The purpose of this *Fresh Start* session is to help you with your next steps.

*Peter said, “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* Acts 2:38 (MSG)

**So, the First Step Peter Instructs Us to Do Is ...**

1. **Turn to God.**
   
   a. **Submit Your _________**
      
      • Turning to God isn’t just going to Him when you have a problem; it’s submitting your will to Him.
      • When we turn to God, we don’t give up our will—we submit it to Him.
      • God’s part in this is to ___________ us how to use our ___: what to do, when to do it and where to do it.
      • Your part is to _____ ______.
   
   b. **Receive His _________**
      
      • What happens when we’re not obedient?
      • Jesus becomes our substitute. We use His perfection to cover our imperfection.
      
      • We have been made right with God because of Jesus.
      • So, even when we do something bad, we’re still right with God because of Jesus.
      • This is called grace.
      
      • Poor behavior still produces real consequences.
      • But because of the grace in Jesus Christ, we’re still right with God, and we have a simple solution: submit our will.
      
      • God’s part is to _____ the grace.
      • Your part is to _____ it.
   
   c. **Practical Next Step at Gateway Church**
      
      • *Foundations of Freedom* Classes (freedom.gatewaypeople.com)
The Second Step Peter Gives Us Is to ...

2. Be ____________.
   - The word “__________” means “________________.”

   a. It Represents New ______________
      - Baptism represents another birth through water—a spiritual birth.
      - You are a new life.
      - God’s part is to make the ____ ________.
      - Your part is to take the path through the ________.

   b. It Represents a ______________ from the Past
      - Baptism represents a place of strength.
      - It also represents a break from the past through the breath.
      - God’s part is to create the __________ through Jesus.
      - Your part is to not try to perform ________ on what is already dead.

   c. Practical Next Step at Gateway Church
      - Water Baptism (baptism.gatewaypeople.com)

The Third Step Peter Offers Us Is to Receive the Gift of the ...

3. Holy Spirit.
   - The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit is available for power.
   - Many of us have never heard about a Holy Spirit, have heard too many wacky stories about Him or have been taught that the Holy Spirit is not for today.
   - Until you recognize the Holy Spirit as a person, you’ll never be able to call Him your friend.
   - He’s not God’s spooky half-brother; He’s the whole expression of God’s goodness.
   - We need to spend less time running from The Helper (Holy Spirit) and focus on running to The Helper.
   - The Holy Spirit won’t leave you out-of-control, embarrassed and marginalized. He places you in the center of God’s plan—empowered and surrendered!

   Practical Next Steps at Gateway Church
   - Take the Baptism in the Holy Spirit class through Gateway Equip. (equip.gatewaypeople.com)
   - Gateway Adventure (adventure.gatewaypeople.com)