Salvation Steps and Growing in Christ

What are the basic steps for salvation?

1) **Faith** –
   John 3:16-17
   For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2) **Confession** –
   Romans 10:9-10
   If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

3) **Repentance** –

   Rom 3:22-24

   [22] This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

   Luke 15:7 "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

   Definition of Repentance:

   metanoeō -to repent, to change any or all of the elements composing one's life: attitude, thoughts and behaviors concerning the demands of God for right living

   metanoia – change of mind, repentance, the state of changing any or all of the elements composing one's life: attitude, thoughts and behaviors concerning the demands of God for right living; note that this state can refer to the foundational salvation event in Christ, or to on-going repentance in the Christian life

   Repentance is a change of mind, the way you think and the way you behave, bringing them into alignment of God's Word. Repentance is an on-going process in the Christian walk.

4) **Invitation** –
   Revelation 3:20 [Jesus speaking]
   Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
   Sample salvation prayer

Growing in Christ

1) **Read the Word** –
   Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

2) **Worship and Praise**
   Ps 150:1-6

   1 Praise the LORD.
   Praise God in his sanctuary;
   praise him in his mighty heavens.
   2 Praise him for his acts of power;
   praise him for his surpassing greatness.
   3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
   praise him with the harp and lyre,
   4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,
   praise him with the strings and pipe,
   5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,
   praise him with resounding cymbals.
   6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
   Praise the LORD.

3) **Prayer**
   Mt 6:9-13

   9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

   "'Our Father in heaven,
   hallowed be your name,
   10 your kingdom come,
   your will be done,
   on earth as it is in heaven.
   11 Give us today our daily bread.
   12 And forgive us our debts,
   as we also have forgiven our debtors.
   13 And lead us not into temptation,
   but deliver us from the evil one.'

4) **Fellowship**
   Heb 10:24-25
   24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

5) **Evangelism**

Mt 28:18-19

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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