

HOW CAN I KNOW JESUS?

Remember, Jesus Christ wants to have a personal relationship with you. He wants to revolutionize your life and give you hope. He wants to give you a fresh start. As God's creation, you were built for relationship with Him. He loves you and offers to take control of your life.

God's Love

"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 NIV](#)).

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful] ([John 10:10](#)).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life? Because man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.

Man Is Sinful

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)).

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Man Is Separated

"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God] ([Romans 6:23](#)).

God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. Man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but he inevitably fails.

But, there is hope.

The only provision for man's sin is Jesus Christ. Through Him, you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

He Died in Our Place

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

He Rose From the Dead

"Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..."([1 Corinthians 15:3-6](#)).

He Is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me'" ([John 14:6](#)).

God has bridged the gulf which separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

We must individually RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

We Must Receive Christ

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" ([John 1:12](#))

We Receive Christ Through Faith

"By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" ([Ephesians 2:8,9](#)).

Repent (Turn around and go toward God)

The Bible tells us, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." The word "repentance" in the New Testament usually translated "repent" is the Greek word "metanoeo," and the word translated "repentance" is "metanoia." Both of these Greek words have the same basic meaning: "to change your mind; reconsider; or, to think differently." As the Lord leads us to be able to "think differently" about sin and God's holiness and salvation, this should result in a willingness to turn from sin and turn to God by "faith" in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross alone that accomplished our redemption. Salvation is an unearned gift of God's grace, not a result of a one's works. This is the only way to come into a relationship with God. Instead of running from God, we can run toward Him. ([Acts 3:19](#)) & ([2 Corinthians 7:10](#)) & ([2 Peter 3:9](#))

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read [John 3:1-8](#).)

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" ([Revelation 3:20](#)).

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.

You can receive Christ right now by faith, through a simple prayer. (Prayer is talking to God.)

God knows your heart and is not as concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. Here are some thoughts to guide you:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

If you have prayed to receive Jesus since reading this page, please [CLICK HERE](#) and let us know!