

## 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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### *Hungry?*

#### The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 9:10-17



#### Setting: Jesus Teaching His Men and the Crowds

*When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.*

LUKE 9:10-11 (NIV)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ those that are seeking.

Jesus' concern is both \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ health.

## Problem: Growing Hunger and Short Supplies

*Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.)*

LUKE 9:12-14A (NIV)

Jesus may ask us to do what we could \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ without Him in order to build our trust.

He can \_\_\_\_\_ what we bring  
to Him.

## Solution: Jesus

*But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." The disciples did so, and everybody sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.*

LUKE 9:14B-17 (NIV)

He is the \_\_\_\_\_ for supply and ministry.

The miracle was \_\_\_\_\_ mostly by the  
disciples and enjoyed by the people.

## Lessons for the Crowds...and Us

Jesus, as the bread of life, is the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
eternal life and deep satisfaction.

*Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*

JOHN 6:35 (NIV)

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

JOHN 6:51 (NIV)

We are to work for what will last—the work God  
requires is: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

JOHN 6:28-29 (NIV)

"Eating His body and drinking His blood" means to  
trust in \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins and live from  
\_\_\_\_\_ that He gives.

*This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

JOHN 6:51B (NIV)

*For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.*

JOHN 6:55-56 (NIV)