

First Steps for New Believers

Congratulations on your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. You are now God's child and He loves you unconditionally. Welcome to the family of God! As a brand new child of God, you need the following to help you begin to grow in Christ:

You Need a Spiritual FAMILY - a Church Home.

Find a good Church family where you can grow in your faith. A good church will preach that the Bible is God's Word, Jesus is God's Son who died for our sins and rose again, Salvation is earned by God's grace through faith (from start to finish), genuine believers are eternally secure in Christ, Heaven and Hell are real, God exists as a Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and baptism is for believers and is by immersion.

Follow Christ's first command to new believers by being baptized by immersion as a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

You Need Spiritual Food - The Bible

Begin reading your Bible daily. John, Romans, Mark, & Proverbs are great starting points.

You Need a Spiritual Friend - Jesus

Begin praying daily, confessing your failures, asking help for your needs, thanking, and growing in getting to know God, surrendering to Him daily and asking for His strength to live the Christian Life.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

The Bible tells us, *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:12-13)*

According to these verses, if you have believed (trusted) Christ for salvation, you have (right now) ETERNAL life because you have the Son of God. Since there is no end to eternity you cannot lose this life. Knowing this also helps us continue to believe or trust Christ day by day.

Date I accepted Christ: _____

Person who Shared Christ with Me: _____

ETERNAL LIFE



YOU CAN KNOW FOR SURE

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If you accepted Christ through this Gospel Tract, we would love to hear from you.
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Man's Greatest Misunderstanding

Good people go to Heaven and
Bad people go to Hell

God's Truth

**We cannot get
to Heaven
by being good**

We are all sinners & cannot save ourselves.

What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for...are all under sin. As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...there is none that doeth good, no, not one...there is no difference: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:9-10,12b, 23

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.... Isaiah 53:6a

We are either *sinful* or *sinless* and no one is sinless. Just as in any earthly court, it only takes *one* to be guilty before God. James 2:10-11, 5:48

Salvation cannot be by good works for we would break any seven commands God gave.

...For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Galatians 3:12-22

Illustration

Even in Eden when man was given the entire planet with just one tree/sin to avoid, man broke even that simple command.

All men would therefore be lost unless God provided salvation freely by grace through faith.

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace...

Romans 4:16a

God loves us and wants us in Heaven, but our sin separates us from God – so God has a Plan.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Christ Paid our Way to Heaven on the Cross

**We deserve to be punished
for our own sins.**

"The wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23a

**Christ is our Savior Who Paid the Penalty
of our sin on the Cross.**

But God commendeth [proved] his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

What did we owe? *Death* -Romans 6:23

What did Christ pay? *Death* -Romans 5:8

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray...and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all...for the transgression of my people was He stricken...Thou shalt make Him an offering for sin...for He shall bear their iniquities. And He bare the sin of many... Isaiah 53:4-12

**If we could get to Heaven by being good,
Christ would have died for nothing.**

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by [obeying] the law, then Christ is dead in vain. Galatians 2:21

Illustration

Any earthly judge who cast aside justice and did not punish a wicked murderer, merely because of a personal relationship with the guilty, would be an unjust Judge. Even so God, as the holy Creator, Lawgiver, and Judge of mankind, could not justly set aside justice - simply because of His love for us. What He did do was pronounce us guilty, sentence us to death, and then step down from Heaven, to become Man, and then satisfy justice by dying in our place. (Rom. 3:19; 1 Peter 3:18)

Heaven is a FREE GIFT accepted by Faith

*...But the **gift** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23b*

**We receive this Free Gift
By Asking and Believing.**

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:9-10,13

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no man be justified. Gal. 2:16

Will YOU Believe in Christ?

Who hath believed our report? Isaiah 53:1a

...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved... Acts 16:31

- A – Admit you are a Sinner who cannot save yourself.**
B – Believe on Christ as the Savior who Died for you.
C – Call on the Lord Jesus and ask Him to save you.

We Must Trust Christ Alone

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. John 14:6

Many have asked Christ to save them, but without repentance (Lk 13:3) or without fully transferring their trust for salvation from themselves to Christ (Phil 3:4-9). We must trust Christ ALONE, not Christ **and** our own good works, religion, church membership, baptism or even a prayer.

Sample Prayer

Jesus, I know I am a sinner who deserves to be punished for my own sins in Hell, but I believe that You were punished in my place when You died for me and rose again. I know I can do nothing to save myself, so I now repent of my sins and trust in You alone as my Savior. Please forgive my sins, save my soul & give me a home in heaven. Come into my heart and take over my life, for I give it to you right now. Thank you for hearing & answering this prayer and for saving my soul. Amen.