

THE STEPS TO BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the grave and has defeated death. Some of you are asking, "How do I become a Christian and really know that Jesus has saved me?"

1. This man is *disobeying God* (**1 John 3:4**). He does not want to follow God but he is selfish and wants to please himself. He is *on the way to eternal death* and destruction. **Romans 3:23** says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (NIV). **Romans 6:23** says, "For the wages of sin is death" (NIV).
2. **Revelation 21:8** tells us that if we keep on sinning and disobeying God's laws, we will be separated from God forever. God has prepared a place for those people. "The place for them is the lake burning with fire and sulfur."
3. *God loves us* and does not want anyone to be destroyed in the lake of fire. He has made a way for us to be set free. "...God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners Christ died for us" **Romans 5:8**. God sent the Holy Spirit who uses the Word of God to convict us of our sins. Some times God speaks to people through dreams and visions as well. This man has been convicted. He feels really ashamed and wants to get rid of his sinful ways. He does not want to be separated from God but wants to be united with God and to start on his way to heaven. He *repents* of his sins and *turns to God* (**Acts 3:19**).
4. He prays and *confesses* all of his sins to God. He does not hide anything. He wants Jesus to take away all of his sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" **1 John 1:9** (NIV)
5. This man *believes* that God gave Jesus as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. God forgives the sins of those who have faith that the blood of Jesus takes away our sins and sets us free (**Ephesians 1:7 and Romans 3:25**). This man prayed a prayer like this, "Jesus, I am a sinner. I've disobeyed you and done many bad and wrong things in my life. I am really sorry. I want to be finished with the evil ways of my sinful life. I want you, Jesus, to come into my life. I believe that you died on the cross to take away my sins. Please take away all my sins, clean my heart and make me a new person. Jesus, I want to follow you. Thank you for all you have done for me." This man believes Jesus died on the cross to change his life. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8 (NIV).
6. Jesus heard this man's sincere prayer and has cleansed his heart and changed his life. Now he is free from the bondage of sin. He is rejoicing and filled with God's peace. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" **2 Corinthians 5: 17** (NIV). We have looked at the steps to becoming a Christian. *Where are you on this road?* If you are on the wrong road that leads to the lake of fire you can come off that road right now, and receive forgiveness and new life in Christ as you follow the road that leads to heaven.

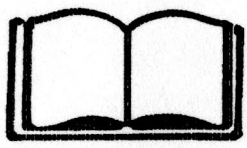
To become a true Christian and to have Christ living in your heart, you must do the following things.

- You *must know that you have sinned* and are *far away from God*.
 - Know that *God loves you* and wants to give you a new life.
 - Feel really *sorry* about your sins and *sincerely repent*.
 - Pray and *confess* all your sins to God.
 - *Believe* that Jesus died on the cross to take away your sins and that he has forgiven you.
 - Realize that it is by *God's grace* that you are now saved through *faith in Jesus*.
 - *Testify* of what God has done in your life.
7. A Christian must be a *witness for Jesus* (**Romans 10:10**). Christians must tell others what Jesus has done for them. When we repent and believe in Jesus as our Savior, he gives us new peace and joy. Our lives are changed and we no longer want to do the things we used to do. It is good to tell others what Jesus has done for us. Jesus told the man who was set free from many evil spirits, "Go back home and tell what *God* has done for you," **Luke 8:39**. We want to do the same, always giving the glory to God. If we do this, two things will happen:
 - We will grow stronger in our Christian lives.
 - Some of our friends and family will become Christians.

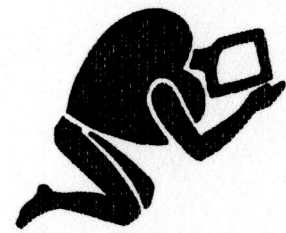
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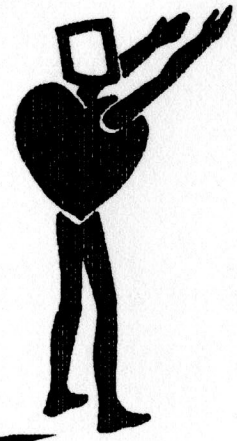
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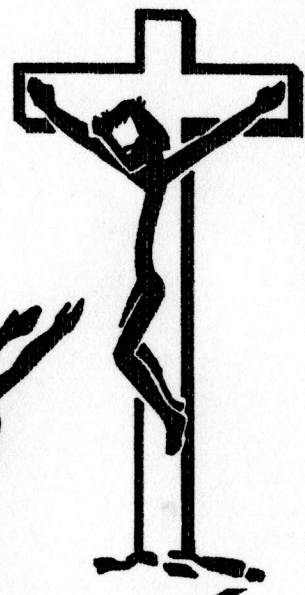


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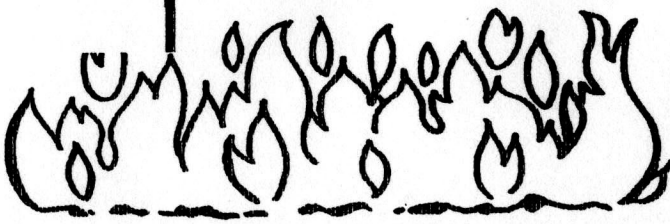


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2 COR 5.17



ROM 6.23, REV 21.8

