to walk alone. This week, locate a Bible-believing church or fellowship near you and attend. Go as a learner: listen, sing, take notes, and afterwards greet the pastor or a leader

and say, ‘I am a new believer. I gave my life to Christ recently, and I want to grow.’ Any true shepherd will rejoice and help you. The guide ‘Finding Fellowship’ in this series explains what to look for in a healthy church.

If distance, work, sickness or safety makes gathering hard right now, connect in the ways open to you — a small house fellowship, a believers’ meeting, or the free Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com — and keep praying for a church home. Do not let a difficult season become a lonely season. Even two or three gathered in Jesus’ name carry His promise of presence.

Carry a notebook to every meeting. Write the date, the main verses, and one thing God said to you. In a year, that notebook will be a treasure — the diary of your growth.

> *“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)**

Do this:

1. Find one church or fellowship and attend once this week.
2. Introduce yourself to one leader as a new believer.
3. Start your notebook: date, verses, one lesson per meeting.
4. Ask about water baptism and new-believer classes.

The days ahead: a simple daily rhythm

After the first week, growth settles into rhythm. Keep it simple: a little of the Word every day, prayer every day, fellowship every week, obedience in small things every day. Small steps daily beat big efforts once a month. If you miss a day, do not punish yourself or hide from God — begin again the next morning. God’s mercies are new every morning, and so can your steps be.

Expect your life to be rearranged gently. Some friendships will deepen; some will fade. Some habits will need to go; new ones will take their place. Work honestly, speak truthfully, treat people kindly, and keep a clean conscience. When you fail — and some days you will — run to God quickly, confess, receive forgiveness, and keep walking. The Christian life is not a sprint of perfect people; it is a long walk of forgiven people holding their Father's hand.

Finally, look ahead with hope. In thirty days, use the companion guide 'Your First 30 Days' for a day-by-day plan. In time, you will be the one helping a newer believer take first steps. That is how this family grows — hand to hand, heart to heart, all the way home.

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

A PRAYER FOR MY FIRST STEPS

Father, thank You for bringing me to Jesus. I am new, and I do not know the road, but I know Your hand. Teach me to pray, feed me from Your Word, lead me to good fellowship, and keep my steps steady. When I fall, lift me; when I am afraid, stay close. I will walk with You today, and tomorrow I will walk with You again. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Verses to hold on to

Keep these verses near you. Read one each morning. Say it aloud. God's Word will hold you on days when feelings are weak.

> *"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith."*
> **— Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)**

> *“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”*
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> **— Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)**

> *“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”*
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> **— Psalm 37:5 (KJV)**

> *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*
>
> **— Philippians 4:13 (KJV)**

You are not walking alone

Dear friend, you have finished this guide — well done. Keep it near your Bible and return to it whenever you need it. Growth is day by day, and your Father is patient, present and proud of every honest step you take toward Him.

If you would like someone to pray with you, answer your questions, or walk with you in these first steps, our free Salvation Follow-Up team would be honoured to hear from you. Visit slgrace.com and open the chat — ask for the "Salvation Follow-Up" desk. It is completely free, and you will be received with love.

The other free guides in this series

1. You Are a New Creature — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

2. How to Pray — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

3. Reading the Bible — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

4. Sure of Heaven — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

5. The Holy Spirit, Your Helper — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

6. Water Baptism — free from the Salvation Follow-Up Desk at slgrace.com

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May the Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, and give you peace — today and all your days. (Numbers 6:24-26)