

Series: Next Steps

Message: Meet Jesus & Baptism

August 30, 2015

## Food For Thought

For the week of August 30, 2015

We all grow step by step.

### Meet Jesus

A great place to start: Who are you? Acts 9

**God pursues us when we do not know him.** Genesis 12;  
Romans 5:8

**It is a relationship.** Matthew 11:29; John 15:9

**He wants your heart.** Matthew 22: 37; Proverbs 8:17

**What determines your value?** Psalm 8:1-9; Psalm 113: 7-8; Psalm  
139:17-18

### Why be baptized?

Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 10:47-48; 2 Corinthians  
5:17; Romans 6:3-10; Colossians 2:12

Obedience- He asks me to.

Identification- I am a Christ follower.

Confession- I am a new creation.

Celebration- Rejoice together at what Christ has done.

These passages teach a portion of the many truths about who we have become through faith when we meet Jesus.

- I am a child of God. *John 1:12*
- I am a branch of the true vine, and a conduit of Christ's life.  
*John 15:1-5*
- I am a friend of Jesus. *John 15:15*
- I have been justified and redeemed. *Romans 3:23-24;*  
*Romans 6:6*
- I will not be condemned by God, I have been set free from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:1-2*
- As a child of God, I am a fellow heir with Christ. *Romans 8:17*
- I have been accepted by Christ. *Romans 15:7*
- I have been called to be a saint. *1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2*
- In Christ Jesus, I have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. *1 Corinthians 1:30*
- My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in me.  
*1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19*
- I am joined to the Lord and am one spirit with him.  
*1 Corinthians 6:17*
- God leads me in the triumph and knowledge of Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 2:14*
- The hardening of my mind has been removed in Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 3:14*
- I am a new creature in Christ. *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- I have become the righteousness of God in Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 5:21*
- I have been made one with all who are in Christ Jesus.  
*Galatians 3:28*
- I am no longer a slave but a child of an heir. *Galatians 4:7*
- I have been set free in Christ. *Galatians 5:1*
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. *Ephesians 1:3*

# NEXT STEPS

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## at Real Life Church

- I am chosen, holy, and blameless before God. *Ephesians 1:4*
- I am redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ.  
*Ephesians 1:7*
- I have been predestined by God to obtain an inheritance.  
*Ephesians 1:9-11*
- I have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. *Ephesians 1:13*
- Because of God's mercy and love, I have been made alive with Christ. *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- I am seated in the heavenly places with Christ. *Ephesians 2:6*
- I am God's workmanship created to produce good works.  
*Ephesians 2:10*
- I have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ.  
*Ephesians 2:13*
- I am a member of Christ's body and a partaker of His promise.  
*Ephesians 3:6; Ephesians 5:30*
- I have boldness and confident access to God through faith in Christ. *Ephesians 3:12*
- My new self is righteous and holy. *Ephesians 4:22-24*
- I was formerly darkness, but now I am light in the Lord.  
*Ephesians 5:8*
- I am a citizen of heaven. *Philippians 3:20*
- The peace of God guards my heart and mind. *Philippians 4:7*
- God supplies all my needs. *Philippians 4:19*
- I have been made complete in Christ. *Colossians 2:9-10*
- I have been raised up with Christ. *Colossians 3:1*
- My life is hidden with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:3*
- Christ is my life, and I will be revealed with him in glory.  
*Colossians 3:4*
- I have been chosen of God, and I am holy and beloved.  
*Colossians 3:12*
- God loves me and has chosen me. *1 Thessalonians 1:4*

*All of us, no matter where we are in life, have a next step to take in order to grow. We want to help you recognize where you are in your life and help you to discover your Next Step.*

**Meet Jesus.** Believing in Jesus is the first step on the greatest journey of your life. If you haven't met Him, then there's no better day than today!

**Get Baptized.** You've met Jesus and He's changed you on the inside. The natural next step is to get baptized at our next baptism celebration!

**Join a Life Group.** Our groups meet throughout the week to help you grow closer to Jesus and each other. They are free to join and connecting with a group will change your life!

**Read Your Bible.** Reading the Bible is essential to our lives because it is the main way God speaks to us. We want to help you get started with this life-changing book!

**Start Serving.** If serving others is your next step, we have some amazing opportunities at Real Life to do just that. Be a blessing to others and learn the joy that comes in living a life surrendered to serve!

**Financial Success.** Handling your finances can feel overwhelming. We want to help you become the generous person God created you to be. Take this step and move from frustrated to free!

**Become an Owner.** We believe every follower of Jesus should belong to a local church and take ownership of that church. This includes the privilege of serving, giving, and participating in biblical community.

**Share Your Story.** God has given us tremendous power in the life-changing stories we share. Taking this step allows your life to be a blessing and encouragement to others!