

## How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. I CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

*"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast."* EPHESIANS 2:8, 9

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## *Shocking Encounters with Grace*

### The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 7:36-50

*Jesus came to be a friend of sinners so that he might redeem them through grace and the forgiveness of sin producing a magnitude of gratitude that is amazing!*

### Engaging Seekers and Sinners vv. 36-39

### Reclining with a Pharisee

*Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume,*

LUKE 7:36-37 (NIV)

- We need to be ready to respond to those that are \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is.

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

1 PETER 3:15 (NIV)

## Received by a Sinner

*and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."*

LUKE 7:38-39 (NIV)

- We need to be willing to associate with \_\_\_\_\_ so they can come to know and be changed by Jesus personally.

*I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.*

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10 (NIV)

## Explaining the Power of Grace and Forgiveness

vv. 40-47

### The Lesson Explained

*Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.*

LUKE 7:40-43 (NIV)

- Forgiveness provided an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Lesson Illustrated

*Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."*

LUKE 7:44-47 (NIV)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of our gratitude towards God's forgiveness is determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sinfulness.

## Extending Grace and Forgiveness vv. 48-50

*Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

LUKE 7:48-50 (NIV)

- Have you been forgiven \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- What are the obstacles keeping you from coming to Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- \_\_\_\_\_ results in salvation.