

How to Receive Christ

1. RECOGNIZE GOD'S PLAN—PEACE AND LIFE

The message you have just heard stressed that God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life. The BIBLE says ... **“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.”** John 3:16



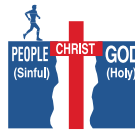
2. REALIZE OUR PROBLEM—SEPARATION FROM GOD

People choose to disobey God and go their own way. This results in separation from God. The BIBLE says ... **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** Romans 3:23 **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Romans 6:23



3. RESPOND TO GOD'S REMEDY—THE CROSS

God sent His Son to bridge the gap. Christ did this by paying the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross and rose from the grave. The BIBLE says ... **“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** Romans 5:8



4. RECEIVE CHRIST—AS LORD AND SAVIOR

You cross the bridge into God's family when you prayerfully ask Christ to come into your life. The BIBLE says ... **“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”** John 1:12



HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins, and ask God to forgive you (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (receive Him as Lord and Savior).

4

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from running my own life, and now I ask You to run it. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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My Decision

You can receive
JESUS CHRIST
AND FIND HOPE FOR YOUR LIFE

☐ SALVATION

When you prayed, committing your life to Christ, what happened?

Jesus said, **“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”**

REVELATION 3:20

1. What did Jesus say He would do if you asked Him into your life?

“I will _____.”

The BIBLE says ... **“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”** JOHN 1:12

2. What happened when you received Him?

I became one of God’s _____.

The BIBLE says ... **“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.”** JOHN 3:16

3. Now that you believe in Jesus Christ and have asked Him to forgive your sins, what can you be certain of?

I have _____.

☐ How to COME BACK TO CHRIST

If you have failed in following Christ and you are sorry and want to come back to Him, what must you do?

1. Confess your sins.

The BIBLE says ... **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”** 1 JOHN 1:9

• What must we do to be forgiven?

_____.

• What does God say He will do if we confess?

_____.

Confess means to agree with God. (e.g., I lied, I cheated, I was unkind, I lost my temper.)

• Right now, be specific with God ... Silently confess your sins to Him.

2. Surrender your life to God’s control.

The BIBLE says ... **“Do not offer any part of yourself to sin ... but rather offer yourselves to God.”** ROMANS 6:13

• Walking with Christ means that we should offer ourselves to _____.

3. Ask for His strength daily to stay on God’s pathway.

The BIBLE says ... **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”** PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NKJV

• What can you do with God’s help? _____.

• What is it that God does in us? He _____.

For Further HELP

Jesus said, **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** JOHN 14:6

The BIBLE says ... **“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”** JOHN 20:31, NKJV

A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Following are helpful steps to guide you:

1. Complete the studies in the *Living in Christ* book.*
2. Begin to read the gospel of John, using the daily Bible reading guide in the *Living in Christ* book.
3. Pray daily, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you.
4. Ask others who are already Christians to help you.
5. Go to other groups and meetings arranged to help explain the Gospel, especially in the local church.

REMEMBER ...

You can receive Christ at any time by praying a prayer similar to the one on the bottom of page 4.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” MATTHEW 7:7–8

*You can download this for free at MyHopeWithBillyGraham.ca.

1

How do you know ...
you are saved?
you are a child of God?
you have eternal life?

I know because ...
God said it ... in His Word, the Bible
I believe it ... in my heart
that settles it ... in my mind

2

How do you know ...
you are forgiven?
you are cleansed?
you are restored?

I know because ...
God said it ... in His Word, the Bible
I believe it ... in my heart
that settles it ... in my mind

3

**God said it ... in His Word
I believe it ... in my heart
That settles it ... in my mind**