

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Getting Saved Takes Personal Decision

It is not enough just to have intellectual faith that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. We can all believe facts about someone without knowing them personally or trusting them with our lives.

Many people confuse being a cultural Christian with being a genuine born again Christian. Most of us grew up in a Christian country and learned Christian ideas but that doesn't make us a genuine Christian.

Authentic Christianity means a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Christianity is not about being religious. It is a loving personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our response to God must be more than intellectual and emotional. Our response must be a personal act of our will which causes us to receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. That is a commitment to Jesus Christ which affects our entire life now and forever!

Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior?

We cannot earn it. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Ephesians 2:8-9

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Getting saved requires us to confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the _____. Romans 10:9-10.

We receive God's free gift of salvation simply by asking. "For whoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord **shall** be _____. Romans 10:13

Getting saved isn't about joining the church or getting baptized. We cannot earn salvation by doing good works, by giving money or by cleaning up our life. We need to admit that we cannot save ourselves.

Asking Jesus to save you is just the beginning of a great adventure with God. Day by day the Holy Spirit will teach you and help you grow spiritually.

We have been studying the truth about Jesus and the truth about ourselves. Truth always calls for a response. Jesus was a real man. 2,000 years ago He walked the streets of Jerusalem and personally interacted with real men women and children. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, the men and women who knew Him spent the rest of their lives helping others know Jesus just like they did. Now it is your turn.

If you have trusted Jesus to save you (because God accepted Jesus' payment for your sins), you have made the best decision of your life. If you have not yet trusted Jesus, now is a really good time to respond to His love for you by asking Him to save you.

How can I become a genuine Christian?

1. Trust that Jesus shed His blood to pay for your sins and that God accepted the payment Jesus made for your sins. You know God accepted the payment because God raised Jesus from the dead, Romans 8:11.
2. Repent of your sin by admitting to God that you are a sinner.
3. Ask Jesus to save you and accept God's forgiveness for your sins.
4. Share the good news that Jesus is the Savior with others who do not know Him.

If you have not yet accepted Jesus as your Savior, what is will you trust Him right now? Please read Revelation 3:20

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