

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

NOT by being born in a Christian home or country, nor by being christened or confirmed.

NOT by living a good life and avoiding serious wrongs, nor by being kind, helpful and generous.

NOT by going to church often, nor by saying prayers or reading the Bible.

THESE THINGS may help to prepare us to decide to become Christians. Many of them may be the result of becoming a Christian, **BUT THEY DO NOT MAKE YOU A CHRISTIAN.**
LOOK BELOW TO SEE WHAT DOES

NOT EVEN by all these things put together!

'God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.'
John 3:16

A **DMIT** that God is pure and holy and good,

- That I am a sinner who has done wrong and who is helpless to be any different. 1 John 1:5 *'If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves.'* Romans 3:23 *'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'*
- That because of this God and myself cannot live together. Isaiah 59:2 says: *'It is your sins that separate you from God.'*
- That therefore I cannot enjoy God's love and goodness, or look forward to being with Him when I die.

B **ELIEVE** that Jesus is God's answer to this problem, that by dying for me he made it possible for me to come to God. See 1 Peter 3:18 *'For Christ died for sins once and for all...to bring us to God.'* & 1 Timothy 1:15 *'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.'*

- That because of this God is ready to forgive my sins. See Acts 2:38.
- That Jesus can give me eternal life, that is all the best in life and a life without end. Romans 6:23 *'For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ.'*
- That as a Christian I may here and now live a life of fulfilment and happiness with Jesus. See John 15:11.

C **OUNT THE COST** of becoming a Christian. Jesus never wanted disciples who didn't know what he expected of them. See Luke 14:25-33.

- I must repent (Mark 1:15), that is be sorry for my failure to keep God's perfect standard and be willing for Jesus to take from my life all that God doesn't want there.
- I must surrender to Jesus Christ (Luke 14:27 & 33) deciding to let him be my Lord and show me how to live.

D **ECIDE** to come to Jesus and to ask him for my share of what he has done for all who want it, to ask him to come into my life (see Revelations 3:20) and be my saviour. Acts 2:21 *'Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

- To ask Him to forgive my sins, my selfishness, my unlovableness. See Luke 15:21 - 24 & 1 John 1:9.
- To ask Him to let me be born again to new and eternal life. John 3:3 *'Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'*
- To ask Him to be my Lord and my friend; to make my life happy and useful to Him.

THIS IS A PRAYER YOU MIGHT PRAY IF YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Ask one of us to pray it with you, or find a quiet place,
think over all that's in his leaflet
and slowly pray these words to God...

Dear God, I **admit** I'm a sinner. I have deliberately done, and said and thought wrong things.

But I **believe** Jesus suffered, died and rose again so that I might live a joyful life, close to God, starting today and going on for eternity.

I have **counted the cost** of being a Christian. I am ready to let you make me a new person. I am willing to let you be my Lord.

So, Lord, I have **decided** to come to you and ask you to come into my life. Forgive all my sins; give me a new life; be my Lord, my saviour and my friend always. I give myself to you. Thank you dear Lord that now you are mine, and I am yours. Keep me always. AMEN.

If you have prayed this prayer we would love to know.