

YOU
SAID
YES!

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:
THE OLD HAS GONE,
THE NEW IS HERE!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17
(NIV)

Congratulations

What an incredible step you have taken today in saying YES to Jesus.

Whatever has led you to this point, we know for certain that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and are so excited that you have discovered this truth for yourself.

We trust and pray that over the coming days, weeks and years, that you'll come to know God personally and experience the life, joy, peace and hope that is only found in him.

John 14:6 (NIV)

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Saying 'Yes' to Jesus

If you've already prayed a prayer confessing Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, head to the next page to learn more about what this means for you.

If you haven't yet, putting your faith in Jesus is the best decision you could ever make, and all it takes to start your relationship with God is a simple yet profound prayer, acknowledging Him as Lord and Saviour of your life.

We invite you to pray this prayer now:

“Dear Jesus, I bring my life before you today, I'm sorry that you have not been at the centre of my life. I'm sorry for all the wrong things I've done living without you. I make a decision to turn my back on my sins and turn towards you. I believe you died on the cross and rose again for me and I accept Your death as a sacrifice for my sins. Please forgive me and be the Lord of my life. I want to know you and live for you for the rest of my life.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.”

Congratulations! In praying these words, you have started the journey of a lifetime – following Him. We never 'arrive' in our faith, it's a continual process of being with Jesus and becoming like Jesus, so that we can do what Jesus did.

*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours but also for the
sins of the whole world.*

***But if anyone obeys his word,
love for God is truly made
complete in them.***

This is how we know we are in him.

*Whoever claims to live in him must
live as Jesus did.*

1 John 2:2, 5-6 (NIV)

What happens now?

This journey of being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and doing what Jesus did is what we see the Bible call being a disciple (an 'apprentice') of Jesus. As you start this discipleship journey we are committed to equipping, encouraging and empowering you along the way.

If you said 'yes' to Jesus in one of our in-person church services you would have received a free gift of the 'New Beginnings Bible', if you haven't yet received one, please see the team at church on Sunday to collect yours!

The Bible is God's Word to us. It reveals who God is, His will, His ways and His heart for humanity. It is made up of 66 books, that were written by over 40 different authors in various different literary styles, over a period of more than 1500 years. There are many different translations of the Bible. Varying from literal, word-for-word translations to those that paraphrase, capturing the meaning of the scripture while making it clear and accessible to the 21st century reader. The New Beginnings Bible you've received is the NIV translation (New International Version) and also includes numerous resources to help get you started in your faith journey. Before you dive into reading through the books of the Bible, we recommend working through some of the introductory resources to help gain a greater understanding of what you are about to read.

Check out these pages in your bible to get started:

- Introduction pg. A6-A13
- How we know the Bible can be trusted pg. A14-16
- Turning points & key dates pg. A17-23
- How to read the Bible pg. A24-A29

Reading the Bible

Now you've got some context on the what the Bible is, how you can be sure it can be trusted and how to navigate it, we encourage you to dive in for yourself.

As it suggests on Pg. A28 The Gospels, especially the Gospel of John found on pg. 737, is a great place to start your reading. It speaks to how Jesus is God and was with God right from the beginning of time, before diving into an account of His time on earth.

Start slow and seek to understand what you're reading. Read a chapter a day, or a verse at a time – whatever allows you to dive deep into the story and the truth of the words on the page. However much you choose to read in one sitting, we encourage to choose a time, a place and a space. Finding somewhere quiet and distraction free is a great start.

Put your phone aside, and start your time with God by praying a simple prayer asking the Holy Spirit to illuminate truth and reveal Jesus in greater ways to you as you read.

Once you've read John, try reading through Luke, Matthew and Mark before going wide and working through the broader cannon of scripture (see pg. A28).

Scan here or click below to download the **FREE BIBLE APP** to take God's Word with you wherever you go.



What do Christians believe?

What we believe about God and salvation is key to healthy faith formation!

As believers in Christ there are both core beliefs, and foundational doctrines that are central to the faith we hold.

These Biblical truths are what unite all believers all across the world, regardless of culture, background, or tradition.

We've outlined on the next few pages what we believe and the scriptural references for why we believe what we believe.

You'll find even more on the beliefs detailed at the back of your bible (after Revelation) on Pg. B1-23.

We encourage you to take time to read through each section and let them settle deep into your heart and spirit.

Each truth outlined will help strengthen your understanding of who God is, what we believe when we are in Christ, and how to live out your faith with confidence and clarity.

Statement of Faith

THE BIBLE - GOD WROTE A BOOK

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is truth without any mixture of error and is completely relevant to our daily lives.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalms 119:11, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 3:16

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TRINITY – GOD: THREE IN ONE

God has existed in relationship with Himself for all eternity. He exists as one substance in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 61:1; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 1:35; John 5:21-23; 14:10, 16; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:8-10; James 2:19

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THE FATHER – GOD IS GREAT, GOD IS GOOD

God is great: He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, holy. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. God is good: He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

Exodus 3:14; Numbers 23:19; Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; Psalm 11:4-6; Malachi 3:6 John 3:16; 4:24; 5:26; 14:1; Acts 17:28; Romans 3:3-4

THE SON – GOD BECAME MAN

Jesus Christ is completely human, but at the same time completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people who are enemies of God back into a right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life, so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we could have life.

Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18–23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5–6; Luke 22:70; 24:46–47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25–27; 17:1–5; Acts 1:9; 2:22–24; 7:55–56; Romans 1:3–4; 3:23–26; 8:1–3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19–21; Gal 4:4–5; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5–6; 3:16

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THE HOLY SPIRIT – GOD IS ALWAYS PRESENT

His presence assures us of our relationship with Christ. He guides believers into all truth, and exalts Christ. He convicts people of their sin, God's righteousness, and the coming judgment. He comforts us, gives us spiritual gifts, and makes us more like Christ.

Genesis 1:2; Psalms 51:11; 139:7 ff.; Isaiah 61:1–3; Joel 2:28–32; Mark 1:10; Luke 1:35; 4:1; 11:13; 12:12; John 15:26; 16:7–14; Acts 1:8; 2:1–4; 13:2; Romans 8:9–11, 14–16, 26–27; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 1:13–14; 2 Peter 1:21; Revelation 22:17

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ETERNITY – SOMEWHERE FOREVER

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

John 3:16, 36; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25; 5:11–13; Revelation 20:15

MAN – GOD’S IMAGE BEARERS

Man is made in the image of God and is the supreme object of His creation. Man was created to have fellowship with God, but became separated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man cannot attain a right relationship with God through his own effort. Every human personality is uniquely created, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3; Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6; 6:6; 7:14-25; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

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SALVATION – GOD’S ONLY WAY

The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.

Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7; Matthew 1:21; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:24-28; Revelation 3:20

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THE CHURCH – GOD’S DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY

The church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ, to obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32; Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3

What's Next?

Your relationship with God was never meant to be walked alone! While there is no single pathway that fits every believer, there are intentional steps you can take to strengthen your faith and become more deeply connected within community.

Being a part of church weekly, attending the Alpha course and joining a Discipleship Group are some amazing steps in helping your faith take root in your life. Check out some more great resources on living out your faith on Pg. C1-C20 in your New Beginnings Bible.

Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Beyond Bible reading, prayer and committing to being a part of a church community, we encourage you to consider the following next steps as you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus.

Take your Next Step

Get Baptised

Baptism is a significant and public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ. It symbolises the transforming work He has begun in your life and marks a meaningful step of obedience.

[Find out more about Baptism](#)

Attend Alpha

Alpha is a welcoming environment designed to explore the foundations of Christian faith. It is a safe place to ask questions, seek understanding, and deepen your relationship with God.

[Find out more about the Alpha Course](#)

Share Your Decision

Sharing your decision to follow Jesus is both an act of boldness and an encouragement to others. Letting someone know affirms your commitment and invites community into your journey.

Invite Someone to Church

Being planted in a church family is vital for spiritual growth. We encourage you to invite someone to join you as you continue to discover the fullness of life found in Christ.

Each of these steps is an invitation to grow deeper, not a perfect method to follow. Take these steps at a pace that is right for you, knowing that God is with you and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Congratulations on reaching the end of this guide!

We are praying for you and championing you as you continue to grow in your faith and live a life devoted to God.

We are so grateful to be a part of your journey and pray that you might find a place you can belong, believe and build with us here at LIFE.

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