

Next Step Class – Session 1

The bible we use is the New Believer's Bible – First steps for new Christians by Greg Laurie



Let's watch the video for session 1 – "Salvation."

Video notes:

- What does it mean to be saved? What is salvation? What are we saved from?
- We are born sinners.
- Adam and Eve were deceived. Fell into sin. Passed it down to us – hereditary
- God loved us so much he took action – John 3:16 – page 107
- Jesus came to save us from God's judgement of sin.
- Jesus rescues us from sin. If we receive Jesus he gives us a new heart. We are restored!

Guess what! You are made new at the time of salvation!

2 Corinthians 5:17 states, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." This verse signifies that when a person comes to faith in Christ, they experience a fundamental change in their life and identity, becoming a new person with a new beginning. Page 221

Here's a breakdown of the key elements of the verse:

- **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ...":**

This establishes a conditional statement: if a person is in Christ, meaning they have a relationship with him through faith, then the following is true.

- **"...he is a new creation":**

This highlights the transformative nature of faith. A person is not merely reformed or improved; they are created anew, with a new nature and purpose.

- **"the old things have passed away":**

The old life, with its habits, desires, and relationships, is no longer relevant.

- **"behold, all things have become new":**

This emphasizes the complete renewal of the individual's life. Everything, including their outlook, values, and goals, is transformed by this new creation.

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