

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 (NIV)

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Our Children

Great Themes: Remember What God Has Done

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

DEUTERONOMY 4:9

Preparation and Perspective

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-3 (NIV)

Understanding Obedience vv. 1, 3

- Obedience is based on _____ and acting on God's Word.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

JAMES 1:22 (ESV)

- Obedience is _____ as God desires.

Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

DEUTERONOMY 5:33 (NIV)

- Obedience is motivated by our _____ of God.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

JOHN 14:21 (NIV)

- Obedience is an expression of _____ in God's faithfulness.

- Obedience _____ for growth and blessing—it _____ it.

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed [faith] the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

GALATIANS 3:2-3 (NIV)

Understanding Impact v. 2

- Fear of the Lord
- Children's children

Start with the Love for God

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 (NIV)

The Great Shama v. 4 שמע

The Greatest Commandment v. 5

Look for Teachable Moments

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9 (NIV)

Getting It in Your Heart First v. 6

Impressing Your Children v. 7

- In your _____
- When you are _____ and reclining
- As you _____
- At the _____ of the day
- At the _____ of the day

God Ever Before You and Your Household vv. 8, 9

Keep It Simple

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

MATTHEW 19:14 (NIV)