

CT Church, New Believers

Start Living

Chapter 2

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Start Living for Christ!

Now that you have made the decision for Christ get ready to really live! God has been helping you change these first few weeks as a new believer. The goal of your life on earth now is to know Christ and make Him known to others.

“...tell the people the full message of this new life.” – Acts 5:20

Strengthen Your New Faith

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This lesson outlines some essential topics that will enable you to establish a good start for your new life. You need to:

- Read your Bible
- Pray
- Go to church
- Get connected with other believers

In time, these principles will become a part of your life and you will become a strong Christian.

Read Your Bible Daily

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Feed yourself and grow! Just as you eat everyday to nourish your body, feed your spirit everyday with the Word of God.

“...man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” – Deuteronomy 8:3

The Bible is your light

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” – Psalm 119:105

The Bible will equip you

“All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching...training in righteousness, so that every man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2Timothy 3:16-17

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What is prayer? How often should you pray? Simply put prayer is talking to God. You should pray as often as you think to do it.

"...The Lord will hear when I call to Him." – **Psalm 4:3**

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – **1Thessalonians 5:17-18**

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him." – **1John 5:14-15**

How do I pray?

Because God is an ever present, unseen friend, prayer is just talking to God. Simply talk to Him like sitting with a friend. But honor the Lord for who He is, God Almighty.

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." – **Matthew 6:9**

Hallowed – refers to making holy or treating as holy

Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, He gave them a model, not necessarily a prayer but an outline.

READ – Matthew 6:5-13

What should I pray?

Keep in mind that this is the God of the universe who loved you so much that he sent His Son to die for you so He could have this relationship with you. You are now His child and He loves to hear you speak with Him, just like a Father enjoys hearing his child's first words.

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." – **Jeremiah 33:3**

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Prayer Pointers

- Greet Him. In any relationship, you begin by greeting that person.

*“Our Father in heaven...” – **Matthew 6:9***

- Express gratitude/appreciation for His time and kindness. This is your praise and thanksgiving to God. Thank Him for all that He has done for you.

*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.” – **Psalms 100:4***

*“For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.”
– **Psalms 96:4***

- Ask Him for whatever you need that day.

*“Give us today our daily bread.” – **Matthew 6:11***

*“...with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
– **Philippians 4:6***

- Ask Him to forgive you for any sins you may have committed that day.

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

*“And if we stand praying. If you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” – **Mark 11:25***

- Ask Him to protect you, your family and friends.

*“Save me, O God, by your name, vindicate me by Your might. Hear my prayer...” – **Psalms 54:1-2***

- Finish prayer by thanking God for His time and His concern for you and everyone.

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Become Part of a Bible Believing Church

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Good and sound Bible preaching/teaching in the church protects your walk with God. It challenges you to grow in Christ.

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.” – Titus 2:1

“He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” – Titus 1:9

*“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.”
- 2Timothy 4:2*

Doctrine – is the teachings of our Lord as recorded in the Bible.

Find Christian Friends and Christian Fellowship

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New Christians often become stronger believers when they develop friendships with strong, mature believers. Mature Christians will change their lifestyles and do what the Bible teaches. Their demonstration of obedience will encourage you to grow also.

*“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’
-1Corinthians 15:33*

“Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25

“Two are better than one...if one falls his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up.” – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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You were once living for the world and the devil and they/he want you back and he is willing to fight to get you back. This is a spiritual battle that is being fought. Only by remaining with Jesus' (the winning side) can you be assured victory. We need to continuously say "no" to the world, the flesh and the devil.

The World

"...the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."
– **John 4:4**

The Flesh

"You, however are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you." – **Romans 8:9**

The Devil

"...do not love the world." – **1John 2:15**
"make no provisions for the flesh." – **Romans 13:14**
"...Resist the devil and he will flee." – **James 4:7**

Share Your Faith

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As you study the Bible and learn how to live a Christ-like life, you also discover that you are to model that lifestyle. You will begin to influence your old friends, as you are being influenced by your new friend (Jesus). Your unsaved friends need what you have! You need to share your new faith with them. They will see the change in you and trust that your conversion is real.

"...Preach the Good News to the poor...proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed..."
– **Luke 4:18**

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– **2 Timothy 4:2**

More on sharing your faith and sharing Jesus in Lesson 6.