

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS AND HIS CHRISTIANITY?

It is easier to make a decision when you can decide without a lot of outside pressure.

It's easier to make a decision when you have adequate facts.

And, it is a lot easier when you can try something out.

Steps Into Life
With Jesus

How to Become a Christian

Introduction

You Need More Information

It's hard for you to make decisions when you don't feel like you have all the information. If there have been times when people tried to get you to become a Christian, you probably felt uneasy about it. Questions probably popped up in your mind like: What does that mean? If I did, what would happen to me? Why do I need to become a Christian? What kind of things would I have to do or quit doing to become a Christian?

Taking A Test Drive

One of the best ways to find out what something is all about is to try a sample or give something a try. If there are no risks involved, no strings attached, and no hidden side-effects, then you could give something a try and find out for yourself. Jesus allows you to do that with Him. He knows you can't make a knowledgeable decision unless you have adequate facts. Trying Christianity out is a lot better than taking someone's word for what it means to them.

Examining This Pamphlet

The purpose of this little booklet is to explain to you what it would take to become a Christian. It doesn't try to "sell" you on the benefits of Christianity. There are a lot of Christians who would be more than willing to do that for you. This pamphlet is simply suggesting that you read the whole thing and see what you think. If after reading it through, you are willing to give Jesus and Christianity a try, then you would start at the beginning and follow the instructions.

Giving It Some Thought

There is no rush. If you want to, you could pray and ask Jesus to help you make this decision. Since this booklet is explaining how to establish a relationship with Him, you might want to talk it over with Him first. If you have any questions you would like to ask Him, He is right there with you ready to cause ideas to pop up in your mind that give you a better understanding about Him and His Christianity.

Take A Chance

The best way to experience Jesus is still the one where you simply follow these steps and let Jesus come into your life. The one main thing about Jesus that you really need to understand is, He WON'T do anything to you, for you, with you, in you or through you without your permission. The reason trying Christianity out is such a good idea is, Jesus is waiting for you to make this move before He starts offering you a chance to experience Him and Christianity.

If You Don't Want To

If you aren't quite ready to make this move, please don't throw this booklet away. Keep it just in case you change your mind. A lot of things can happen to you where you will need Jesus. These steps would open the door for you and Jesus to work together to solve the problem.

How to Become a Christian By Praying The Lord's Prayer

Asking For Forgiveness

Here is the prayer Jesus told everyone to pray on a daily basis: **Matthew 6:9-13** **This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts (sins), as we also have forgiven our debtors (those who have sinned against us). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."** This is the prayer you need to pray in order to invite Jesus into your life. However, it needs to be slightly modified so you can make it YOUR prayer.

Your Prayer Asking for Salvation

Through the prayer you are about to pray, Jesus will forgive you and cleanse you from EVERY sin you have ever committed. When you sin or do things that hurt you and those around you, you become infected with a spiritual disease. Sin is a spiritual disease that is extremely contagious and very deadly. If Jesus doesn't cure you, then you will NOT be able to enter His eternal Kingdom. He WILL NOT allow even one sin into His eternal Kingdom because it would bring the same wars, diseases, calamities, pestilence, famines, plagues, and death that is being experienced here on earth.

Here's How It Works

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. Jesus died in your place, shed His blood for your sins, and provided you with a healing that is supernatural and God-sized. You may not understand what all this means; but, just like you may not understand what a certain medicine does so as to cure you, you take it because your doctor does understand what it does.

Here's The Problem

You may not understand or be aware of all the things you have done to yourself and those around you that Jesus calls sins; but, He does. There is a record that lists off EVERY sin you have committed against yourself, other people, and God's plan. This list has recorded every person you have hurt intentionally and accidentally. It lists all the good things you should have done but didn't.

Here's Where You Come In

If you decide you really aren't all that bad and refuse to admit that you have been infected with the spiritual disease of sin, the prayer you are about to pray won't cure you. **1 John 1:8 (NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.** You have to be willing to accept the fact that you have hurt yourself, other people, and God's purpose for you. That means you ARE infected with the sin disease and ARE a carrier.

Here's Where You Understand Why It Takes What It Takes

Rev 21:27 (NIV) Nothing impure will ever enter it (God's Kingdom), nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. All you have to understand is, one sin (a wrong, bad, or evil thing you have done against yourself, others, and God's plan) WILL exclude you from God's eternal Kingdom. This is because all sin has to be excluded from a perfect Kingdom. BUT, there IS a cure!

Here's Where You Get Honest with Yourself

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we CONFESS our sins, He is faithful and just and WILL forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If you can admit this, then you will be able to honestly pray a prayer where Jesus **will forgive you your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness.** The definition of the word "unrighteousness" is: a wrong, bad, or evil thing you have done against yourself, others, and God's plan. Are you ready to pray Jesus' prayer He gave you so you can be cured of EVERY sin you have EVER committed?

Your Cure and Your Healing

Jesus' Prayer Modified for You:

Pray this prayer several times so you will be able to understand what it is you are asking for: **My Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth and in my life as it is in heaven. Give me today my daily bread. Forgive me my sins (debts), as I also have forgiven those who have sinned against me (debtors). And lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from the evil one.**

You Are NOW Forgiven!

Here is 1 John 1:9 modified so as to show you what Jesus just did for you: **If you confess your sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive you your sins and purify you from all unrighteousness.** Because you prayed this prayer, ALL your past, present, and future sins HAVE been forgiven. What Jesus did on the cross allowed you to get these results through that prayer.

Your First Christian Assignment

Now, there are a couple of things you need to do since you ARE a child of God. The reason you prayed, **forgive me my sins (debts), as I also have forgiven those who have sinned against me (debtors).** is because of this VERY important rule God has: **Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV) For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

Your First Christian Deed

This isn't something you can start and finish today. Jesus will be bringing people into your mind a few at a time for you to forgive for what they did to you. He forgave you of a tremendous number of sins, many that you didn't even realize they were all that bad. Now He wants you to do the same for those who have sinned against you. Jesus will use the fact that you forgave them as a way for Him to forgive THEM from what they did to you. Plus, when you forgive others, Jesus will heal your heart from the damage other's sins have done to you.

Starting On A Journey Of Faith

From this point on, you are doing these things as a Christian, a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. These are simple things that are an important part of your life as a Christian. Get familiar with them so you can start LIVING the Christian life.

Learning How to Get Jesus' Help and Power

From now on, as Jesus brings people to mind, you will be forgiving others for what they have done to you. If Jesus brings someone to mind that you feel like you can't forgive, simply pray and ask Him to help you forgive them. He will give you His power to forgive.

Learning How to Use Confession and Faith

Another thing you will add to your Christian lifestyle is, finding out about the power of confession and faith. These next two Bible verses will put the finishing touches on your daily journey as a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His eternal Kingdom: **Rom 10:9 (NIV)** **That if you CONFESS with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and BELIEVE in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved.**

STEP ONE: Learning How to Start Using Your Mouth to Speak the Truth

CONFESS with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." This must be done out loud right now. And it is to be done with all of your friends and acquaintances later. On a regular basis you must be willing to let people know Jesus is your Lord. Make sure you are never ashamed of this fact: **Luke 9:26 (NIV)** **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.**

STEP TWO: Learning How to Start Believing the Truth

Here's what you are to do next; and, this also must be done for the rest of your life: **BELIEVE in your heart that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead.** This is a simple matter of being aware that Jesus is ALIVE! All you have to do is accept the fact that He died on the cross and then three days later He rose from the dead. **Rom 6:9-10 (NIV)** **For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for ALL; but the life He lives, He lives to God.**

Here's Why You Confess And Believe

Rom 10:10 (NIV) **For it is with your heart that you BELIEVE and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you CONFESS and are saved.** Justified means you have a perfectly clean record with God. He accepts Jesus' death as your death and gives you direct access to Himself. Just as soon as you prayed Jesus' prayer, started forgiving those Jesus brings into your memory from time to time, and did what Romans 10:9 told you to do, you were given a perfectly clean record with God. That means you were miraculously cured of the spiritual disease of sin!

Saved means you were made into a new person; it will take training, miracles, healings, and transformation for you to take advantage of this incredible miracle. But, when you do something accidentally that is wrong, bad, or evil, the sacrifice Jesus made in your behalf on the cross places a powerful spiritual antibody inside you. It deactivates the thing that would have been a sin.

Becoming A Successful Christian

Learning That You Have Been Made New

2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Jesus explained this as a new birth: **John 3:3 (NIV) In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born AGAIN.”** First, you were born as a human. That gave you the right to be **born AGAIN** as a child of God. **John 3:6 (NIV) Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** You experienced a miracle. You were born as a child of God through the above procedures. Congratulations!!!!

Special Feelings May Come Later

When you buy a powerful new tool, it may not make you feel any different. However, that tool will enable you to do things you couldn't do before. This is a new life just like it was your first time to be a human. The new infant typically has all the physical equipment. It is just very small and very uncoordinated. They are every bit a human. But they have a lot to learn about how to use their body and help it reach its full potential. There will be physical growth. And, there will be growth in their skills, abilities, talents, experiences, and training.

Learning How God Sees You

You are ready to proceed in your spiritual growth and training as a child of God. As long as you don't do wrong, bad, or evil things on purpose, God looks at you as being a person who is totally cleansed from all you past, present, and future misbehavior. Your misbehavior or accidents will still hurt you and those around you. But, because you and your heavenly Father are still in a good relationship, Jesus will help you with the way you think, feel, talk, and act. He will help you become a person who is great to be around. Just be patient! Jesus will work miracles in you.

Learning How to Live as A Child of God

Just like you, as a human child, had a lot of training, guidance, and correction to experience, so you do as a child of God. You don't want to do things that cause you to become reinfected by the spiritual disease of sin. You want to maintain a DESIRE to do the right things. You need to DESIRE to learn how to live as a child of God. You need to learn how to treat yourself, other people, and God in a way that builds good relationships.

Getting The Teaching and Help You Need

There is a website that has been prepared especially for you. Jesus knew you were going to become a child of God. He knew you were going to need a lot of questions answered. He knew you were going to need a lot of training. And, He knew you were going to need a lot of encouragement. So, He has things prepared for you so you can live successfully as a child of God. He is going to help you be a victorious, successful, and excited child of God.

World Changers Through Living Christ

Go to wctlc.com and on the starting page you will see a list of choices. Select the sentence: “I would like to know more about CHRISTIANITY.” There will be a series of very important studies that will help you with your questions, your problems, your growth as a Christian, and your relationship with yourself, the people around you, and Jesus.