



Beginning A Relationship with Jesus Christ

We are excited that you are interested in beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ.

God's plan from the beginning was to be in relationship with us for eternity. The Bible is a collection of books written over thousands of years to tell the story of God pursuing humanity to establish a relationship that is based on love and trust.

That relationship with us was broken and lost early on because of our lack of trust in God and disobedience towards Him. The Bible calls this disobedience sin. But Jesus said that the reason for his coming to this world was "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10, NIV).

This work of salvation is the process of restoring our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the removal of the sin that separates us.

All You Need to Know to Be Saved

Is found in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV).

You need to know that God **LOVED**.

Even though our relationship with God is broken and the evidence is all around us in the tragedies of this world, He still loves the world. How do we know God loves us?

We know He loved because God **GAVE**.

He gave His Son, Jesus, as the sacrifice for our sin so that we would not have to be separated from God forever, but we could have eternal life with Him in heaven. Love is proved by action and God had nothing greater to give than Himself. He paid for our sin so that we could be forgiven and restore the love and trust that was lost.

What You Need to Do to Be Saved

Jesus said you need to **BELIEVE** IN Him.

This is more than believing about Him. It means that you trust that what he did, when He died and rose from the dead, he did for you. It's more than acknowledging a gift. It's receiving and treasuring the gift of eternal life with Him. Another passage puts it this way, "For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God" (Romans 10:10, NLT).

When we believe, we **RECEIVE** eternal life.

When we acknowledge our need, the lost relationship with God is restored and the sin that separated us from Him is removed.

A relationship with God is not complicated, but it does require sincere, heartfelt trust that God's love and gift to you is real and sufficient.

How can I enter this relationship with Jesus?

God knows the cry of your heart, if you believe. But it can be a great help to you to offer Him a prayer that tells Him what you really believe. It could be as simple as this prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I need you. I believe in You as the one who died for my sins and gives me eternal life. I receive Your gift of forgiveness and ask you to teach me to follow You from my heart."

If you truly prayed this for the first time, welcome to God's family! The Bible says, "to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12, NIV). As a new born child of God, we encourage you to let us or some other Christ follower know about your decision. We would love to celebrate and help you grow in your new relationship with God.

Important Bible Verses Related to

Beginning a Relationship with Jesus Christ

John 3:16
Luke 19:9-10
Romans 5:8
John 14:6

John 10:10
Romans 3:23
Romans 6:23
Ephesians 2:8-9

If you'd like to know more or tell someone of your new relationship with Jesus contact us at the information provided below.



For more information, contact us at
marlene@fallcreekbaptist.com
www.fallcreekbaptist.com 317.841.9770
8901 Fall Creek Road
Indianapolis, IN 46256