

3-2-1 for New Christians

Maybe you just recited the Sinner's Prayer. You could have just been baptized. It could be you've recently accepted Jesus in your heart. So, now what? What do you do next? Here are 3 Things you should **START** doing, 2 Things you should **STOP** doing and 1 Thing you should always **REMEMBER**.

3 Things to **Start**

1. Spend time getting to know God – through the Bible and prayer
 - Read the Bible
 - Download the YouVersion Bible app
 - Find a version of the Bible you can read easily and understand
 - Starting with Mark or John, read a chapter a day
 - Spend time daily in prayer
 - Be consistent. It doesn't have to be a long time, just a consistent time
 - Get in the habit of just talking to God
 - Spend a few minutes in silence after prayer
2. **Find a physical church to attend**
 - It will take time. Plan on visiting several churches.
 - Look for a church where you feel comfortable with doctrine you agree with
 - Make sure the church has volunteer and classes you can attend
 - Participate!
3. **Start living what you are learning**
 - Are there people you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?
 - Where can you show kindness, generosity and love?
 - Can you find Christian music, media or social media?



2 Things to **Stop**

1. **Stop thinking you must be perfect**
 - God loves you. He gives you grace, mercy and love regardless of what you do
 - You will never get everything right and that is okay
2. **Don't go by how you feel**
 - Feelings are fleeting. God's love doesn't change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow
 - You might not always feel loved or successful, it doesn't mean you aren't. Stay the course.



1 Thing to **Remember**

- God is Love. God loves you and that is something that will never change. When you get it right, when you get it wrong, His love never changes. You are always loved by God.

