

## Yes2Christ Video Transcript

Hello! I am thrilled you are watching this video, because if you are watching it, that means you have said “Yes to Christ!”. Thank you for reaching out to let us know about the decision you made. It is the greatest decision you will ever make in your life. In this video, I want to take few minutes to talk about what has happened your life and share what can be next.

You might be thinking, “What in the world just happened to me?” When you give your life to Christ, you acknowledge your sin for what it is and confess it to God, you trust in Jesus for forgiveness for your sin, and you commit your life to Him. You might be experiencing some emotions because of this decision. Sometimes people say they feel an intense amount of joy! Others might experience tears and emotional release. Others tell of an incredible peace – like a weight has been lifted off of their shoulders. When I gave my life to Christ a number of years ago, I felt a strong sense of cleanness and purpose. Some folks don’t have any strong feelings at all. I once heard of a person who, oddly enough, gave their life to Jesus on a train. They said, “I’m not sure when exactly it happened, but when I left the station I wasn’t a Christian but when I arrived at my destination I had become a Christian.” I want you to know there is no right or wrong way feel – the most important thing is you have decided to say yes to Jesus!

As result of your decision, there are a number of things that have changed in your life. They aren’t changes you can see in the mirror. They are actually more important things – spiritual changes. God best describes this spiritual change in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” There are now a number of things that are new about you. Let me quickly tell you about four:

1. **Adoption** – You have been adopted into God’s family as His son or daughter. John 1:12, “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” You are eternally a part of the family of God. Adoption means God wanted you – He chose you and wants to be your Father.
2. **Forgiven** – All of your sins have been forgiven. Psalm 103:12 teaches “As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” I don’t know how many miles that is, but it is far! You might think, “What about...”. Yep that was forgiven. And what about... Yep that one too!” All of it. That doesn’t mean that you will never sin again. You will find that you will still fall short of what pleases God. But you will start to feel a new conviction when you sin. It won’t be easy to shrug it off. Most importantly, when you do sin, you can confess it to Christ and ask forgiveness.
3. **Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit dwells inside you spiritually. Ephesians 1:13 describes what happened. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. This may sound a little strange, but it is extremely important and beneficial for

your life. The presence of the Holy Spirit means that Jesus does far more than forgive our sins. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to help us in living a life committed to Jesus.

- 4. 4. Eternity** – You have been rescued from the punishment that your sins deserved. Instead, we..., 1 Thessalonians 1:10, wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. You are rescued from eternal destruction. But notice, not only have you been rescued from something – you have also been rescued to something – an eternity in heaven with Jesus Christ. While your new life in Christ does not guarantee an easy life on this side of eternity, you have the hope of an eternity spent in joy with Jesus.

When Jesus was physically ministering on earth, He used two very specific words to challenge a person to say “Yes” to Him. He would say “Follow me.” It might sound simple – and it is – yet this simple statement holds two things I want you to keep in mind in your decision.

- First, “Follow” implies going somewhere – a journey. Today is the beginning of a journey of living your life for Christ. He has invited you come, let me show you where I want to take your life and what I want to do in you. It will be exhilarating, challenging, fulfilling and definitely not boring!
- Second, he says, “Me”. Me is a personal word and means that Jesus wants a personal relationship with you. He wants you to know Him. He wants to communicate with you. Spend time with you. Share in the highs of life and be there for you in the lows. Just like those you are in a relationship with. Welcome to a relationship with Jesus.

Soon, we will send you another video to help you take some next steps in your relationship with Jesus so keep an eye out for that. In the meantime, we would love to have you join us for a worship service on Sundays. Check out our website for Service times are at [butlercac.org](http://butlercac.org).

Thank you for taking time to watch this video. I really am so excited with you for the decision you have made. God bless – see you again soon!