

III. **GROW** THROUGH NEXT STEPS (1:6-8)

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”
II Peter 3:18

- A. Attend the **Worship Services** during #JESUS.
“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:25
- B. Complete the **Growth Guides** during #JESUS.
“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”
I Peter 2:2
- C. Participate in a **Growth Group** during #JESUS.
*“9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.
10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.”*
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

CONCLUSION:

“FOLLOW ME”

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.
Are You Following Christ?

#JESUS Becoming A Follower Of Jesus Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*
Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

- B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

TODAY	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
April 12	Why Follow Jesus
April 19	Following Jesus In Ministry
April 26	Following Jesus In Truth
May 3	Following Jesus In Habits
May 10	Following Jesus In The Home
May 17	Following Jesus In The Workplace
May 24	Following Jesus In Prayer
May 31	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

- C. **TEXT:** Colossians 1:1-8 (Pew Bible/Pg. 204/New Test.)

BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

I. HEAR THE GOSPEL (1:1-6)

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
Romans 10:17

A. The Gospel is centered in Jesus Christ (vs 1-4).

“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” ‘

I Corinthians 15:1-4

B. The Gospel is based on the Word of truth (v 5).

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 17:17

C. The Gospel is to be preached to the whole world (v 6a).

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

D. The Gospel is provided by the grace of God (v 6b).

“23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” Romans 3:23-24

II. BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST (1:4-5a)

“30 And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:30-31

A. Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is required for forgiveness and salvation (v 4).

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.”

34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.”

Acts 17:32,34

Three reactions to the resurrection:

- Some mocked (v 32a).
- Some delayed (v 32b).
- Some believed (v 34).

B. Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ results in eternal life and heaven (v 5a).

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23