

# Becoming a Christian

*God loves you and has a plan for your life!!!*

**H**is plan for you is perfect. He created you to *know Him* and *have a personal, eternal relationship with Him*. In **John 10:10** Jesus said, “*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*”

When we choose to go our own way – without God – we fall short of God’s perfect standard. This is actually rebelling against God, and it’s called sin. **Romans 3:23** says, “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*” Sin is the total opposite of God’s perfect character; therefore, sin separates us from God, making it impossible to have a relationship with Him. The remedy for this requires the most extreme penalty – death and eternal separation from God.

As imperfect beings, we cannot be good enough to make our own way to God. Knowing this, God Himself chose to provide the perfect payment for sin. He sent His Son Jesus to be born into this world, live, and die on a cross, ***in our place***. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, God bridged the gap between Himself and humanity, making it possible for us to have that personal relationship with Him. Therefore, **JESUS** is the **ONLY WAY** of getting to Heaven. (“**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**” **John 14:6**)

That was God’s part.

Our part is to *personally respond* to Jesus’ sacrifice. “**That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**” **Romans 10:9**

**I John 1:9** says, “**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” Therefore, we respond to God’s gift (the sacrifice of Jesus’ life on the cross) by ...

- Acknowledging that we have sinned, and confess this to Jesus
- Believing that Jesus is who He says He is (The Only Son of God),
- Committing our lives to Jesus by ...
  - Asking Jesus to forgive us for all our sins
  - Asking Him to come into our heart and be the Lord of our life
  - Turning from our old sinful life and accepting the new life that only Jesus can give.

Following God's plan does not mean that bad things will never happen to you. Nor does it mean that you won't ever "mess up". It simply means that, when you allow Jesus to be the Lord of your life, He can direct your life in such a way that "all things will work together for your good" (Romans 8:28).

Now that you've read this article, you may be feeling an uneasiness in your chest, like something is stirring in your spirit. That's God's Holy Spirit helping you to realize that this is for **YOU**. He wants you to respond – **even now!!!**

If you are ready to commit your life to Jesus, would you pray this prayer (or one similar to it)?

**“Lord Jesus, I confess that I've been living life on my own and I've sinned against you. I do believe that you are the Only Son of God, that you died in MY place, and that you rose from the dead. I believe you have the power and authority to give me a brand new life.**

**Lord Jesus, I surrender myself to you right now. Please have mercy on me and forgive me of all my sins. Please come into my heart and be the Lord of my life. Please give me the boldness to confess my faith in you before others.**

**Thank you, Jesus, for your miracle of New Life to me.**

**I ask this in Your name, Jesus.  
Amen.”**

If you prayed this prayer and **meant it**, you are now a **Christian**, i.e., **a child of God**. Your sins are totally wiped away. (“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12) The old “you” is gone and you are a new person through Jesus Christ. (“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Corinthians 5:17)

When God looks at you now, he sees you through the precious, redeeming blood of His Son, Jesus. He does not see your past mistakes, failures, sins. He sees a brand new person made in the likeness of His Son Jesus.

To help you confirm your decision, you need to tell someone about your new-found faith in Christ Jesus. This will also inspire you to continue on in your new life and demonstrate a real change.

Start praying (talking to God) and listening to Him. This will keep you connected to His power and His guidance.

Every day, diligently read The Holy Bible, God's love letter to you. By doing so, you will get to know Him better and begin to understand what His Will is for your life.

Find a strong, Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church and get involved in it. This, too, will help you to grow spiritually, and, it will provide accountability for you as well.

Also, if you would like to do so, you could go to our website's [Contact Page](#) and call or email us of your decision today. Then, we will pray diligently for you in your new life with Christ Jesus.