

## ***Do you want to know how to become a Christian?***

First let me ask you.

Have you heard the message of Jesus? If you have, do you understand that all men are born with a corrupted spirit. That includes you and it includes me. All are guilty and none are righteous in our own self. The bible says that “all men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”. This all happened in the garden of Eden when Adam the first man disobeyed God and his spirit was corrupted, and we have inherited this corrupted spirit. This resulted in all men being separated from God and the result is that all men will die in this body. Man was cursed and without hope in his own works.

God knowing that man cannot save himself made a way for men to escape this death sentence. He provided a savior to come to the earth and offer salvation to any that will receive this way out of this curse. In the Hebrew He is called the Messiah. Many years passed and this savior had not come and those that lived before His appearance would be saved by their faith that the savior was coming, trusting in His promised coming, although they had not seen him yet. So, they were saved by their faith.

One day the savior of the world did come, and His name was Jesus. He was the Son of God. He lived a perfect life keeping the laws that God gave to the nation of Israel without a blemish. He was crucified by His own people who He had come to save. His death was a sacrifice of the lamb of God. The blood shed by Jesus for our salvation then made it possible for us to be freed from the law of sin and death and be reconciled to God the Father. This was by the grace of God and not by any works we have done. So, it is known as salvation by grace through faith.

Therefore, it is up to us to decide if we will receive this gift. It only requires that we sincerely ask for this salvation and repent of our sins and surrender our lives to Jesus and follow the guidance of His word and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be given to those that follow the Lord Jesus' direction for living a righteous life. The curse was broken.

When this Holy Spirit is then given to us, He resides in us, so we have a new righteous spirit in us to replace the old, corrupted spirit. That is what the bible calls

being **born again**. This new spirit then enables us to have eternal life for this natural body cannot enter God's presence.

When we are in Jesus, we are promised eternal life and to go to heaven when we die in this body, and we will all die in this world. The good news is that we will have a new glorified body one day which will be an eternal body.

So, when you accept Jesus in your life through faith(trust) only in the shed blood of Jesus and not on your works you will be saved. As for being righteous the Holy Spirit will lead you into righteousness.

Start studying the bible regularly and seek fellow Christians to help you in your walk. Start to tell others about your decision to follow Christ. This is confessing with your mouth and confirming your decision. Find a good bible believing church to baptize you and to guide you until you mature. Start to pray to God often for He is now your Heavenly Father.

Congratulations if you made this decision today!! Let me know if you did.

Your brother in Christ.

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