



How to Become a Christian

We do not become a Christian by attending church, praying a special prayer, taking communion, doing good deeds, or donating a lot of money to a worthy cause. They're all part of the Christian life, but they're not what "saves" us. Keep reading to learn how to become a Christian.

The word, "Christian" means "little Christ" and was first given to the Jesus-believers in Antioch because they lived and behaved as Jesus commanded. ([Acts 11:26](#)) They acted like Jesus. When we become a Christian, we want to act like Him, too. Today we call people who believe and follow Jesus "disciples."

I'm a good person. Why do I need to be saved?

"...There is none righteous, not even one;" Romans 3:10

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

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

The Bible tells us everyone has sinned (missed the mark of God's standards) even the people who do the most good and seem like the nicest people. No one is righteous in comparison to God. The cost, or payment, for sin is death and eternity in Hell.

We can only have eternal life in heaven if we accept God's free gift of Jesus.

I do a lot of good deeds. Why would God send me to hell?

The Lord...is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God doesn't send anyone to hell. The choice of heaven or hell is ours. We can spend eternity in heaven if we choose to accept Jesus Christ as payment for our sins, and follow Him. If we choose to reject Jesus and live our own way (continue to sin), keep our sin debt, we make a choice to spend eternity in hell. It's that simple. It's that hard.

I want Jesus! What do I do?

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Romans 10:9, 10

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

When we "confess" Jesus as Lord, we say aloud what we are convinced is true. Words, though, are not enough. It's one thing to say "Jesus is Lord". It's another thing to be so convinced that we make Him our Lord by obeying what He said. We learn what Jesus expects us to do by studying the Bible. A good place to start is the [gospel of John](#). Are you ready to accept Christ? We're here to help. [Click here to contact us for more information.](#)

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?'And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39