

Becoming A Follower of Jesus

Whatever brought you here, whether tragedy, hardship, good intentions, or seemingly by accident, you are at the right place. Your arrival was not a mistake but fulfills the very hope of God Himself. He desires that everyone come to know Him and the salvation wrought by the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. The apostle Peter explained it this way:

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. (1Peter 3:9)

Coming to repentance is what the gospel is about, and its story is simple—the *penalty for sin is death, but God sent His Son Jesus to pay that penalty for the whole world.*

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Paul added this in his letter to the Corinthians:

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Corinthians 5:21)

Then he said this to the Romans:

...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

We were created to be a dwelling place for the very presence of God. But because of sin we were born into this world separated from Him. Every one of us began the journey through life trying to quench the pain of that emptiness with things that can never satisfy. Jesus is the only One that can fill that void and bring eternal life, forgiveness, fulfillment, and peace. I believe that is why you are here.

If you are ready to become a follower of Jesus, the Scriptures above (and others) can be condensed in this way: 1) Recognize that you are lost in your sin without Him. 2) Ask Him to forgive you of all your sin. 3) Believe in your heart that Jesus is the Son of God, that He lived as a man, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. 4) Confess those things with your mouth.

Please let us know if you have made that decision today. We would love to rejoice with you and support you in this new journey with Christ.