

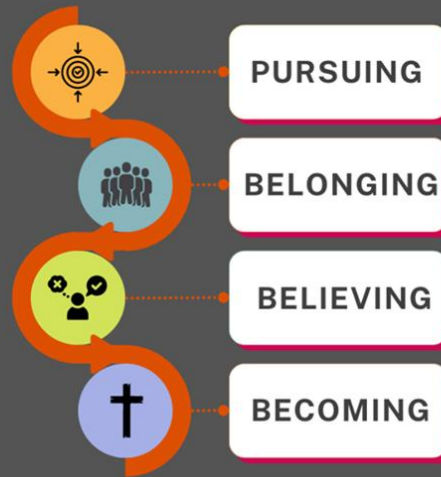
Assurance of Forgiveness

Christian Knowledge & Living

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MY NEXT STEPS



PURSUIT CHURCH

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Growth in Christ

Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

Christian Training

This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The remarkable promises ...

- 1 John 1:9 (Read)

The remarkable promises in 1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The remarkable promises in 1 John 1:9

What does God want us to do with our sins?

- What does it mean to confess?
- Is this easy?

The remarkable promises in Psalm 32

Psalm 32:3 (ESV)

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

What does it mean to have no deceit?

The remarkable promises in Psalm 32

What are two of God's attributes that are mentioned in 1 John 1:9?

The remarkable promises in Psalm 40

Psalm 40:11-12 (ESV) (Read)

*As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your **faithfulness** will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.*

The remarkable promises in Psalm 40

- *Why do we need God's faithfulness?*
- *Because he will keep forgiving and stay faithful when we want to quit (As David says – "my heart fails me").*

The remarkable promises...

1 John 1 :9 says, “God is faithful and just to forgive us...”

- *What does it mean that God is “just” in forgiving us?*
- *What is the odd tension that this creates in us?*

The remarkable promises...

*God's forgiveness is both a
comfort and a strength.*

The remarkable promises...

What else does God want us to do when we confess our sins?

The remarkable promises...

1 John 1:8 (Read)

What does John say that we should recognize about ourselves?

The remarkable promises...

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (ESV)

*Surely there is not a righteous man on earth
who does good and never sins.*

The remarkable promises...

What should be our attitude toward sin?

Psalm 139:23–24 (ESV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

The remarkable promises...

What should be our attitude toward sin?

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

¹³ Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

The remarkable promises ...

Christ's completed work on the cross is our basis for forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:12 (ESV)

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...

An Exercise in Forgiveness

Write your own Psalm.

Look at Psalm 32 and 40.

Include confessions, expressions of thanks, trust and commitment to God.



Christian Knowledge and Living					
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Date	Done	Step	Topic	Description	Resource
1/12/25		1	Assurance of Guidance	God will give us the guidance we need	Growing in Christ, Ch 5
1/19/25		2	Who is the Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts	Joint session	
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1/26/25		3	End Times		Christian Beliefs Ch 18, 19
2/2/25				Break	
2/9/25		4	Christian Living: Christ first		Growing in Christ, Ch 6
2/16/25		5	Christian Living: His Strength		Growing in Christ, Ch 7
2/23/25		6	Christian Living: His Word		Growing in Christ, Ch 8
3/2/25		7	Christian Living: Love		Growing in Christ, Ch 9
		A			
3/9/25				Break	
3/16/25		8	Christian Living: Giving	UCF Spring Break	Growing in Christ, Ch 10
3/23/25		9	Christian Living: Church		Growing in Christ, Ch 11
3/30/25		10	Christian Living: works		Growing in Christ, Ch 12
4/6/25		11	Christian Living: witnessing		Growing in Christ, Ch 13
4/13/25		12	Membership 1		
		A			
4/27/25		13	Membership 2		