

How to Become a Christian

(Adapted from) **The Bridge to Life**



Step 1 - God's Love and His Plan

God created us to be His friend and to experience a full life, assured of his love and that He has a purpose and special plan for us.

Jesus said, "...I have come that people may have life, in all its fullness." ([John 10:10b](#))

Since God planned for us to have peace and a fulfilling life right now, why are most people not having this experience? ***Because we have a problem!***



Step 2 - Our Problem: Separation from God

God created us with a free will. He lets us chose. He did not make us robots to automatically love and obey him, but he gave us a gift, the freedom of choice.

If we choose to disobey God and play by our own rules. This results in separation from God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." ([Romans 3:23](#))

"For the wages of sin is death, (separation from God) but the free gift of God is eternal life."
([Romans 6:23](#))

On our own, there's no way we bridge the gap to God. Through the ages, individuals have tried many ways...without success. *Good works won't do it...or religion...or money...or morality...or philosophy...*

So God provide His own remedy to our problem. He sent Jesus.



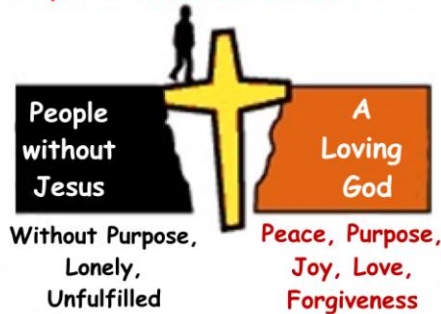
Step 3 - God's Remedy is Jesus

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem. He died on the cross with the specific purpose of paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people.

"For Christ died for sins once for all,,so that He might bring you to God..." (1 Peter 3:18)

"There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ." (1 Timothy 2:5)

Are you here.....or here?



Step 4 - Our Response

Believing means trust and commitment - acknowledging our sinfulness, trusting Christ's forgiveness and letting Him control our life.

Eternal life is a gift for us to receive.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"I tell you the truth; whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

Is there any reason why you shouldn't cross over to God's side and be certain of eternal life?

How to cross over:

1. Admit I need Jesus as my savior.
2. Be willing to stop doing those things I know are wrong and ask God to help me live according to his will for my life.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross, paying the penalty for your sin.
4. Invite Jesus Christ to come in to your life through prayer.

What to pray:

*Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I have disobeyed you and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died to pay the penalty for my sins. I need your help to turn from my wrong behavior. I now invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as the Lord and Savior of my life. In Your name. Amen.*

What Just Happened

If you've prayed this prayer and believe in Jesus Christ, then the Bible says that you can be sure you have eternal life.

"...for, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ([Romans 10:13](#))

"He who has the Son (Jesus) has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." ([1 John 5:12-13](#))

What Next

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ.

To deepen this relationship you should try to find a group of other Christians to study the Bible and worship together.

The *Every Man A Warrior* Bible study series can help you grow in your relationship with Christ and learn how to become the man God wants you to be.