

# Becoming a Christian



## Jesus has an amazing life for us

It is as if we have gone around with our eyes shut not knowing or caring about him or his love for us. Deep beneath every desire, every dream you have and every achievement you want to make is a satisfaction that is meant to be gained through Christ.

## You will never be truly content outside of Him

That satisfaction can come in the moment of opening up to Him and yet take a lifetime to weave through every aspect of your personality and living.

## Don't settle for too little

**Jesus is God** who lived for a time as a human to show us God's real heart and nature. He died on a rough **cross** to take the consequences of the sin and evil in the world on his shoulders. This includes the sin of shutting him out of our lives. He chose to die - in place of us. Ignoring God is what the root of your sin is all about, and this then causes all kinds of problems for you and within you. You don't have to stay this way!

**He is alive again** and is the Lord and King of the earth and the universe. Yet he is not distant and uncaring. Rather, he loves you and cares about you regardless of however you have lived.

## When you grow a confidence of him, he opens up a radical new life for you:

- ✚ He comes to live with you, inside you (as the Holy Spirit).
- ✚ He goes to work with you to change you through and through.
- ✚ He promises that he will never leave you and is always around to help and guide you.
- ✚ He forgives you of all wrong that you have done.
- ✚ He promises life forever with him, and death will hold no fear for us.

## So here's the problem:

We have been out of connection with him and out of step with his ways of life.

## The cross – the sign of hope and reconciliation:

"But God has shown us how much he loves us - it was while we were still sinners that Jesus Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8

## He offers a whole new start to you

He wants to start relating strongly with you.

He offers a new strength and a new hope within you, a family to belong to, a life to go on with (forever), and the power of his Holy Spirit to help you.

He develops a new sense of worth, confidence and purpose in your life. He offers full forgiveness to break the power of any guilt and shame over you.

Any interaction you have with God will be of benefit. But will you treat him as the on-call fix-it man only when you need some help for something - or go much further and develop a real connection with him?

## Don't short change yourself and settle for too little!

### A prayer to start:

(be yourself and be upfront about yourself)

“Jesus, thank you that you are here and can see me. I come and ask for a new connection with you.

Come and be the Lord of my life that I need.

Sorry that I have been living life my way and not with you. Sorry that I have kept you at a distance. I did not know how strongly you cared about me and loved me. I accept your forgiveness for this.

I ask for you to give me your love and power to assist me to live from here with you.

Fill me with your presence now and give me a new hope and confidence.

Fill me with your peace. Thank you.”

Talk this over with Jesus now.

Get someone who strong in their relationship with Jesus to help you and advise how to go on from here.

Get hold of a Bible and ask for help to know where to read initially. Get involved with a young Christian's group at a good active church near you.

**Jesus says**

**I have come so that you may have life, and have that life to the full.**

**John 10:10**

# Leap in!

