

[How Can I Have A Personal Relationship With Jesus?](#)

This is the best question a person could ever ask. It could be asked in different ways by different people, but; they all mean the same thing. A leader once asked this question long ago (John 3: 1-19); and throughout the years, people still ask it. If you too are asking this question with sincerity of heart, you will get a genuine answer.

How can I give my life to Jesus?
How can I be free from sin?
How can I be born again?
How can I be sure to go to heaven when I die?
How can I make peace with God?
How can I become a child and friend of God?

The steps to giving your life to Jesus so you can become a child of God are very simple ones. The main thing required of you though, is a heart that sincerely longs for God. God says in the Bible: "you will seek me and find me when you have looked for me with all your heart". He will receive you with all your filth of sins; however much, however terrible. Then He will clean you inside out and make you one of His beloved children that He is grooming to become like Jesus; His firstborn Son. And do you know what? God will throw a party in heaven on your behalf and all the angels sing and dance with joy that yet another son/daughter has been born into God's kingdom!

Follow these steps and you will experience the best thing ever to happen to you. The greatest joy is to know that your burden of sin has been lifted off your back. You'll be so relieved you'll feel like flying. It is joy to know that you have made peace with God and you are going to be with Him in heaven when you leave this world. No money or affluence can buy that privilege. Yet it comes to us free from a loving God.

[Step One](#)

Realise that God is the person He says that He is. The great "I AM". Holy, and perfect. A kind and loving God who does not want evil for anyone. He loves you better than anyone else can. He created you by His own will and for His joy and pleasure. That is, He wants to look at you and be full of joy.

*Scripture: "...he who comes to God must believe that He is..." Hebrews 11:6
'You are worthy, O Lord. To receive glory and honour and power; For You created all things. And by Your will they exist and were created" Revelations 4:11*

[Step Two](#)

Realise that He does not tolerate sin at all. As He is a God of love, so is He a God of justice. He will judge sin and anyone who is a carrier of sin. He loves you but He hates your sin. To show you the justice of God, He judged even Jesus when He became the carrier of sin (on the cross). Not His own sin but yours and mine. Nobody who carries sin will ever step into the presence of God because He is holy and sin is filthy.

Scripture: "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all". 1John 1:5

Step Three

Realise that you are a sinner and that you have no power in yourself to break free from sin. Every man was born with the nature of sin. Sin became our master and we became his slaves. And Mr Sin is a cruel slave driver. Very powerful over man. It can only take One stronger than this invisible yet visible enemy to set you free from his chains. So, you cannot wait until you are good enough before coming to God because that day will never come. And, if you think you are the nice one who doesn't need God to be good. Sorry, but the Bible says that all your self righteousness is like a filthy rag before God. You need to quit arguing and just agree with God that you cannot help yourself.

Scripture: *"There is none righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:10&23.*

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Proverbs 28:13.

Step Four

Realise that if you die in your sin you will go to hell; a place of torment and deep sorrow. Lost and separated from God forever. Realise that nothing, not even political correctness can help you out of the torment of hell if you die in your sin. What you need is God's mercy and forgiveness. The realisation of this should create in you a fear of God (and why not?) as well as a desperation to want to be free from sin by accepting the salvation plan of God for you. Be sincere. Ask God to show you the way out of an impending danger that looms over your head. You can read 1 Corinthians 6:23 and Galatians 5:19-21 to see a few of the things that the nature of sin makes people do. Certainly, you will identify with some of these things. You need God's help to release you from the chains sin!

Scripture: *"Jesus said unto him 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'..." John 3:3.*

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?... For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". , 1 Corinthians 3:9, Romans 6:23

Step Five

Agree with God that the only way out for you is through the sacrifice of Jesus; the sinless one on the cross of Calvary about 2000 years ago. He who knew no sin became sin so that you can become free from sin. He took your place out of His own free will and died for you. God's judgement that should have fallen on you fell on Jesus when He agreed to carry the sin of the whole world. By dying on the cross, He broke the power of sin over the life of anyone who would come to Him for salvation. His blood that flowed from the cross washes away your many wrong doings (sins), while His body that was broken on the same cross breaks the power of the sin nature and sets you free from his slavery completely! So, He cleans you **inside out**. Alleluia!!!

Scripture: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life..." John 3:16*

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us..." Romans 5:8

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." Romans 6:6

Step Six

Tell God in your own words to forgive you your sins and to also come and set you free from Mr Sin through the sacrifice of Jesus. This is called repentance. Mention those things you have done wrong which you can remember and ask God to help you turn away completely from them. This is called confession to God. Be sincere and ready for God to work on your life. Sincerity of heart is the key. God's dealings with a man always begins from the heart. If you are sincere, God is more that willing to help you.

Scripture: *"Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel...'" Mark 1:14-15.*

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Proverbs 28:13

Here's a simple prayer of repentance you may want to pray if it will help you focus your heart on God:

Dear God, I come to you today realising my state of sinfulness and wretchedness. I believe You love me and would love to save me from my sinful life. I believe Jesus took my place. He died on the cross and rose again from the dead so I could be free to become your child. I repent of my sins and turn my back to all of them (mention those sins that you can remember). I renounce sin and all its temptations. Please forgive me and clean up my life for Christ's sake. Give me the power to believe You and to live the rest of my life for You from now on. Thank you Father for saving me. I pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen

Step Seven

Believe that God has answered your genuine prayer according to His promise. Your sins are forgiven and you have become God's precious son or daughter. Rejoice! the power of sin is broken over your life. The Son of God has set you free and you are free indeed! Free to love God and to take a stand for Him anytime anywhere!

Scripture: *"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved..." Romans 10:9-10, 13.*

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His (Jesus') name." John 1:12

If you have followed these steps whole heartedly, and you have prayed the repentance prayer, meaning every word of it, then begin to rejoice because your name is now written in God's book of life. You have just been transported from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. It's all spiritual yet so real. **You've been born again!** (John 3:3) God's Holy Spirit will begin to bear witness in your heart now that you are a child of God. A deep joy will flood your heart like never before. This is because the weight of sin has been lifted off your heart. You've made peace with God and you've started a personal relationship with Jesus that transcends religion. **You haven't got religion now but you've got a personal Friend and a Saviour in Jesus.** You can confidently sing now: ["What A Friend We Have In Jesus!"](#) **PRAISE GOD!!** Welcome to God's family!

After your conversion, you need to note these few things so that you can start to grow in God's grace, never to go back to the past sinful life:

1. Pray everyday to God in the name of Jesus. Express your heart whichever way you know how; thanking Him for saving you and making you His child. Ask Him to help you through His Holy Spirit to know how to follow Him. Ask Him to protect your heart and help you know Him better.

2. Get yourself a Bible and start reading everyday. Start from one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). They will show you the life of Jesus and how the work of your salvation was accomplished by Him. Pray before you start reading that the Holy Spirit will open your spiritual eyes so that you can see Jesus in all the scriptures you read. You see, He is the model Son and God wants all of His children to be like Jesus. As you read God's word, be ready for your life to be changed by it. Your outlook to life, lifestyle, language and habits must all be affected by God's word. He will help you every step of the way. You don't need to struggle. Just allow Him to live His life in you. The new life is much more beautiful because it is Jesus' life in you.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2Corinthians 5:17

3. Pray that God will lead you to other believers who love the Lord. This is called fellowship. You need other brothers and sisters in Christ i.e other children of God to also become your friends. One of the things you must be ready for God to do for you as His child is to give you new friends among His other children. Rather than follow friends who will try to lure you back into sin and lead you astray, let God find you genuine God loving friends among His people.

4. Are you excited about what has just happened to you? Wouldn't you like other people to experience the same blessing? Many of your loved ones, family, colleagues at work or school, etc are still ignorant of this truth that has set you free. You need to tell someone what Jesus did to you. You must not be ashamed to tell people that Jesus changed your life and that you are now a committed believer in God. Not

everyone will buy your story, but everyone surely needs what you now have. Feel free to recommend this article to people. The Lord Himself will give you the wisdom and the opportunity to share His love and life with others.

5. Find and read Christian materials either as books or on line. Read different articles on www.eagleswingsresources.co.uk/articles.htm for your spiritual growth. Also, visit Christian bookshops and get some books, films and song tapes that will help you. Read Christian tracts like **The Long Trip** and others from Chick Publications on www.chick.com . They will help you appreciate in cartoon forms, what receiving Christ into your life is all about . Feel free to Contact us by email on info@eagleswingsresources.co.uk if you have further questions about the Christian life and growth.

6. Enter into a discipleship relationship with a more matured Christian of integrity. This is probably the most pertinent point to note because it helps you to focus on and profit from all the other points maximally. The word “disciple” just means you are a follower, a learner. You are first and foremost a disciple of Jesus but to follow the Master effectively, you need a human discipler to watch and help you. You must begin to pray for the Lord to direct your path to the right person. An elder in the Lord may begin to take keen interest in your life and growth, or your heart may begin to draw towards a more matured Christian (not necessarily older in age), who’s been following the Master closely earlier than yourself. Then pray and be free to approach such a one for a spiritual oversight on your life. No Christian is born as a free ranger. Examples of strong discipleship in scriptures are: Jesus and the disciples, Paul and Timothy, Naomi and Ruth, Mordecai and Esther, Elijah and Elisha, Barnabas and Paul, etc.

Being in a strong discipleship relationship will accelerate your Christian growth and set you on course to effectively serve the Lord. If you need more information on discipleship and how you can enter into such a relationship, you can visit any of these sites: www.livingseed.org or www.livingseeduk.org

We wish you all the best in your walk with the Lord Jesus.