

Forgiveness

God loves you. He created you to enjoy a wonderful life here on earth and with Him in heaven. God wants you to know the wonderful plan He has for you. In order to experience God's plan for your life, there are several important facts you must believe from the Bible:

1. You must believe that you are a sinner and separated from God.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. –Romans 3:23

Sin is willful disobedience to God's plan for your life. You have chosen to disobey God and go your own way. You are sinful and God is holy. A great gulf separates you and God.

2. You must believe that there is a penalty for your sin.

For the wages of sin is death. –Romans 6:23

As a sinner, you are condemned to spend eternity in hell to pay for your sin.

3. You must believe that your own self-effort cannot bridge the gulf between you and God.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. –Galatians 2:16

Many people think that the gulf which separates them from God can be bridged by good works, religion, church membership, baptism, or even clean living. However, there is only one payment acceptable in the sight of God...Jesus Christ.

4. You must believe that Jesus Christ has already paid the penalty for your sin.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. –Romans 5:8

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life. Yet God took all of your sin and placed it on Christ while He was on the cross. God punished Jesus Christ in your place to pay the debt you owed and to bring you to Him.

5. You must personally receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. –Romans 10:9-10

Receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior means to trust Him and depend totally on Him for your salvation. You must believe that He died for your sins, was buried and rose from the dead according to the Scriptures. You receive Jesus Christ by faith, calling upon Him in prayer to come into your life, forgive you of your sin, and give you eternal life.

Prayer of Faith

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. –John 14:6

If you believe these truths from the Bible and if you want to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, pray this simple prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I deserve to die and go to hell. But I do believe that you died on the cross for my sins. Right now I am trusting you to be my Savior. Thank you for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. Help me to live for you the rest of this life. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, please text TALK to 58121 to be contacted by one of our pastors or call the church office (334-745-5715). We would love to meet with you and walk alongside you in your walk with Christ!