



# KNOWING JESUS

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Welcome, we are happy to join you on your journey to understanding Jesus and Christianity. We will support you throughout this material to make the various subjects clear and easy to understand. If there are areas you need clarification on, feel free to contact us for further assistance. So let us get started.

The Bible states that Christ died for everyone so they can get to know him and make him part of their lives. But how are they brought into the actual enjoyment, experience and acceptance of this, we call, salvation? The Bible teaches that God works in our lives, doing certain things in a certain order and in certain steps. Have a bible with you for use as you study with us. The very first to knowing Jesus is written in the scriptures, [Romans 8:28-30](#):

28. "So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfil his designed purpose. 29. For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us[a] from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him.

30. Having determined our destiny ahead of time, he called us to himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone he called. And those who possess his perfect righteousness he co-glorified with his Son!" (TPT).

## JESUS ACTUALLY CALLS YOU - THROUGH HIS WORD IN THE BIBLE

### ●●● JESUS IS LOVINGLY CALLING US THROUGH HIS WORD THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

- God addresses all men in what we call 'natural revelation' [Psalms 9:1-3](#), [Romans 1:18-23](#), [2:14-15](#), [10:18](#).
- But He has chosen to save His people through the preaching of the Gospel. [1 Corinthians 1:21](#), [Romans 1:16](#), [10:17](#)
- But not everybody who hears the Gospel accepts it

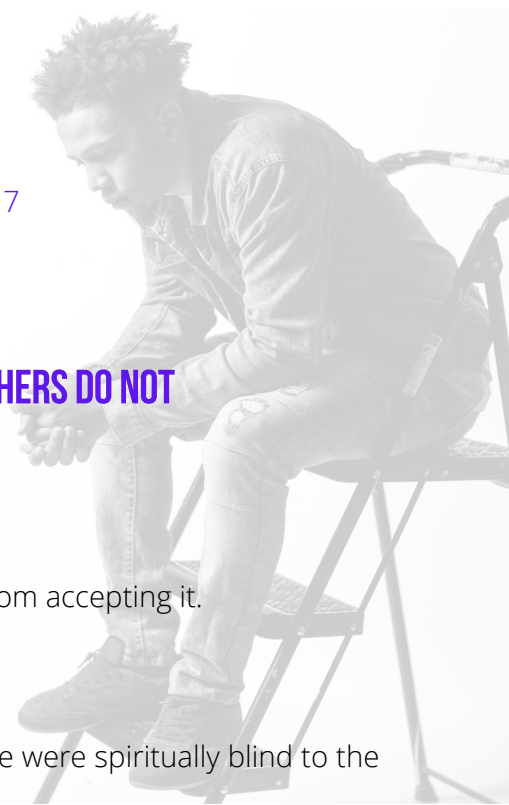
### ●●● WHY SOME ACCEPT THE GOSPEL WHEN THEY HEAR IT AND OTHERS DO NOT

The reason for this is not what is written in the Gospel itself:

- The same message is preached to all. [Romans 10:13](#).
- There is nothing in the message itself which stops a man from accepting it.

The reason is in the nature of the hearers:

- All of us initially start out deaf to what the gospel means, we were spiritually blind to the things of God. [Ephesians 2:1](#)
- All of us are naturally anti-God until we get to know him for ourselves. [Romans 8:7-8](#)
- All of us, left to themselves, would certainly never accept the saving Gospel but would perish in our sins. [1 Corinthians 2:14](#)





- Disappointment with God: People feel that in some way God has let them down and is to be blamed for their pain or loss. [2 Corinthians 4:4](#)
- They simply do not want to make any changes in their current living and accept Jesus into their life. [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)
- Being wounded in life by things outside of their control. [James 1:21-22](#)
- Personal emotions that say to people that they are too bad or have done things that are unforgivable. [Matthew 11:28](#)

The reason IS that some willingly accept the call, and others do not. [Matthew 22:14](#). Jesus will not and cannot force you to accept him as Lord of your life. You must do that willingly and with a complete understanding of what you are doing.

- All are called by the same message but not all accept the message and then become the 'called out' ones. Being, 'a called out one' is your willing choice
- Only some accept this call that actually unites them to Jesus Christ. [Colossians 1:9](#)
- It is a miracle - like Lazarus, they hear the Divine summons, and are actually brought to Christ by genuinely accepting it into their heart. [John 11: 1-43](#).
- Another illustration and example of this call is Zaccheus. [Luke 19:1-10](#)
- To be called and to ACCEPT the call whole-heartedly is to be a Christian. [Romans 1:6-7](#), [Ephesians 4:1](#)

### ●●● GENUINELY ACCEPTING JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE

- Accepting Jesus first starts with hearing what Jesus says about you in the bible
- Then believing what the bible says about us being a sinner, being helpless without the Lord in our life and knowing that Jesus is the only way to heaven. [John 14:6](#), [Ephesians 2:8](#)
- Deliberately and consciously accepting Jesus into your life by faith to be Lord for the rest of your life knowing that he loves you and wants to guide you through life with him. [John 15: 1-27](#)

### ●●● JESUS DOES NOT FORCE YOU INTO ACCEPT HIM

- No-one is lost or saved against his will. Naturally, men do not want the Gospel, but those who want to accept Jesus do!
- Accepting Jesus into your life is not an act of force, but an action of the creator's love. A new nature and a new will are given to those that make a conscious decision to accept the Lord Jesus:

a). When you accept Jesus you can see the truths he presents more easily. The gospel message becomes clearer. [2 Thessalonians 2:13-14](#); b). You see yourself as unworthy and guilty before God. You recognise you are a sinner, someone already poisoned by destructive things. [Acts 2:37](#). c). You are drawn to Jesus as your Saviour. [John 6:44](#). d). You turn from sin to Jesus your Saviour. [Ezekiel 11:19](#), [36:26-27](#). [Acts 26:18](#).



## TWO THINGS TO AVOID ON YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

# 1

### STRONG FEELING OR EMOTIONS IS NOT THE PRIMARY SIGN THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE

Coming to Jesus may be sudden, or it may be gradual. It may be accompanied by strong feelings, or it may not. Do not assume that because you have had sudden religious experiences accompanied by deep feelings that you have become a Christian.

#### Have I believed the gospel? Have I repented from my sins? Have I accepted Jesus by Faith?

- These are the questions that determine whether you have accepted Jesus or not. Your coming to Jesus is a life-changing decision by FAITH
- Because **True Repentance** (accepting Jesus into your life) always leads to **CONTINUING FAITH**, and the cultivating of the desire to learn more about Jesus. [2 Peter 1:10](#)

# 2

### TO SIT AROUND WAITING FOR SOME MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE OR SOME UNUSUAL ENCOUNTER BEFORE YOU COME TO JESUS

If you are unconverted, do not sit around waiting for some mystical experience

- You are **COMMANDED** by God's Word to repent and believe the Gospel
- If you do not, you will perish if you do, you will be saved
- Accepting Jesus is proof that you are a Christian
- Being a kind, generous or someone who simply believes there is a god does not qualify you to be a Christian. You must make a definite decision to take the next step and accept Jesus into your heart and life.

you can have no such assurance until you have believed **WITH ALL YOUR HEART**. You must make the first step, and Jesus will do the rest.

## ••• SUMMARY FOR ACCEPTING JESUS •••

Christ died to save us so he could bring us to himself

When Jesus calls us to himself, he doesn't force us to come:

- The first thing is Jesus calling you by the gospel (His Words)
- When you make a conscious decision to repent from your sins and accept Jesus Christ into your life you are making a life-changing step. Remember this a 'willing step'. You make that choice and in so doing you make the step.
- In accepting Jesus, you become 'regenerated'. This is like being 're-born' into a life full of Jesus and his love. Accepting Jesus brings him and his life closer to us than ever before

# I WANT TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST

## WHAT TO DO TO ACCEPT JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE

### In The Old Times

The earlier revelation was intended simply to get us ready for the Messiah, who then puts everything right for those who trust him to do it.

Moses wrote that anyone who insists on using the law code to live right before God soon discovers it's not so easy—every detail of life regulated by fine print! But trusting God to shape the right living in us is a different story—no precarious climb up to heaven to recruit the Messiah, no dangerous descent into hell to rescue the Messiah. So what exactly was Moses saying?

### In The New Law With Christ

The word that saves is right here, as near as the tongue in your mouth, as close as the heart in your chest.

It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. **Say** the welcoming word to God —“**Jesus is my Master**”—embracing, body and soul, **God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead**. That's it. You're not “doing” anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation.

With your whole being, you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: ***“God has set everything right between him and me!”***

**YOUR FIRST STEP**  
ROMANS 10: 4-10 (MSG)

**STEP TWO**  
STEP INTO JESUS

Now that you know what to do, you can deliberately accept Jesus into your life...

**YOU ARE ABOUT TO ACCEPT  
JESUS INTO YOUR HEART. YOUR  
LIFE IS ABOUT TO BE  
TRANSFORMED FOR ALL TIME  
AND ETERNITY**

**SAY ALONG WITH US....**



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# THE NEW BIRTH - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

BASICALLY THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU AFTER YOU HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS INTO YOUR LIFE

## STEP THREE WHAT'S NEXT

### About The New Birth

The New Birth in Christ is a transformational term. It means that at the moment you accept Jesus you start to live and breathe a life that transforms you to look, feel and behave like Jesus. You are continually changed from a destructive frame to a new and living frame. Jesus actually brings a fresh approach to life that causes others to want the life they see in you

As we continue to commit ourselves to Jesus he will begin to give us the strength to change things and assure us of his guidance as we go through things. We are never alone when we have Jesus with us because he guides us by this spirit and loves us as we grow in understanding him and living for him.

Not everything will be easy at first but as we keep going he will keep guiding us. When Jesus is with you on the seas of life you can smile at the storms.

### ••• THE BEGINNER CHRISTIAN CHECKLIST

Now that you have accepted Jesus into your life here is what you need to get started with Jesus

- **You need a Bible**
  - You can use many good online Bibles to get started until you can get a physical one
- **You need to know where to start reading the Bible**
  - Start reading about Jesus's life. Start reading the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Much of the foundational Christian truths are explained by Jesus directly in these books
- **You need to find a church that teaches about Jesus Christ and also teaches the Bible fully**
  - Pray and ask Jesus to direct you to the right church and the right people so you can effectively grow in your faith and walk with Jesus
- **You need to learn to pray**
  - Prayer is regular communicating and talking with Jesus based on what is in the bible. Also, prayer is a way to help you communicate your concerns to Jesus. Find regular times and places to have your special periods of prayer with him
- **You need to tell someone about you accepting Jesus into your life.** You don't have to be strange just tell people of your real experience even if they don't understand it fully
- **You may not understand everything at first.** Focus on what you do understand now, the rest will come later
- **Surround yourself with other Christian friends** who have accepted Jesus into their life as well.

# CERTIFICATE of COMMITMENT



## THE DAY I ACCEPTED JESUS

Today Lord, I prayed the prayer of repentance and asked Jesus to come into my heart and to be Lord over my life according to Roman 10: 9,10. "...if thou shall confess with they mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in they heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved..."

I turn to you today because I am a sinner and that I need Jesus in my life. (Act 2:22). Today Lord, I know that you have forgiven me of all my sins

Today, I asked Jesus to come into my heart and to be Master of my life. You have sent the Holy Spirit and those faithful to you, to teach me what I must know going forward

I accept Jesus as my Lord and saviour and will live each day, from here on, with him and for him

Name:

Date:



# STEP FOUR

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