

- 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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How to Amaze Jesus!

The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 7:1-10

The Centurion—A Man of Authority Seeks Jesus

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." LUKE 7:1-5

- The Place: Capernaum
- The Problem: Sickness
- The Players:
 - The Centurion
 - The Valued Servant
 - The Elders of the Synagogue
 - Jesus
- The Proposition: Extend mercy because of _____.

Jesus—The One of Authority Responds to Faith

So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

- God came, God seeks, God goes... v. 6A
- Humility: What God _____ vv. 6B-7A

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

JAMES 4:6 (NIV)

- Understanding Jesus’ authority as God’s Own
vv. 7B-8
- Responding to God correctly through _____

Faith in the God of All Authority—Amazes

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

- Jesus is _____! v. 9A

- Great faith is _____ v. 9B

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
HEBREWS 11:6 (NIV)

- Mercy is extended by grace through _____ v. 10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NIV)

What Do You Believe About Jesus?

- His authority
- His approachability
- His response to our faith in Him

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