

Do You Want to Save Your Life, and be Welcomed by God and His Angels?

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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Sermon Notes

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Who Is Jesus and What Does It Matter?

The God Who Seeks and Saves

Luke 9:18-27

Jesus Brings the Question

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

LUKE 9:18-20 (NIV)

Popular Answers:

Wise _____

_____ of God

_____ Man

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg—or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."

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Peter's Answer:

Christ = Messiah = _____

To be God's anointed is to be chosen and appointed for _____.

Jesus Clarifies Meaning and Mission

Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

LUKE 9:20-21 (NIV)

Revelation and Timing v. 21

Living in a Sinful World v. 22A

Suffering (Isaiah 53)

Rejection

Concurring Sinful World v. 22B

Death

Resurrection

Jesus Calls Disciples to Follow

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

LUKE 9:23-27 (NIV)

First Steps in "Coming After" Jesus v. 23

Deny Self

Take up Cross

Follow

Common "Missteps"

Error 1: _____ misstep

Error 2: _____ misstep

Cautions and "Misdirections" v. 24-27