

# **NOW THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN**

*A 30-Day Foundation for New Believers*

Prepared for new disciples of Jesus Christ

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## How to Use This Booklet

This is a daily Bible study and devotional guide for someone who has recently obeyed the gospel. Each day is designed to be short enough to complete, but substantial enough to build lasting foundations.

Each lesson includes:

- A core truth
- Scripture readings
- A short devotional explanation
- Reflection questions
- A simple practice for the day

Take one day at a time. Growth takes patience, commitment, and consistency. If you miss a day, do not quit. Pick up where you left off.

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## DAY 1 - You Obeyed the Gospel

### Scripture

- Acts 2:38
- Romans 6:3-4
- Mark 16:16

### Truth

Your baptism was an act of obedient faith in response to the gospel.

### Devotional

Today is about reassurance. Scripture is clear: when a person hears the gospel, believes in Christ, turns to God in repentance, and is baptized, God is the One who saves. Baptism is not a human idea. It is the response God asked for.

Your confidence is not anchored to how you feel today. Feelings rise and fall. Your confidence rests in God's promise and your obedience to His Word.

### Reflection

- What does God promise in Acts 2:38?
- According to Romans 6:3-4, what changed in baptism?

### Practice

Thank God in prayer for His mercy and for the new beginning He has given you.

## DAY 2 - God Is With You

### Scripture

- Matthew 28:20
- Acts 17:27-28
- Psalm 139:7-10

### Truth

God is present with His people and involved in their growth.

### Devotional

New faith can feel exciting and unfamiliar at the same time. The good news is that you are not walking alone. Jesus promised His presence, and Scripture teaches that God is near.

Start building the habit of noticing God in everyday life: in your decisions, your conversations, your temptations, and your need for wisdom. Awareness of God's presence strengthens endurance.

### Reflection

- What do these passages teach about God's nearness?
- When are you most likely to forget that God is with you?

### Practice

Pause twice today (morning and evening) and simply say: "Lord, I know You are here."

## DAY 3 - Expect Spiritual Opposition

### Scripture

- Matthew 4:1-11
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Ephesians 6:12

### Truth

Following Christ invites spiritual resistance, but God equips you to stand.

### Devotional

After Jesus was baptized, He faced temptation. That pattern still shows up: new believers often experience doubt, distraction, or pressure to return to old patterns. Do not panic. Opposition does not mean you made a mistake. It often means you are moving in the right direction.

Notice how Jesus responds: He does not argue from emotion. He answers with Scripture and with trust in God.

### Reflection

- What tactics does the enemy use in Matthew 4?
- What does being “alert” look like for you this week?

### Practice

Read Matthew 4:1-11 slowly. Underline (or note) each time Jesus uses Scripture.

## DAY 4 - Growth Requires Commitment

### Scripture

- 2 Peter 3:18
- Colossians 2:6-7
- Hebrews 5:12-14

### Truth

Spiritual maturity develops through consistent, intentional growth.

### Devotional

Salvation is God's work. Growth is a process. God provides what you need, but you must choose to show up: to learn, to practice, to repent, and to keep going.

Do not aim at instant maturity. Aim at steady progress. Rooted trees do not grow overnight, but they do grow when they stay planted.

### Reflection

- What does it mean to be "rooted and built up" in Christ?
- What is one area where you want to grow this month?

### Practice

Choose a consistent daily time for Bible reading (even 10 minutes) and protect it.

## DAY 5 - Learning to Read and Trust Scripture

### Scripture

- Psalm 119:105
- Acts 17:11
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

### Truth

God's Word trains and shapes God's people for faithful living.

### Devotional

You do not need to understand everything immediately. You do need to start. Scripture is God's tool for teaching and forming you.

A helpful rhythm is simple: read, understand what you can, ask questions, and apply one clear truth. Over time, the Bible becomes familiar, and your thinking becomes more like Christ.

### Reflection

- What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 say Scripture equips you to do?
- What helps you read carefully instead of rushing?

### Practice

Read one chapter today. Write down one sentence: "What I learned about God is..."

## DAY 6 - Prayer as Dependence

### Scripture

- Matthew 6:9-13
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Romans 8:26

### Truth

Prayer is honest dependence on God, not religious performance.

### Devotional

Prayer is how Christians stay connected to God. You do not need special words. Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, and Scripture teaches that God meets you even when you struggle to find words.

Prayer includes praise, confession, gratitude, and requests. Over time, prayer becomes less about formality and more about relationship.

### Reflection

- What parts of the Lord's Prayer stand out to you?
- What do you tend to bring to God first: worries, needs, gratitude, or confession?

### Practice

Pray for five minutes today. Keep it simple: thank God, confess honestly, and ask for help.

## DAY 7 - The Church Is God's Plan for Your Growth

### Scripture

- Acts 2:42
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

### Truth

God designed Christians to grow in community, not in isolation.

### Devotional

Christianity is personal, but it is not private. God places believers into a family so we can learn, be encouraged, and be held accountable.

Regular assembling, learning, and mutual care are not optional extras. They are part of how God protects and matures His people.

### Reflection

- What practices shaped the early church in Acts 2:42?
- How does being connected to other believers strengthen your faith?

### Practice

Reach out to a mature Christian this week and ask: "Can you pray for my growth?"

## DAY 8 - Grace and Forgiveness

### Scripture

- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Titus 2:11-12
- 1 John 1:7-9

### Truth

God's grace forgives and also trains us to live differently.

### Devotional

Grace is not permission to stay the same. Grace is God's undeserved favor that saves, cleanses, and then teaches us how to live.

When Christians sin, we do not pretend. We confess and return to God. The blood of Jesus continues to cleanse those who walk in the light. Forgiveness is real, and it leads us back to obedience.

### Reflection

- According to Titus 2:11-12, what does grace teach us to do?
- What does 1 John 1:9 call Christians to do when they sin?

### Practice

Take an honest inventory. Confess one specific sin or weakness to God and ask for strength to change.

## DAY 9 - Taking Sin Seriously

### Scripture

- Romans 6:12-14
- James 1:13-15
- 1 Peter 1:14-16

### Truth

Sin is destructive; Christians learn to fight it, not manage it.

### Devotional

Sin always promises more than it delivers. Scripture does not treat sin as a harmless mistake. It treats it as a threat to your soul and your witness.

Taking sin seriously does not mean living in fear. It means living with clarity: God calls His people to holiness, and He provides help to pursue it.

### Reflection

- What pattern does James 1:13-15 describe?
- Where are you most vulnerable to temptation right now?

### Practice

Identify one “trigger” that leads you toward sin and plan one concrete boundary for this week.

## DAY 10 - Repentance as a Lifestyle

### Scripture

- Acts 3:19
- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
- Proverbs 28:13

### Truth

Repentance is not a one-time moment; it becomes a daily posture.

### Devotional

Repentance means turning. It includes sorrow for sin, but it does not stop at emotion. It leads to change.

A mature Christian does not defend sin or make excuses. A mature Christian is quick to turn back to God, quick to make things right, and quick to keep learning.

### Reflection

- What is the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow in 2 Corinthians 7?
- What does Proverbs 28:13 promise to the one who confesses and forsakes sin?

### Practice

Ask God to show you one area to change. Write down one step of obedience you will take today.

## DAY 11 - Your New Identity in Christ

### Scripture

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Galatians 2:20
- 1 Peter 2:9-10

### Truth

In Christ, you are made new and called to live from a new identity.

### Devotional

You are not just someone trying to behave better. Scripture says you are a new creation. God is reshaping your desires, your thinking, and your direction.

Your past is not your master. Your habits may take time to change, but your identity has changed: you belong to Christ.

### Reflection

- What does it mean to be a “new creation”?
- How does your identity in Christ change the way you view your past?

### Practice

Write one sentence you can return to this week: “In Christ, I am...”

## DAY 12 - Faith That Obeys

### Scripture

- James 2:14-18
- John 14:15
- Hebrews 5:8-9

### Truth

Biblical faith trusts Christ and responds with obedience.

### Devotional

In Scripture, faith is more than agreement. Faith moves. Love for Jesus is shown in obedience.

Obedience does not earn salvation; it expresses trust. When God speaks, His people respond. This is the pattern from beginning to end.

### Reflection

- What does James teach about faith and action?
- How does John 14:15 connect love and obedience?

### Practice

Choose one clear command of Jesus you can practice today (forgiveness, truthfulness, generosity, humility).

## DAY 13 - Stewardship of Time

### Scripture

- Ephesians 5:15-16
- Psalm 90:12
- Colossians 3:17

### Truth

Your time is a gift from God; Christians learn to use it purposefully.

### Devotional

Stewardship is not only about money. It begins with time. Your days are limited, and how you spend them shapes your soul.

Using time wisely does not mean being busy. It means aligning your schedule with what matters: God, family, the church, and serving others.

### Reflection

- What does it mean to “redeem the time” in Ephesians 5?
- What time-wasters tend to pull you off course?

### Practice

Plan one daily “anchor habit” (Scripture, prayer, service, encouragement) and do it today.

## DAY 14 - Stewardship of Resources

### Scripture

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Matthew 6:19-21

### Truth

God calls His people to generosity and wise use of resources.

### Devotional

Everything you have ultimately comes from God. Christians learn to give willingly, help others, and avoid being controlled by possessions.

Generosity is part of Christian character. It reflects trust in God and love for people. Giving is not about pressure; it is about purpose.

### Reflection

- What does 2 Corinthians 9 teach about the attitude of giving?
- What does Jesus say our treasures reveal about our hearts?

### Practice

Set aside a small gift this week for someone in need or for the work of the church.

## DAY 15 - Stewardship of Abilities

### Scripture

- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Romans 12:4-8
- Matthew 25:14-30

### Truth

God gives abilities so they can be used for His purposes and for others.

### Devotional

You have gifts, skills, and opportunities that can serve God. Some are obvious. Others develop over time.

A new Christian does not need a title to serve. Start where you are. Use what you have. God often grows our capacity through small faithfulness.

### Reflection

- What does 1 Peter 4 say about using gifts?
- What is one ability or strength you can use to help others?

### Practice

Identify one practical way you can serve this week (encouragement, help, hospitality, participation).

## DAY 16 - Serving God by Serving Others

### Scripture

- Mark 10:45
- Galatians 5:13
- John 13:12-17

### Truth

Service is not an extra; it is part of following Jesus.

### Devotional

Jesus served. Christians follow a Servant-King. Service shapes humility and protects us from self-centered faith.

Serving does not always feel dramatic. Often it is unseen, ordinary faithfulness. But it matters to God.

### Reflection

- What does Jesus teach in John 13 about the meaning of service?
- Where do you see opportunities to serve close to home?

### Practice

Do one quiet act of service today without announcing it.

## DAY 17 - Learning to Love Like Christ

### Scripture

- John 13:34-35
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 1 John 3:16-18

### Truth

Christian love is practical, patient, and rooted in action.

### Devotional

Love is not just a feeling. Scripture describes love as behavior: patience, kindness, truth, endurance.

People should be able to see Christ in the way we treat others, especially when it costs us something.

### Reflection

- Which description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 challenges you most?
- How does 1 John 3 define love in action?

### Practice

Encourage one person today with a specific, meaningful word.

## DAY 18 - When Christians Fail

### Scripture

- Proverbs 24:16
- Luke 22:31-32
- 1 John 2:1-2

### Truth

Failure is not the end when you turn back to Christ.

### Devotional

You will not live perfectly. But you can live faithfully. When believers fall, they do not quit. They return.

Jesus prayed for Peter and restored him after failure. God's goal is not to shame you; it is to strengthen you through repentance and perseverance.

### Reflection

- What does 1 John 2:1-2 teach about Jesus' help when we sin?
- How did Jesus use Peter's failure for growth?

### Practice

If there is something you need to make right, take the first step today (confess, apologize, repair).

## DAY 19 - Spiritual Disciplines That Sustain You

### Scripture

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Acts 2:42

### Truth

Habits shape your character; spiritual disciplines shape your faith.

### Devotional

Discipline is not punishment. It is training. Scripture, prayer, worship, and fellowship are practices that keep your roots deep.

You do not practice disciplines to impress God. You practice them to stay close to God.

### Reflection

- What does Psalm 1 say happens to the person rooted in God's Word?
- Which discipline do you most need to strengthen right now?

### Practice

Choose one discipline to focus on for the next seven days and track it briefly each day.

## DAY 20 - Living a Life of Worship

### Scripture

- Romans 12:1-2
- John 4:23-24
- Colossians 3:16-17

### Truth

Worship is more than a gathering; it is a life offered to God.

### Devotional

Worship includes assembling with the church, but it also includes how you live Monday through Saturday. Romans 12 calls Christians to present their bodies as a living sacrifice.

As you learn to honor God in speech, decisions, and relationships, your whole life becomes worship.

### Reflection

- What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”?
- Where do you most need your mind renewed (Romans 12:2)?

### Practice

Offer one part of your day to God intentionally (work, home, conversation) and do it for His honor.

## DAY 21 - Faith in Hard Seasons

### Scripture

- James 1:2-4
- Romans 5:3-5
- Psalm 46:1-2

### Truth

God uses trials to mature His people and deepen trust.

### Devotional

Hard seasons do not mean God has left you. Scripture teaches that trials can produce endurance and proven character.

The goal is not to pretend pain is easy. The goal is to keep trusting God and to keep walking faithfully while you hurt.

### Reflection

- What does James say trials can produce?
- How can the church help you during difficulty?

### Practice

Share one burden with a trusted Christian this week and ask them to pray with you.

## DAY 22 - Sharing the Gospel Through Word and Life

### Scripture

- Matthew 28:18-20
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Acts 8:35-38

### Truth

Christians learn to speak about Jesus clearly and live in a way that supports the message.

### Devotional

Evangelism is not a sales pitch. It is love for people and confidence in the gospel. Scripture shows Christians teaching Jesus and inviting others to respond in obedient faith.

Your life and your words work together. A consistent life gives credibility to a clear message.

### Reflection

- What does the Great Commission call disciples to do?
- How does Acts 8 show the gospel leading to a response?

### Practice

Write down your simple story: how you came to believe, why you were baptized, and what you are learning now.

## DAY 23 - Integrity and Honest Living

### Scripture

- Ephesians 4:25-32
- Colossians 3:9-10
- Matthew 5:16

### Truth

Integrity is living with truth and consistency in every area of life.

### Devotional

Christians do not become dishonest to survive. We speak truth, keep our word, and treat people with fairness.

Integrity is not perfection. It is alignment: who you are in private matches who you claim to be in public.

### Reflection

- Which command in Ephesians 4 is most practical for you right now?
- How can your life “let your light shine” without showing off?

### Practice

Choose one integrity practice today: tell the truth quickly, apologize, or keep a promise you have delayed.

## DAY 24 - Endurance and Perseverance

### Scripture

- Hebrews 12:1-3
- Galatians 6:9
- Revelation 2:10

### Truth

Christian life is a race; perseverance matters.

### Devotional

Some days will feel strong. Others will feel slow. Scripture calls believers to keep going.

Fix your eyes on Jesus. The finish matters. The Christian life is not about starting well only; it is about continuing faithfully.

### Reflection

- What helps you endure according to Hebrews 12?
- Where are you tempted to quit or drift?

### Practice

Remove one “weight” this week that slows your faith (a habit, influence, or distraction).

## DAY 25 - Hope Rooted in God's Promises

### Scripture

- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Romans 8:18
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### Truth

Christian hope is confident expectation based on God's promises.

### Devotional

Hope is not wishful thinking. It is a steady confidence that God keeps His Word and that eternity is real.

When life is heavy, hope lifts your eyes. It reminds you that suffering is temporary and God's future is secure.

### Reflection

- What does 1 Peter 1 say about the believer's inheritance?
- How does hope change the way you view present struggles?

### Practice

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 aloud and write one phrase that strengthens you.

## DAY 26 - Becoming More Like Christ

### Scripture

- Romans 8:29
- Philippians 2:3-8
- Galatians 5:22-23

### Truth

God's goal is to shape you into the character of Christ.

### Devotional

Discipleship is transformation. Over time, the fruit of the Spirit becomes more visible: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This growth is both God's work and your cooperation. Keep yielding to His direction.

### Reflection

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you most need God to grow in you?
- What does Philippians 2 teach about the mindset of Christ?

### Practice

Choose one fruit of the Spirit to practice intentionally today in one relationship.

## DAY 27 - Unity and Peace Among Believers

### Scripture

- Ephesians 4:1-6
- Romans 12:18
- John 17:20-21

### Truth

God calls His people to unity, humility, and peace.

### Devotional

The church is made of different people, but one Lord. Unity is protected through humility, patience, and truth.

Peace is not avoiding hard conversations. Peace is pursuing reconciliation and refusing to sow division.

### Reflection

- What does Ephesians 4 say protects unity?
- Where do you need to pursue peace or repair a relationship?

### Practice

Make one step toward peace this week: a message, a call, an apology, or a conversation.

## DAY 28 - God's Mission in the World

### Scripture

- Micah 6:8
- Matthew 5:13-16
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4

### Truth

God's people live as light in the world and care about what God cares about.

### Devotional

Christians do not withdraw from people; we live among them as salt and light. We do justice, love mercy, walk humbly, and pray for all people.

You may not change the whole world, but you can live faithfully in your corner of it and point people to Christ.

### Reflection

- What does Micah 6:8 call God's people to do?
- What does it mean to be "salt and light" where you live?

### Practice

Pray today for one person who is far from God, and look for one way to show kindness.

## DAY 29 - Finishing Faithfully

### Scripture

- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- Matthew 24:13
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

### Truth

Faithfulness over time honors God and strengthens others.

### Devotional

A strong beginning is a blessing, but Scripture repeatedly praises endurance. Finishing faithfully means staying steady in worship, Scripture, prayer, holiness, and love.

Your perseverance will also encourage others. People notice consistency.

### Reflection

- What does Paul celebrate in 2 Timothy 4?
- What kind of “steadfast” life does 1 Corinthians 15:58 describe?

### Practice

Write one personal commitment statement for the next 90 days (simple, realistic, measurable).

## DAY 30 - Continuing the Journey

### Scripture

- Philippians 1:6
- 2 Peter 1:5-8
- Acts 20:32

### Truth

This is the beginning; keep building your life on Christ and His Word.

### Devotional

Thirty days is a starting point, not a finish line. God will continue His work in you as you keep learning and obeying.

Stay close to Scripture. Stay connected to the church. Keep serving. Keep repenting. Keep growing. God is faithful, and He will strengthen you.

### Reflection

- What does Philippians 1:6 promise about God's work in you?
- Which growth step from 2 Peter 1 do you most need right now?

### Practice

Choose your next plan: continue daily reading, begin a gospel study, and meet regularly with a mature believer.