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What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

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Why am I here?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “Why?” They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, “What is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways. Some look for happiness by *acquiring possessions*. Some look for happiness by *experiencing pleasure*. Some look for happiness by *gaining prestige and power*.

But real happiness comes from *understanding your purpose in life*.

God made you to love you! He has a personal and purposeful plan for your life! God wants you to live your life to the full. Why then aren’t most people really happy?

Why am I not happy and fulfilled?

Man has a natural desire to be the boss and ignore God’s principles for living. The Bible calls this attitude *sin*. Sin keeps us from a close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will. When our relationship with God is not right, it causes problems in every area of our life - marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23 (NLT)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NLT)

What does God want me to do?

Admit that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

“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 (NIV)

Believe that Jesus died to forgive you and rose again to reconcile you with God.

“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (NIV)

Choose to receive Christ and accepts God’s free gift of salvation.

“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.” John 1:12-13 (NLT)

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

“Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me. I realize I need you in my life, and I’m sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.”

“Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” Romans 10:13 (NLT)

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b (NIV)

Now what?

If you prayed that prayer, Jesus came into your life and He will never leave you! We’re so excited that you have made the decision to commit your life to Christ! We encourage you to get into God’s word and to find a Bible-based church that will support your growth as a Christian. Surround yourself with people who will encourage you in your daily walk and stay connected to God every day. That’s the secret to life!

We can help -- just log onto the spiritual growth link of our Web site for daily Bible readings and devotionals that will encourage you in your new walk with Christ. Please keep us up-to-date on your personal walk, and thank you again for allowing us to share in this exciting decision with you!