

THE BEGINNING

FIRST STEPS FOR NEW DISCIPLES

STEP 1: UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED

Introduction:

- Whether you are a new believer or long-time follower of Jesus, we all need to grow in our relationship with Him.
- Today, we will discover the first of five steps we must take to grow in Christ by understanding what happened when you "got saved."

A Panoramic View of Our Salvation

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Eternity Past, God the Father...

- _____ me
- _____ me
- _____ me

On the Cross, God the Son...

- _____ me
- _____ me
- Gave me an _____

At the Point of Belief, God the Spirit...

- _____ me
- _____ my inheritance

Redeemed

Redemption Involves Three Concepts:

_____ a Ransom.

*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were **bought with a price**. So glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, emphasis added).*

Key concept:

_____ a Curse.

*Christ **redeemed** us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" (Galatians 3:13 emphasis added, cf. Galatians 4:5).*

Key concept:

_____ From Bondage.

*...[Jesus] gave Himself to **redeem** us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14, emphasis added).*

Key concept:

Conclusion: