

What should I do?

1. Pray and accept the message God has sent you through Jesus.
2. Determine to turn from the things that keep you away from God's full purpose for your life.
3. Find a group of Christians who believe in living the love of Jesus on a daily basis and join with them for worship and action.
4. Look for ways to make your world better.
5. Read your Bible, listening for the voice of God as you do.

You know God's laws, and it isn't impossible to obey them. . . . Today I'm giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. . . . On the other hand, you might choose to disobey the LORD and reject him. So I'm warning you that if you bow down and worship other gods, you won't have long to live.
(Deuteronomy 30:11-18 selected)

Using God's Good News for You!

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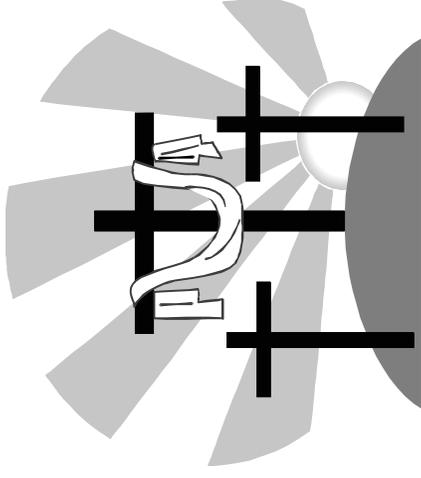
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Put your brief testimony in the space provided including where you were without Jesus; what Jesus did for you, and your joy and peace now.

Be prepared to lead your contact through the steps above.

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For You!**



Dear Father in Heaven,

I admit that I have sinned and fallen short of Your glorious purpose for me.

I acknowledge Jesus as Your Son and my Lord and Savior. I accept the message of love You sent through Him.

I turn from my sins and ask to be brought back to Your plan for me.

I surrender my life to You.

I ask You to fill me with Your Spirit so that I can live a Christ-like life.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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What is humanity's relation to God?

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that "All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory." (Romans 3:23).

This **doesn't** say that:

- ❖ God has rejected everyone.
- ❖ God doesn't like them.

It **does** say that we, as human beings, have fallen short of the glory of God.

- ❖ We are created to be like God (Gen. 1:26)
- ❖ We were given control over the earth (Gen. 1:28)
- ❖ We were made a little lower than God (Psalm 8:5)

We have fallen short of this wonderful goal of emulating God's character and of using our full capabilities.

God hasn't separated Himself from us, we have separated ourselves from God. (See Luke 15:11-32)

Who is Jesus?

Let's ask first what Jesus did.

- ❖ He brought to us understanding of God's character. (Hebrews 1:3)
- ❖ He carried the burden of our sins (1 Peter 2:24)
- ❖ He gave us a way to live right (1 Peter 2:24)
- ❖ He opened the way to God (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Jesus has shown us the glorious purpose God has for us and how we can attain it.

God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in

Are you wondering what it means to be saved?

talking about it. (1 John 3:18)

What about heaven and hell?

For many people the point of Christianity or any religion is to assure one's place in another world. But there is much more to following Jesus than that. Jesus showed as a good way of life here and now! The Bible tells us about an eternal reward and eternal punishment, but what it tells us most about is following Jesus in this world.

By following Jesus in this life we are preparing to be in His presence for eternity. (See John 14:1-3)

Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. (Deuteronomy 30:15)

What does it mean to live a Christ-like life?

Jesus said that the most important commandment of the law was: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. . . . The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, 'Love others as much as you love yourself.'"

The Bible also teaches that we must put this love into action (1 John 4:20,21).

Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by

we find we are going the wrong direction, we will not be able to get

where we are going no matter how fast we go. In fact, we might be considered foolish for not slowing down. If we want to accomplish our goals we need to be unafraid of acknowledging when we are going in the wrong direction. This is why Ezekiel tells the Israelites that God doesn't want **anyone** to die. "I enjoy seeing them turn from their sins and live." (Ezekiel 33:11,12) And this is followed with a promise: "And remind them that when wicked people stop sinning, their past sins will be completely forgiven, and they won't be punished."

What is justification?

God promises that when we repent, or turn to the right path he will accept us, we will be right with him (1 John 1:9). This is what many Christians call **being saved**.

What is sanctification?

Once one is on the right path, one needs to continue on that path. This is why James points out that ". . . faith that doesn't do anything is . . . dead!" (James 2:26) The Christian life is a continuing process.

Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you