

# NOW GROW!

## 7 Key Questions for New Believers





## START HERE!

Whether you've just recently put your faith and trust in Jesus or you've been a believer for a while now, God wants you to grow in your understanding of Him. Just like in any human relationship, getting to know someone better helps your relationship grow deeper and stronger. The same is true for your relationship with God. Getting to know Him better will launch you on an exciting journey—and you'll discover how much God loves you and values you. You'll get to see that doing life with God is a better way to do life! And learning to walk more closely with God through the ups and downs of life is what *Now Grow!* is all about.

You can explore God's Word (The Bible) in the following pages by yourself, with a friend or in a small group. You can approach these seven key questions for new believers over seven days, seven weeks or anything in between. All you need is a pen and an open heart as you set out on this adventure of discovering God's great promises and purposes for you.

You'll be exploring the answers to seven questions in *Now Grow!* by reading what God's Word says. There are plenty of Bible verses for you to read and think about. God wants you to grow deeper and deeper in your relationship with Him and He has provided His Word in order to help you do just that!

But before you launch off on this new journey, let's make sure you're starting with a clear understanding of Jesus' gospel message. The word gospel means "good news", and we explain it as "Life in 6 Words": God. Our. Sins. Paying. Everyone. Life.

- G**od created us to be with Him.  
*Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his (Psalm 100:3a).*
- O**ur sins separate us from God.  
*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23).*
- S**ins cannot be removed by good deeds.  
*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6a).*
- P**aying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.  
*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).*
- E**veryone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.  
*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 (John 3:16).*
- L**ife with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.  
*Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent (John 17:3).*

The moment you trust in Jesus, you enter into an unbreakable relationship with God. Your life will never be the same. Both now and for all eternity.

And once you've begun this new relationship with Jesus, it's time to grow!

# DOES GOD REALLY LOVE ME AND FORGIVE ME?

Does God **really** love me? If you've ever wondered about this, you're not alone. That's why God provided us with the Bible—His love letter to us! So dig in and take a look at what God has to say on the subject.

## GOD'S WORD SAYS

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:16-17, NLT).*

**How did God show His love?**

## GOD'S WORD SAYS

*God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins (1 John 4:9-10, NLT).*

**Why did God send His Son?**

## THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus chose death over living life without you! How does this make you feel?

**GOD'S  
WORD  
SAYS**

*I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God (Ephesians 3:16-19, NLT).*

**THINK ABOUT IT**

Write in your own words what you think God is saying to you.

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God loves you so much! And He demonstrated it by drawing you to Himself through Christ's death on the cross and resurrection.

**GOD'S  
WORD  
SAYS**

*But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12, NLT).*

**GOD'S  
WORD  
SAYS**

*So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering (Romans 8:15-17, NLT).*

**What kind of relationship do you have with God now that you've put your faith and trust in Jesus as your only hope of salvation?**

Blank space for reflection.

You've learned that the Bible makes it clear that God loves you! But does he forgive you?

**GOD'S  
WORD  
SAYS**

*You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14, NLT).*



**GOD'S  
WORD  
SAYS**

*For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:11-12, NLT).*



**What happened to your sins once you trusted in Jesus?**

Reflection area for the question: What happened to your sins once you trusted in Jesus?



**KEY  
VERSE**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-19, NLT).*



**What is this saying about your new life in Christ?**

Reflection area for the question: What is this saying about your new life in Christ?



So God loves you and forgives you, but is this forever and unchanging?

**GOD'S WORD SAYS** *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand (John 10:27-29, NLT).*



**What does this say about Jesus?**

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**What does it say about the sheep?**

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**Who can snatch you away from God?**

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**GOD'S WORD SAYS** *And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13, NLT).*



**List everything this passage says about eternal life.**

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**Who can know that they have eternal life?**

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**GOD'S WORD SAYS** *Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?* (Romans 6:1-2, NLT).

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**GOD'S WORD SAYS** *The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life* (John 10:10, NLT).

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**What kind of life does Jesus want for us?**

