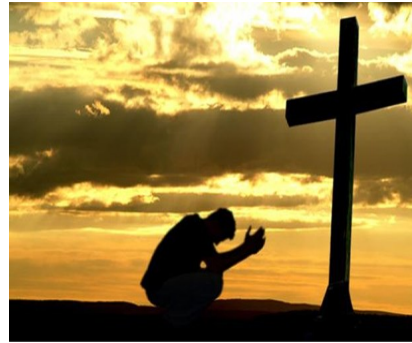




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How to Accept Christ as Your Saviour

Understand God's holy nature.

Early Christians' beliefs about the nature of God say: "God is one while being in a Trinity". The explanation of this is that The Father, The Son (Jesus) and The Holy Spirit are all one: The Son has the same power and will as The Father and The Holy Spirit: This does not mean if you pray to Jesus you are only praying to Him, you are praying to God at once (The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit). The Father and the Holy Spirit sent The Son to pay the price of our sins.

Seek to understand God's plan

Believing in God and the Bible is crucial to understanding "What is a Saviour?" and "Why be saved?" The Bible is God's revealed word to mankind, written by people that God chose to write it. This means they were inspired (given the words) by God to record. They all agree in purpose and point to Christ, the Messiah.

Sin is any act that displeases God, and it separates us from God. The payment we are to pay for sin is *spiritual death* -- permanent separation from God.

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

Understand who could save you from spiritual death.

Because we are all born sinful, we are unable in our own strength and morality to please a perfect God. However, God sent His Son Jesus as your representative and as your ransom from being captive. **John 3:16-17 (NIV): "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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."**

This belief is trust and faith that God is who He says He is. He provided the payment for our sin. All sins, past, present and future were forgiven by Christ at the cross. **Hebrews 10:10: "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."**

Jesus died to pay for the sins of man. And He rose again, conquering death and making it possible to be saved. Christianity is not just a volunteer religion. Jesus called His disciples, they generally didn't come to Him already determined to follow Him.

In the same way we cannot merely "accept" Jesus, but we can receive what He gives us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit calls us to change our mind and follow God-- through hearing God's Word and accepting the Good News (Gospel).

Admit that you have sinned.

This is prerequisite to accepting Christ.

Once you understand that we are and you are a sinner and that all have sinned, turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness by repenting, turning from your way to God's way.

Profess Jesus as your Saviour.

Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Say, "Dear God, I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to change and turn from my sin. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

Taste and see that the gifts of the Lord are good.

Believe that God loves you; He has shown this by giving His Son to face your punishment and die in your place for your payment for all you've done wrong and for all your sins.

Talk to God in your own words.

There is no protocol to follow in order to talk to God. God listens to your prayers even if you do not say them. But this does not mean He does not like to hear you seek His help and His forgiveness.

God does not judge you violently, because He just is not a human being like us! He is your Father; He is your Brother and your personal protector and mediator, and He wants to become you very BFF (best friend forever)!

God wants you to confess your sins to Him, because He wants to forgive you, and He wants you to tell Him your secrets, even though He knows everything about you.

This is a promise:

Matthew 7:7-9 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; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. For which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?"

Tell God what you want to say to Him.

Talking to God can be in many forms, whether in a prayer or in an ordinary way as in talking to others.

Here's a prayer suggestion, please read this suggestion but use your own words. Without reading such words, just tell God what you want to say to Him in your own words, expressing all your love to Him.

Dear God, I know I have disobeyed you, and I know about all the bad things I let into my life. But with you, I'll never fear even the worst things in life, because you have sent your only true Son, Jesus, to pay the price of my own sins.

I come to you to confess everything I have done in my life, and to tell you I am sorry. I am here to declare you King of my life, my thoughts and my actions.

I want you to be my Savior. Please God, forgive me, for I have sinned before you. I ask You now to reign over my life, because Your reign is perfect and Your kingdom will never see an end. Amen.

Be baptized in accordance with the New Testament.

Baptism is used to signify the death and burial of our old, sinful person and our resurrection as a forgiven Christian through the power of the Holy Spirit just as Jesus was. Baptism is commanded "for the forgiveness of your sins."

For details relating to Baptism please request a copy of the booklet. It is recommended that you speak to the Pastor to guide you along this journey. You will naturally have questions to ask, to clarify this step in your life's journey. Please call into the Church office or phone Pastor Judi on 0423 375 714.