

# How Do I Become a Christian?

## God's Purpose

**John 10:10** *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."*

**John 3:16** *"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."*

These verses tell us that God wants us to have a full, abundant life. He wants us to experience love, peace, purpose, and fulfillment now, in this life and in the life to come.

## Our Problem

But we have a problem. God did not create us like a robot who would automatically love and have fellowship with Him in return. He gave us a will and the freedom of choice.

**Romans 3:23** *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"*

**Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Hebrews 9:7** *"Just as man is to die once, and after that to face judgment."*

All have sinned, and there is a penalty for sin, death and after death, there is judgment. But God loves us so much He doesn't leave us in this situation. He provided a way out.

## God's Remedy

In spite of the fact that we have turned our backs on God and have disobeyed Him, He has provided a remedy so that we can know Him personally. He wants to give us both full, abundant life and eternal life. There is only one way to bridge the gulf between me and God and that bridge is Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross.

**Romans 5:8** *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

**Ephesians 2:8,9** *"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."*

**1 Peter 3:18** *"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God, He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,"*

## Our Response

Real belief results in a response on our part. Christ made it possible for us to enter into a personal relationship with Him and experience the full life He wants us to have. But we are not automatically given this relationship.

**John 1:12** *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God –"*

**Romans 10:9-10** *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth, that you confess and are saved."*

**John 5:24** *"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."*

Believing and receiving involve not just a mental decision, but our emotions and our will as well.

God does not want us to wonder if we have eternal life. He wants us to be certain. 1 John 5:13 says, "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."

## A Personal Decision

Beginning a personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ is as simple as A-B-C.

A - **Acknowledge** your sin and be willing to turn from it. **Allow** God to have control of your life.

B - **Believe** Christ died for your sins and rose again.

C - **Commit** your life to Christ as Savior and Lord. Be willing to follow Him and His ways.