

Come *to* Jesus



You were designed *for* **God.**

You are not an accident. You are a unique creation of God. He designed you to know Him, be loved by Him, and bring glory to Him. You were made for Him, your life will never make sense until you align your life with His love and purpose for you. God knows this and has been actively working to get your attention. He is drawing you into a loving and purposeful relationship with Him. God is seeking you.

You have a problem that you *can't fix* on your **own**.

This world is both beautiful and broken. Something significant has interrupted God's plan for your life. The Bible teaches that evil has entered our world and infected everything God has created, including us. The first humans opened a door to this evil which has corrupted our hearts and severed our connection with God. This brokenness is called "sin" and we have all been affected by it. God's Word says, "For we all have sinned, and fallen short of the Glory of God." Because we have all sinned, we cannot rescue ourselves from sin by our effort; the Bible describes this condition as being lost.

Romans 3:9-12; Romans 3:23; Luke 15:1-10

God has a *rescue* plan.

We can't fix ourselves. The Bible teaches that our best efforts are inadequate when it comes to removing our sin. But God has a plan. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to die for our sins. God placed all of the sins of the world - past, present, and future - on Jesus and through His death the power of sin was broken. Even when we didn't deserve it, Christ died for us. At that moment in history, as Jesus hung on His Cross, He paid the penalty for our sin so that we could experience a vibrant, authentic relationship with Him, both in this life and for all eternity.

John 3:16; Ephesians 2:1-8

This is *your* moment.

Though we often go through a process in coming to God, there comes a point in a seeker's life when they need to "pass from death to life." It doesn't happen gradually. It happens in a moment in time. This is your moment.

It's so simple. If you believe from your heart that Jesus died for your sin and was raised from the dead, all you have to do is say so. When you believe, you should then mark this moment with a declaration. The Bible says that we must "believe and confess" that Jesus is Lord. It begins with a simple prayer:

"God, I confess that I am a sinner who can do nothing to save myself. Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to do what I could not do, pay the price for my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ died for me and my sin and that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and life and I openly confess that I am a child of God from this moment on. I open my life to Your goodness and the amazing plan You have for my life. I have passed from death to life. Thank you for saving me."

Romans 10:9,10

Growing *in* Jesus



Knowing God is *not* **hard or complicated.**

It is easy when we decide to surrender control over our own lives and allow Him to be the deciding voice in our behavior and choices. To live the way He wants us to, our minds need to be “renewed” so we can see ourselves as God sees us. As you surrender your life to Him, God has promised to change your thoughts and give you the power to live an overcoming life.

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Peter 1:3-4

The Bible is *more than* **just a book.**

The Bible is God’s own words and thoughts written for us! The words in this book have the very power to change our hearts and lives. The scriptures teach us who God is...and what He likes and dislikes. As the words from this Book transfer from the written page into our hearts, it has the power to transform who we are and improve the quality of our lives. If you don’t have a Bible, you need one. If getting a Bible is a challenge, we will be happy to give you a copy, free of charge.

Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 2:2

I am *designed by* God to be part of a **spiritual family.**

We were never meant to live without a family. This is especially true for the children of God's family. We were designed to rub shoulders with other believers with whom we can share our life and faith. God's plan is that every believer finds a connection, and that means finding a good church. Jesus created His church to be a place where you can experience meaningful relationships with other believers who love God. A healthy local church will also provide teaching from the Scriptures, dynamic worship and prayer, and opportunities for Him to use you to give to and serve others.

Hebrews 13:7; 17; Acts 2:40-47; Matthew 16:18

God wants me *to talk* to Him...and He wants **to answer**.

Every relationship is deepened through conversation. Nowhere is this more true than in our relationship with God. As we speak to Him (forget the “thee’s” and “thou’s”), He has promised to speak to us. He wants to hear everything you have to tell Him, so speak from your heart. The two primary ways God speaks to us is through His written Word and His Spirit on the inside of us. When He speaks, His voice comes from inside of us, where He now lives, and is rarely loud or pronounced, but natural and conversational.

John 10:27-30; John 15:7-8

My faith *is not* a secret.

Without shame, Jesus openly displayed His love for us by pouring out His blood on the Cross. Why then should we be timid about our love for Him? Jesus instructs us to express our decision to follow Him by being baptized in water. By doing this, you demonstrate to others that you have died to your old way of life and have been raised to your new life in God. This is more than a religious exercise. It is a testimony to others of our love for Him.

Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Romans 6:3-5

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