

## 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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## *What is Spirituality?*

### Introduction and Overview

### Introduction: False Notions of Spirituality

- Pharisees:
- Monastics:
- Mystics:
- Perfectionists:
- Gnostics:

Spirituality = Wisdom = The \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical Knowledge
- Motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord
- The Fruit of \_\_\_\_\_

### I. The Three Tenses of Salvation: The Doctrinal Context of the Spiritual Life

#### Are You Saved???

- Definitely!
- Somewhat
- Not now, but I will be someday.
- All of the above

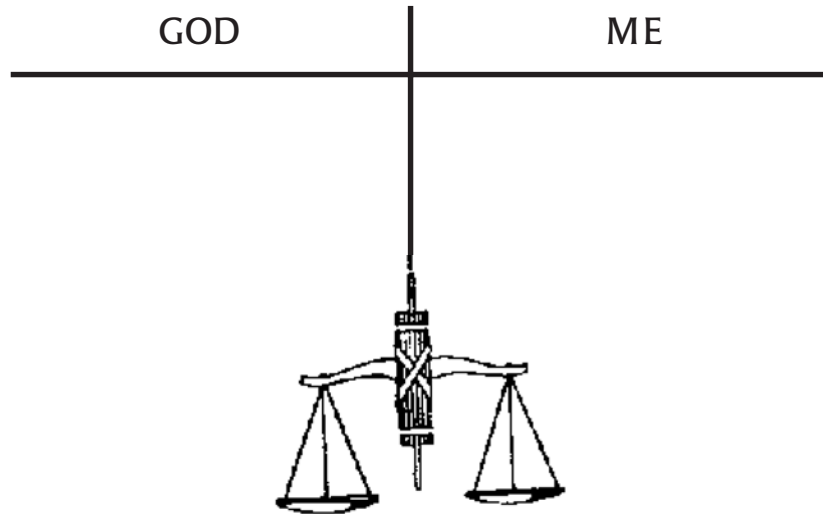


Past	Present	Future
<i>"I have been saved."</i>	<i>"I am being saved."</i>	<i>"I shall be saved."</i>

From: The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

Term:      Justification                  Sanctification                  Glorification

## II. The Balance: Who is Responsible for My Spiritual Life



*Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

– PHILLIPIANS 2:12-13

## III. The Process: Biblical Imagery of the Spiritual Life

His View  
of Me



My View  
of Me



My Responses



## Conclusion: The Ordinance of the Spiritual Life

