



Next Steps - Foundations



SALVATION

the beginning of everything

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Welcome

Welcome to [Next Steps - Walking the Discipleship Pathway](#).

We are so glad you are here. Whether you have just made a decision to follow Jesus, or you have been a Christian for a while and want to grow deeper in your faith, this pathway has been designed with you in mind.

At C3 Church Goulburn, we believe that following Jesus is the greatest adventure life has to offer.

Yours in Christ
Ps Ken & Fiona Hayward & the team

How to Use This Booklet

This booklet is yours to work through at your own pace. There is no rush.

You can:

- Read through it on your own and reflect personally.
- Work through it with a leader or mentor.
- Do a bit of both — read ahead, then chat it through

Each section includes some teaching, key bible passages to look up, reflection questions and space to journal your thoughts.

Don't skip the writing spaces — sometimes the most important discoveries happen when we put pen to paper.

When you have finished this booklet, speak with a leader about your next step.

What is Salvation?

The word "salvation" comes from a root word meaning *to be made whole, complete, restored*. It is God not just rescuing us from separation, but restoring us to the life we were always created for — a life of fullness, purpose and deep connection with Him.

The Bible tells us that every person is born into a spiritually lost condition. That might sound confronting, but it is actually the starting point of the most extraordinary story ever told. Because God, who made us and loves us, did not leave us there.

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God sent Jesus — His only Son — to take the penalty for our sin. Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross in our place, and rose again from the dead. Because of what Jesus did, we can be forgiven, restored and given new life. This is what we call salvation.

Why do I Need Salvation?

We believe that every person — no matter how good or moral they appear — is spiritually separated from God without Jesus.

One day, at the end of our lives, we will be called to stand in front of the One that created us - at the seat of judgement - to give an account.

This is not a popular message, but it is the truth the Bible teaches, and it is the reason Jesus came - so that no one would perish.

Isaiah 59:2

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

Here is the good news though — you do not have to stay separated. God has made a way. And that way is Jesus.

John 14:6

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

Salvation is not something you earn. It is not about being good enough, going to church enough, or doing enough good deeds. It is a gift — freely given by God, received by faith..

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

How Do I Receive Salvation?

The Bible calls this the "new birth" — a spiritual transformation that happens when we turn to Jesus in faith. It involves three things:

A — Acknowledge

Recognising that you have sinned and are separated from God.

B — Believe

Putting your trust in Jesus Christ: that He died for your sins and rose again.

C — Confess

Declaring with your mouth your faith in Jesus as Lord

Romans 10:9-10

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

Salvation happens in a moment — but it changes everything for eternity. When you give your life to Jesus, you are not just making a decision; you are beginning a relationship

What Happens When I'm Saved?

The moment you give your life to Jesus, remarkable things happen:

- Your sins are completely forgiven (Colossians 1:14)
- You become a child of God (John 1:12)
- The Holy Spirit comes to live inside you (Romans 8:9)
- You have eternal life — life with God forever (John 10:28)
- You are made a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"

This is not about feeling different overnight — although many people do. It is about the objective reality that God has received you, forgiven you, and made you His own.

Reflect and Respond

Take some time to work through these questions honestly. There are no right or wrong answers — this is between you and God.

1. In your own words, what does salvation mean to you?

2. Have you made a personal decision to follow Jesus? If so, when and how did that happen? If not, what is holding you back?

3. What does it mean to you that salvation is a gift and not something you earn?

4. Is there anything about God's forgiveness that you find hard to accept or believe about yourself?

5. What is one thing from this booklet that stood out to you or that you want to explore further?

Developing a regular time with God in His word is one of the main ways we grow in the faith.

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A Prayer to Begin

If you have never given your life to Jesus, or if you want to reaffirm your faith, you can pray something like this. Remember — it is not the exact words that matter, but the sincerity of your heart.

Lord Jesus,

I acknowledge that I have sinned and I need You.

I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I turn away from my old life and I give my life to You.

I give you my heart, forgive me, and make me new.

I confess Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for the gift of salvation.

Amen

If you prayed that prayer for the first time, or recommitted your life to Jesus — please tell a pastor or leader. We would love to celebrate with you and help you take the next step.

What's Next?

Salvation is the beginning, not the end. Here is what we encourage you to do now:

1

Tell Someone

Share your decision with a pastor, leader or trusted Christian friend.

2

Start Reading the Bible

The gospel of John is a great place to begin. If you are a choosing a bible for the first time, it's a good idea to ask someone about which translation would suit you best.

3

Keep Coming to Church

Being part of a vibrant Christian community is vital to your continued growth in the faith. We all need support from each other.

4

Join a Home Group

Home groups are a wonderful place to connect with other like-minded believers. They are a more informal setting where you can learn in the word, share your experiences, and form friendships. If you really want to grow in your faith, this is the place to be.

5

Begin the Next Step

Christians are called to be life-long disciples. The Next Step pathways are designed to help you on that journey. More info on the back of this booklet.

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