# **Next Steps**

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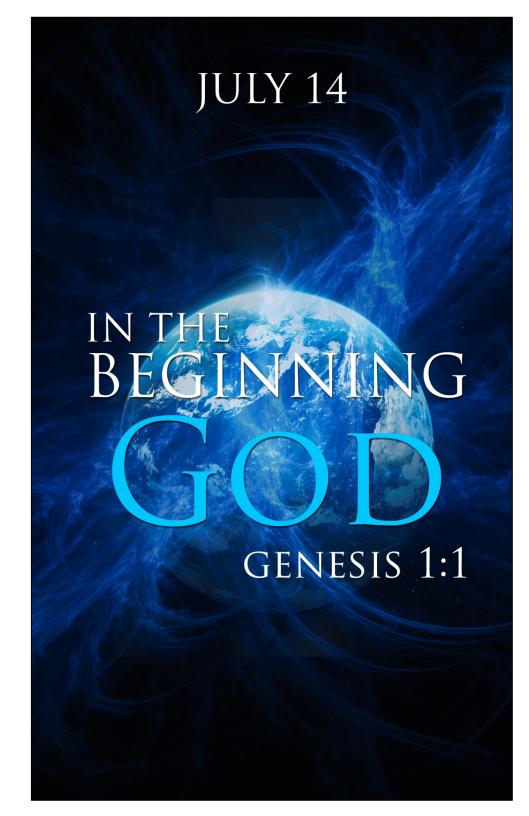
- ☐ Receiving Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the very first time.
- ☐ Trying to live a life that honors God.
- ☐ "Nipping" temptation at Steps 1 and 2.

# Ready to take the next step? CLASS 301 & 401 July 16th 6:00pm

If you have completed and committed to the principles covered in Class 101 & 201, call us at (478) 923-8822 or email info@harvestchurch4u.org to join Class 301 & 401.







# I. A Step-by-Step Guide on How to Sin [Genesis 3:1-7]

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"These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when it gives birth to death."	n sin is allowed to grow, James 1:15 (NLT)
Step 1:DOUBT God's word.	
"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animmade. One day he asked the woman, 'Did God really fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"	
Step 2: BelieveLIES	
"'You won't die!' the serpent replied to the woman."	Genesis 3:4 (NLT)
By mixing a little truth with it they had mad stronger. C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle	
Step 3: PutYOURSELF first.	
"The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree w fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it G	
"[Jesus] 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me."	
Step 4: Decide to doWHAT YOU W	/ANT
"So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she g husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too." 3:6b (NLT)	rave some to her Genesis
Step 5:DIE spiritually,DIE	physically.
" they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So together to cover themselves."	they sewed fig leaves Genesis 3:7 (NLT)
"And to the man He [God] said, 'Since you listened to y tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the grou	

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through

thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains." Genesis 3:17-18

you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow

(NLT)

# II Our Inadequate Strategy for Dealing with Sin

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1: WeCOVER UP (Shame).
"So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." Genesis 3:7b (NLT)
2: WeHIDE (Fear).
"He [Adam] replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."" Genesis 3:10 (NLT)
3: WeSHIFT BLAME (Blame).
"[Eve] The serpent deceived me,' she replied" Genesis 3:13b (NLT)
"The man replied, 'It was the woman You gave me'" Genesis 3:12 (NLT)
III. God's Strategy for Dealing with Sin
A Strategy ofGRACE
1: He made themCLOTHES
"And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife Genesis 3:21 (NLT)
2: He banned them from theGARDEN
"Then the Lord God said, 'Look, the human beings have become like Us,

knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!' So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden" Genesis 3:22-23a (NLT)

3: He provided a different way to the \_\_\_TREE OF LIFE\_\_\_.

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NLT)

"It [the river] flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship Him." Revelation 22:2-3 (NLT)