
What Matters Most

Welcome, friend! I am so grateful that God has brought you to this page. Nothing in life is as important as this. Please find a quiet spot and ask God to open your heart before you start. I'm praying for you!

What is a "Christian"?

Being a Christian is not simply a matter of believing in God or attending church regularly. It is not something that comes about from doing neighborly deeds or being a good person. A Christian is someone who belongs to Christ and finds their identity in Him. A Christian is a person who has accepted Christ as her own personal Savior, making Him the Lord of her life. Being a Christian is a matter of heart and soul.

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.
John 3:16

Do You Need a Savior?

To be a Christian, you have to acknowledge who you really are. As they say in rehab, "admitting you have a problem is the first step." You have to allow God to humble you and strip you of your pride to take this first step. You have to be ready to say, "I can't do this on my own God, I can't be good enough to save myself. I need You, Jesus."

We are all sinners. Not one of us has lived a perfect, sin-free life. Maybe you have never committed murder or adultery, but have you ever had an unkind or lustful thought? Maybe you don't make lying a habit, but have you ever stretched the truth?

You have sinned in some way and the punishment for any sin is death. In Old Testament times they sacrificed their best animals to God as atonement (payment) for their sins. These substitute sacrifices had to be made over and over again. We no longer sacrifice animals, and it is not because it is socially unacceptable. It is because Jesus, who lived a sin-free life, was the perfect lamb, the perfect sacrifice. His death paid the price for *all* sins of *all* humanity for *all* time.

If His death covered all sins for everyone, why isn't everyone saved? Because not everyone *accepts* Christ's death on the cross for their sins.

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
James 4:17

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

The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

What If I'm Not Good Enough to Be Forgiven?

No one is. Please do not wait until you get your life "right" to turn to Christ. Do not wait until things are "under control". Don't wait until you are desperate and have no where to turn. Christ wants you to come to Him today, right now, and to not wait a moment longer. Life is uncertain and you may not have another opportunity. Do not wait to make this decision. God has led you to this page for a reason. Make your decision for Christ today.

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous and the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

What If My Sins Are Too Great to Forgive?

If you are someone in this world, which you are, Jesus died to forgive *your* sins. ALL your sins, no matter how "big" they might be. This is not about the greatness of your sins; it is about the greatness of Christ and His sacrifice for you. His willful death is more powerful than any sins you have committed.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

You may still face the consequences of your sins while you are on earth, but you are forgiven and in right standing before God when you accept Jesus' sacrificial death as payment for your sins.

So, What Do I Do?

You have to 1) believe in Jesus Christ, 2) acknowledge that you are a sinner and confess your sins to Him, and 3) ask Him to be Lord of your life.

Jesus replied, "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

1. Believe in Jesus Christ

You must believe Jesus is who He says He is: fully man and fully God at the same time. You must believe He lived a perfect life, died by crucifixion on a cross, overcame death to rise again, and is now with the Father, God, in Heaven.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25

2. Acknowledge and Confess Your Sins

Take time to think about the sins you have committed: people you have wronged or need to forgive, impure thoughts and actions, lies, pride, and things you have made more important than God in your life. Ask God to help you see your sins. Then confess your sins to Christ and ask Him to forgive you.

3. Invite Jesus Christ to be Your Lord and Savior

Choose to turn your life over to Christ. Give Him permission to work on and in your heart to be all He desires you to be. Stop worrying and instead rest in the knowledge that you are secure in the arms of your Creator who loves you. Give Him control of your life. Seek His guidance in all you do and live your life for His glory and His approval. Your life won't instantly be perfect, but as you grow in Him you will find peace, joy, protection, and much more.

You don't have to know or understand everything about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, or the Bible. You just have to choose to believe.

All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. Acts 10:43

*...the son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins...
Matthew 9:6*

Really, That's All?

I know, it sounds too easy, doesn't it? It is that easy, but, at the same time, not that easy. It has to be more than merely saying the words. It has to be a desire to have a new heart and a new life.

You need to renew your commitment to Christ daily and seek a growing, personal relationship with Him. You need to get to know Him by reading your Bible and praying. Think of it as a great romance. If you had a new boyfriend, you would do all you could to spend time with Him, talk with Him, and learn more about Him. You also need to find a Bible-believing church to attend regularly and fellowship with other believers.

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10

My friend, did you make the decision? Did you turn your life over to Christ? If you did not, think about why you chose not to and then ask God to show you the truth. If you did make the decision, I want to be the first to welcome you to the family. You need to tell someone!! You need to tell me! Oh how I look forward to seeing you when we all get home. God bless you!!

Share your heart with God:
