

GrowTrack Step One

“Believe”

Today we will cover:

- *How to Become a Christian*
- *How to Have a Genuine Relationship with God*
- *The Importance of Water Baptism*

Our prayer for you:

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.” - *Ephesians 1:17–18*

“I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers.” - *Ephesians 1:17-19 MSG*

Your spiritual journey consists of four steps:

Step ONE: _____

Step ONE happens the first Sunday of every month.

“[I pray]... that you may know Him better [personally].” - *Ephesians 1:17–18*

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’” - *Matthew 7:21–23*

Step TWO: _____

Step TWO happens the second Sunday of every month.

“[I pray]... that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [focused and clear].”
- *Ephesians 1:17–18*

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” - *James 5:16*

Step THREE: _____

Step THREE happens the third Sunday of every month.

“[I pray]... that you may know the hope to which He has called you.”

- *Ephesians 1:17–18*

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” - *Romans 12:6*

“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”

- *1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT*

Step FOUR: _____

Step FOUR happens the fourth Sunday of every month.

“[I pray]... that you may grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers [in His Holy people].” - *Ephesians 1:17–18*

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” - *John 15:8, 11*

“God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” - *1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

Step ONE - Believe

Sin separates us from God. It causes us to fear God and to live our lives outside of our true purpose.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” - *Romans 3:23*

“The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- *Romans 6:23*

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - *Romans 5:8*

God the Father sent His son Jesus to break the power of sin and death by dying on the cross in our place for our sin. He took the initiative. Now we are invited to accept what He has done for us.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

1. _____ **that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” - *1 John 1:9*

2. _____ **that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose from the dead and is alive today.**

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.”

- *Romans 10:9-10 NLT*

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name [Jesus] under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” - *Acts 4:12*

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.” - *1 Thessalonians 4:14*

3. _____ **God's free gift of salvation.**

Don't try to earn it.

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." - *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Your relationship with God is not restored by anything you do, but on the basis of what Jesus has already done for you!

4. _____ **Jesus Christ to come into**

your heart and be the Lord of your life.

"To all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn! – not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan – but from the will of God." - *John 1:12-13 TLB*

"Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in..." - *Revelation 3:20 HCSB*

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

"Jesus, thank you for creating me and for loving me even when I've ignored You and gone my own way. I realize I need You in my life, and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive me. Thank You for dying on the cross for me. I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept Your free gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." - *Romans 10:13*

HOW TO HAVE A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

From the very beginning of time, God has given humanity a choice of whether they would live in relationship with Him. It is illustrated in the story of the two trees in the Garden of Eden:

"Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." - *Genesis 2:8-9*

"And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will certainly die.'" - *Genesis 2:16-17*

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHOICES

1. I can _____ or I can receive
what has _____.

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” - *John 5:39-40*

2. I can try to earn _____ or I can
receive _____.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - *Romans 5:8*

3. I can obey out of _____ or I can
obey out of _____.

“If you love me, you will obey my commands.” - *John 14:15 NCV*

Real Christianity is about _____
not _____.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - *Romans 5:8*

WATER BAPTISM

We practice baptism by immersion in water, which is the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible describes.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.” - *Mark 1:9-10*

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” - *Matthew 28:19*

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” - *Matthew 10:32-33*

1. Following the _____ set by Christ.

2. Demonstrating your _____ .

3. Declaring your commitment _____ .

Water baptism declares _____

what has happened _____.

Your Next Steps

1. Give your life to Jesus to be saved.

You may use the salvation prayer on 14 as a guide.

2. Declare your relationship with Jesus publicly.

Water baptism is the example Jesus set, and we follow this example to publicly share our new life in Him.

3. Complete all four steps of GrowTrack.

Step One - Believe, Step Two - Belong, Step Three - Become, Step Four - Build