

How to Receive Christ

1. Admit our need for salvation and that without Christ's payment for our sins, we deserve hell.
2. Repent of our sins and rejection of God.
3. Believe that Christ died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead to pay for our sins and give us eternal life.
4. Pray to receive Christ's gift of salvation and give our hearts to Him.

Summary: The purpose of our lives is to have a relationship with God. That is why we were created. We exist by God and for Him. In order to have abundant, eternal life, like any gift, we must receive it. The following prayer is a suggestion for leading someone in receiving Christ's gift of salvation and eternal life.

Prayer to Receive Christ As Savior

Thank you Lord for helping me understand the reality of heaven and hell. I recognize that I am a sinner and deserve the punishment of eternity in hell for having rejected You. I believe You died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the price for my sins and rebellion. I believe in You and ask that You would forgive my sins and rejection of You. I repent of my sins and ask You to enter my heart and save me. Fill me with your Spirit and guide my life. I give you my life and I ask You to give me your grace to follow and obey You from now on. Thanks for hearing my prayer and saving me. Amen.

What to do after receiving Christ

1. Pray to God regularly and develop a relationship with Him.
2. Read or listen to the Bible daily.
3. Attend a Bible believing church that preaches God's Word.
4. Be baptized as soon as possible.
5. Be faithful to God and seek Him with all your heart.

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Opening Questions

1. Hi, we're evangelical Christians who believe in the Bible and are sharing the good news of salvation.
2. Can we talk with you a little about God and the salvation of your soul?
3. Do you believe in God?
4. Do you believe there is a literal heaven and hell?
5. If you were to die tonight and stand before the presence of God, and He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into heaven, what would you say to Him?"
6. Can we kindly share with you the good news of how you can be saved from hell and have eternal life in heaven?

How to Be Saved and Go to Heaven - The 5 Steps of the Gospel

Step 1: God loves us and desires that we would spend eternity in heaven with Him.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Step 2: Our problem: Our sin separates us from God

Genesis 2:15-17 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Summary: We have lost our relationship with God our Creator and as a result, have a sinful heart. Now we do not desire to please God and are selfish and sinful. Our greatest sin is that of not having a relationship with God and loving Him as our Father and Creator. If the greatest command in the Bible is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, then our greatest sin is not to love and have a relationship with Him. This is our main sin. (Matt. 7:21-23).

Step 3: The price of practicing sin and rejecting God is death, which means eternal separation from God in hell.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matt. 13:49, 50 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

Step 4: God's Remedy: Abundant, eternal life through Christ

Isaiah 53:5 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Romans 5:8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph. 2:8,9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Step 5: Our Response: Receive Christ and His gift of eternal life?

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.