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Top five things you should do as a new believer

After becoming a new believer in the Christian faith, many are faced with uncertainty about what to do next. Here are the top seven things you should do after becoming a new believer.

1. Get baptized

First, we want to be clear that you do not need to be baptized in order to have salvation. You can still be saved and not be baptized. However, the Bible does make it clear that baptism is very important for all who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and have decided to follow him – and that they should get baptized. So, what is baptism? **Baptism** is a public declaration that you have accepted Jesus Christ, you are turning your back on your old sinful ways and are fully trusting in Jesus. It is usually done in a public ceremony where you will prepare your testimony about how you came to know Jesus. You will then get in a baptismal tub, listen to the preacher cite some verses, and be submerged into the water and pulled back up. It is not as scary as it sounds! It is also important to note that even Jesus Christ himself was baptized by [John the Baptist](#). We see this in Luke 3:21-22 New International Version.

2. Read your Bible

Many people believe they are good and set for life after becoming a **new believer**. While technically they cannot lose their salvation if they truly have it, we believe that it is important to continue to read the Bible. The Bible states in Matthew 4:4 NIV, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” In the same way that we cannot go weeks on end without eating or drinking because you would become weaker and weaker, the same thing can be said about our spiritual walks with Christ. You can do that by reading your

Bible every day (or at least trying to) and participating in small groups that allow you to have **fellowship** with new believers.

3. Visit the Holy Land

A trip to the **Holy Land** should be on every new believer's bucket list. For Christians, Israel is considered holy because of its association with the birth of Jesus Christ, his ministry and his crucifixion and resurrection. The biggest reason a new believer should go tour the Holy Land is because you can literally **walk where Jesus walked**. In the Bible, you can read about his birth, his ministry locations, his baptism and the Sea of Galilee. On a Holy Land tour, you can travel to and experience the biblical accounts of where Jesus taught and **performed miracles** – including where Jesus turned five loaves of bread and two fish into food for 5,000 men. If you are interested in touring the Holy Land, check the Israel tourism ministry website at

<https://israel.travel/goisrael/>

4. Go on a short-term mission trip

At Denton Bible Church, we believe that it is important to reach out to everyone and let them know about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believed this early, on which is why we created our Serve missions-sending organization over 30 years ago. The Bible says that we should go to the ends of the earth and **make disciples** of all nations ([Matthew 28:19-20 NIV](#)). This can be done in many ways such as becoming missionaries, going on short-term mission trips, participating in vacation Bible schools, and even just having conversations with your friends.

Denton Bible has many short-term mission trips that range from a couple of days to a month.

Some of the places that we visit are France, Tennessee, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, Austria and Nicaragua. If you are interested in applying to go on a short-term mission trip, please visit

<http://dbcm.org>.

5. Serving others

Washing someone's feet can be a very humble experience. In [Luke 7](#), we see a sinful woman enter the Pharisee's house with a jar of extremely expensive perfume to **wash Jesus' feet** with her

hair and tears. When she was done, she kissed them and poured perfume on them. Many people at the time questioned why she would do this, or why Jesus would allow her to if he knew what she was – a sinner. Jesus then tells her that her sins are forgiven. This story is not about Jesus showing off; it is about the humility the women showed by washing his feet. Jesus does the same thing shortly before Passover in [John 13](#) when He gets up to wash his disciples' feet. This is seen as wrong, but Jesus tells them no servant is greater than his master. Jesus then tells them to wash each other's feet. Jesus served others through the washing of their feet and proved that we should be performing acts of kindness and service to our fellow believers. Every new believer should be able to do what Jesus has also done as well.



Jerusalem is the site of Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection. Today many Christians visit to see a little bit of our history.

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Baptism is the public declaration of your faith to the world letting people know that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

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