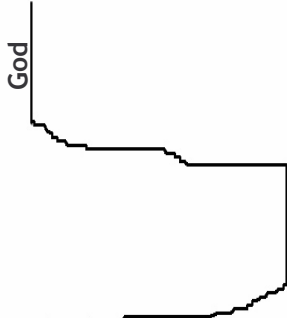


# What is involved in becoming a Christian?

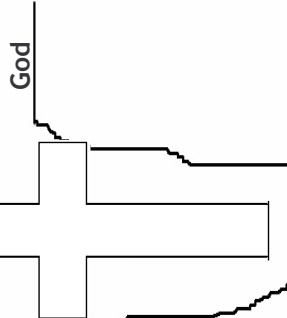
## Our Situation Without Jesus

**You And Me** The bad news is that sin has caused a separation between God and man. The Bible tells us that all have sinned against God (Romans 3:23). And our sins result in our being separated from Him. Without God's help, we have no hope of saving ourselves (Ephesians 2:12).



## Our Situation With Jesus

**You And Me** The good news is that God has provided a way for us to be re-connected to Him. When Jesus gave His life on the cross, He bridged the gap between God and man (John 3:16). He took the punishment for our sins so we wouldn't have to.



### 1 Timothy 2:4-6

*(God) wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.*

## Now What?

Salvation is a free gift from God offered to all who will receive Christ. There is nothing we can do to earn this free gift; however, God has provided some "unwrapping instructions" in the Bible. The next page outlines what everyone is instructed to do as they accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



## Hear About And Believe In Jesus Christ

**Hebrews 11:6**

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

The first part of unwrapping the gift of salvation is simply believing what the Bible says about Jesus Christ.



## Repent Or Turn Away From Sin

**Mark 1:15**

*"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

Truly believing in who Jesus is will cause you to examine your life and be willing to turn away from doing things that go against God's commands. This is called repentance.



## Confess The Fact That You Believe

**Matthew 10:32**

*Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.*

An essential part of following Christ is to make a public pronouncement of what you believe. Anyone who follows Jesus must be proud to talk about Him.



## Submit to Jesus in Christian Baptism

**Acts 2:38**

*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

When a person is baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins it is like a new birth. This act symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



## Live Faithfully For Jesus

**Revelation 2:10**

*Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Your baptism is just the beginning of your faith journey. As we live each day of our lives for Christ, we live with the hope and assurance of eternal life in heaven with Jesus forever!