

How to be a Christian

This page explains the Christian Message and how we can turn to God.

1. God is real and good, and wants to make things right

Looking at the world around us gives evidence for a good and personal God. The Bible tells us that God has clearly shown us what He is like through what he has made. It also tells us that God is loving, and cares for his creation, especially people. The world is his place and he wants to be involved more personally with us.



Romans 1:19-20. They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

2. Things are not right; we fall short of God's ideal

The evidence is also clear that the world is not perfect. We see brokenness everywhere, including in our own life. The Bible tells us that this is a result of sin – each person's choice to take charge of their own life and not follow God's direction. Sin has ruined the world and separated each of us from a relationship with God.

Romans 3:23. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

3. Only Jesus can make things right and give us life

Out of His great love, God has acted to deal with the problem of sin by sending his own son, Jesus Christ, into the world to call people back to himself and to die on the Cross as a sacrifice for our sin. Jesus shows us what it is like for a person to truly live for God and invites us to follow in His ways.

Romans 5:8. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 6:23. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Jesus can change everything if we entrust our lives to him

It is up to each person to follow their own desire to reconnect with God. This begins with recognising that we have personally sinned and need to seek forgiveness, humbly accepting the gift of Jesus on our behalf to make things right. Accepting Jesus also means allowing him to take charge of our lives and lead us in life.

Romans 10:9-10. If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

A Prayer. Dear God, I thank you that you made me and you love me. I admit that I am a sinner and have gone my own way in life. I recognise that I need Jesus to show me the way back to you. I receive and trust his death on my behalf and ask that you would forgive me of my sin and come into my life to help live with and for you.

If you have prayed this prayer, we would love to hear from you.