

Recommendations for NEW BELIEVERS

The Owner's Manual for Christians
Charles Swindoll, Thomas Nelson, c2009

Whether you're a new Christian or you've walked the road for decades, it's never too late to find the critical truths that make life make sense. We often start out believing that common sense will be enough, that we're prepared for the road ahead with our good values and quick thinking. It doesn't take long to learn otherwise. The Bible draws an incredible picture of how Christ can change our lives. Swindoll's book is a great summary of the major truths that anchor the Christian Life.

Who Is Jesus?
Greg Gilbert, Crossway, c2015

"This book does two things at once. It credibly places Jesus in the context of his own times, and shows why he cannot responsibly be left there. It is for those who have never thought about Jesus as well as those who think they know him all too well." Dr. Timothy George

This little book will be a great tool for introducing people to the most amazing person who ever lived. The author has the ability to make profound things simple. This is an invitation to the reader to come to know Jesus personally.

What Is the Gospel?
Greg Gilbert, Crossway, c2010

If you are a Christian, then the gospel calls you first of all to rest in Jesus Christ and to rejoice in the unassailable salvation he has won for you. That gospel should drive you to a deeper and livelier love for God's people, the church. This little book provides a biblically faithful explanation of the gospel and equips Christians to discern deviations from that glorious message.

Crazy Love
Francis Chan, David C. Cook, c2008

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts – it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, you will never be the same.

Bible Study Kit – I'm a Christian Now
Todd Capps, Lifeway Christian Resources, c2003

This kit is for grades 1 – 6. There are four one-hour meetings on a class for new Christians. It helps children understand what it means to be a Christian and a church member, what baptism and the Lord's Supper are all about, and the need for daily Bible reading and prayer. Four additional sessions are provided on worship, stewardship, missions, and Southern Baptist history and beliefs that can be printed from the CD-ROM. Other denominations can substitute their history and beliefs for this part.

***The New Believer's Guide to the Christian Life:
What Will Change, What Won't, and Why It Matters***
Alex Early, Bethany House, c2016

As a new believer, you may have questions about what to expect. You wonder how to please God, or what will happen if you mess up. But being a Christian isn't about what you do. It's about who you are: a child of God. And God loves his children unconditionally. Through his overwhelming love, he changes us from the inside out.

In this book, Alex Early gives a realistic depiction of the Christian life. He reveals what it means to find your identity in Christ and how to pray with honesty and transparency. Discover the secrets to living as a child of your heavenly Father.

New Believer's Guide to Effective Christian Living
Greg Laurie, Tyndale House, c2002

You have just decided to follow Jesus! Now what? You'll find biblical answers to your many questions in this clear, concise guide. Pastor Laurie reveals Jesus as your Savior, friend, and Lord; and tackles important topics including salvation, spiritual growth, Bible study, prayer, fellowship, overcoming temptation, facing problems, seeking God's will, sharing your faith and more.

New Christian's Handbook: Everything Believers Need to Know
Max Anders, Thomas Nelson, c2011

Here is a guide to the whats, whys, and hows of the Christian faith for new believers. Well-respected pastor Max Anders helps ground new Christians in the faith. Thirty-six, easy to follow chapters deepen your understanding of biblical doctrines, while helping you apply them to everyday life. Learn what God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit have done for the world and for you. Gain a better understanding of the spiritual world, salvation, and the Bible.

Everything a Child Should Know About God
Kenneth Taylor, 10Publishing, c2014

Encourage your little ones to learn and grow with God with *Everything a Child Should Know About God* from bestselling author Kenneth N. Taylor. Designed for parents to read aloud to children, this book features whimsical illustrations throughout, each chapter has a brief explanation and a related question to pose to children. Dr. Taylor explains in child-friendly language the essential Bible truths you want your child to know. This revised edition has a Bible reference on each page to help you show your children where these doctrines can be found in the Bible.

Gospel-Centered Teen Life
Robert Thune, New Growth Press, c2014

This book is a remarkable, easy-to-use resource to help teens go deeper into the glories of all that God has done for us in Christ. Important theological concepts including God's holiness, our sinfulness, and the relationship between the law and the gospel are explained in simple, clear, and compelling language. This is a resource that can simultaneously introduce teens to Christ and help committed Christians grow in their faith.

Disciplines of a Godly Young Man
Kent Hughes, Crossway, c2012

In a male culture marked by spiritual apathy and passivity, this book serves as a clarion call to single-minded discipline, radical purity, and kingdom purpose. Weaving together biblical wisdom and memorable illustrations from history and popular culture, this book provides clear and compelling guidance on every page.

Mere Christianity
C. S. Lewis, HarperOne; Revised & Enlarged edition c2015

One of the most popular introductions to Christian faith ever written, *Mere Christianity* has sold millions of copies worldwide. The book brings together C. S. Lewis's legendary broadcast talks of the war years, talks in which he set out simply to "explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, Lewis provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. It is a collection of scintillating brilliance that remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C. S. Lewis's reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age.

Disciplines of a Godly Young Woman
Barbara Hughes, Crossway, c2013

Combining biblical teaching, poignant stories, and insightful reflection questions, Barbara Hughes explores 15 vital disciplines in this classic book—helping us to mature as godly Christian women and giving meaningful shape to our lives.

A Little Book on the Christian Life
John Calvin, Reformation Trust, c2017

For centuries, disciples young and old have turned to this book for guidance in the Christian life. Today, it remains unique in its clear exposition of God's calling for Christians to pursue holiness, endure suffering, and fulfill their callings. This is a book for every Christian to pick up, read, and apply.

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
Donald White, NavPress, c2014

Drawn from a rich heritage, this book will guide you through a carefully selected array of disciplines. By illustration of why the disciplines are important, showing how each one will help you grow in godliness, and offering practical suggestions for cultivating them, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* will provide you with a refreshing opportunity to become more like Christ and grow in character and maturity. Now updated and revised to equip a new generation of readers, this anniversary edition features in-depth discussions on each of the key disciplines.

The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name
Sally Lloyd-Jones, Zondervan, c2007

If you are a parent, grandparent, pastor, or teacher looking for a way to teach the children in your life about God's "Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love," look no further than *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

Survival Kit: 5 Keys to Spiritual Growth
Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr., LifeWay, c1979

Helps new and growing Christians understand and deal with conflicts between old and new patterns of thoughts and habits. It also helps believers develop a regular pattern of quiet time, prayer, Bible study, and Scripture memorization.

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These recommendations are suggested titles for church libraries. All titles need to be evaluated against your church's selection policy and your church's disciple making process to determine if they are appropriate for your church.