

Do you know Jesus Christ?

“But what saith it? The word is near thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

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.”

Romans 10 : 8-10

In other words...

1. Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
2. Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead after his death on the cross.

...And you will be saved!

Advice for Christians

Read on for some important instruction on living abundantly as a Christian in the world.

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The purpose of Jesus' Sacrifice:

Sin produces separation from God in our lives. The wages of sin is death. God is totally righteous and totally good, so if we live in sin, it makes us unable to have a relationship with God. Jesus is also totally righteous. By dying on the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sin – by His payment we can once again have a relationship with God. This is why knowing Jesus is so important.

If you've accepted Jesus, you should know:

Being a Christian means more than just knowing that Jesus is the son of God. We should also share the gospel with other people, pray for people and for ourselves for forgiveness of sins, and have fellowship with Christian brethren.

Further, it's very important to have a Bible, and to read it daily. The Bible is the Word of God, it keeps us saved by expressing God's will to us as we read. We can't understand who Jesus and God really are, unless we read on a regular basis.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Timothy 3 : 16-17

We recommend the KJV (King James Version) Bible. There are many versions of the Bible out there which have been completely mistranslated, totally changing the word of God from its pristine state. It is important to get a good Bible. Pray to God that you'll get a good one, and have faith that He will give you one, and you'll get it! God takes very good care of His children.

You should also know:

- Pray before reading the Bible. Something along the lines of “God, please guide me in reading your word, and help me to understand it.” When you pray, the Holy Spirit then guides you as you read, so you will read what God wants you to.
- You can call on Jesus' name to be saved from troubles if you ever need to. By saying “Jesus!” in your heart, He is able to save you from any bad situation that you might find yourself in.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13

- Praying with Christian brethren is important too. Wherever two or more Christians are gathered together, Jesus is there with them. Praying with other people can be very powerful.
- We as Christians can pray that God fills us with His Holy Spirit. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we exhibit His loving character, as born-again Christians. God is love; His love heals us; His love is stronger than any other force in the world. God wants to give us this gift, and all we need to do to receive it is to ask for it.

To receive the Holy Spirit, pray “God, I want to receive Your Holy Spirit.” It is as simple as that. Keep praying for it as you need to.

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Should I go to Church?

Going to church as a Christian is not mandatory. However, it is important to fellowship with believers. As with everything, go to God first. Ask Him to guide you to fellow believers. God's children know His voice, so seek Him and He will answer you.

Fellowshipping with other believers is very important for maturing in the Christian faith. Of course, the first place anyone would think of to meet new Christians is church. And it's true, if you find a good church, it can be greatly beneficial. Christians can gather together anywhere, and many have home churches today, with only 10-25 people in them.

But there's a flip side to churches. Some churches have very few real Christians in them. True Christians have Jesus in their hearts - they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The true, worldwide church of Christ is all of the people in the world who have Jesus in their hearts. No particular denomination is the "right" one.

With this in mind, here is an example prayer for finding fellow bretheren:

"God, I want to fellowship with other believers. Please help me to find people who I can fellowship with. Help me to find good, trustworthy believers to grow in your word with and in the Lord Jesus Christ with."

God loves his children and He always answers our Holy Spirit-led prayers. Have patience and wait on the Lord, and he will take care of you.

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Recommended Books of the Bible For New Christians

The Bible is made up of many separate books – some are gospels (John, Mark, Luke, Matthew), some are letters which were written to Christians in early A.D. Times (Ephesians, Galatians, Corinthians), some are books of wisdom (Proverbs), some are books of songs (Psalms).

We recommend the following books for new Christians:

Mark
Luke
John
Psalms
Matthew
Acts
Proverbs

What is sin?

Sin is separation from God. It is essentially all of the bad things which people in the world do and are, which separate us from God.

God wants us to ask forgiveness for our sins, so that we can be reconciled to Him. When Christians sin, we feel the conviction in our hearts, and recognize that we've done wrong. When this happens, ask Jesus to forgive you. He will! God wants all his children to be forgiven, for anything at all. Jesus died so that our sins can be forgiven. If God went to such great lengths as sending His Son to die for our sins, of course He will forgive us of any of our sins. Sometimes we have to ask God to help us to forgive ourselves for things, as well, and He can and will do so.

How do you Pray?

In praying, you can ask God for things, you can just talk to him about your problems, you can thank him for things that happen in your life.

You can pray for anyone who you meet along the way in life, ask God to protect them or bless them, ask Him to help them to meet good people, anything at all.

God is good, and He wants his children to provide good things for others, just as He provides good things for them.

An example prayer:

(You're sitting on the bus, and there is a homeless person sitting near you. You are praying silently)

"Lord Jesus, I pray for this person, please help them to be able to get off of the street. Give them food and water and protect them from the elements. Give them good people to spend time with, who are a benefit to their lives. Help them to find you, if they don't already know you."

You can pray for anything, and if you do so with faith, the good things which you pray for will come to pass. Christians all over the world see it happen every day.

God bless you in your walk with Him. I pray that you follow the Holy Spirit's leading well, that you grow in the Word of God, and that you bring forth fruit (save other people), according to God's providence. God's Peace and Love be with you.

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