

# FOUNDATION DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

## KNOWING GOD

*Everyone wishes that they really knew God, but there is something that keeps us from being with Him. The good news is that God's love is free and for all people, and God made a way for us to know Him and be with Him forever.*

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### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

#### ***There Is A Problem***

Our sin is a problem and keeps us from relating to God. The word 'sin' simply means mistakes that separate us from God. Romans 3:23 and 6:23 explain to us that *"all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"* and *"the wages [payment] of sin is death."*

#### ***God's Love And Free Gift***

Romans 6:23 continues in saying, *"But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Although we deserve death, God gave us the gift of Jesus so we could have eternal life. The phrase 'eternal life' means living forever with God in Heaven. According to Romans 5:8, God did not wait until we were perfect to send Jesus for us. God sent Jesus while we were still sinners. *"But God shows His own love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us."*

#### ***How Does Jesus Take Away Our Sin?***

1 Peter 2:24 says, *"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."*

The tree, or the cross, is where He died as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may be free from our sin.

### HOW CAN YOU RESPOND?

Romans 10:9-10 says, *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in you heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."*

Have you accepted Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior?

If you are not sure, you can do it by praying this with all your heart:

"Jesus, come into my life and forgive me my sins. I choose to make you my Lord."

On \_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_ (mo) \_\_\_\_ (yr) I received Jesus in my heart to be my Savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord, and took control of my life. I have become a child of God and God lives inside me.

### **Once You Are Saved Nothing Can Separate You From God**

Romans 8:38-39 says, “Now, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

### **God’s Promise For You – The Gift Of The Holy Spirit**

When you accept Christ’s forgiveness, the Holy Spirit comes and lives in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14 says, “In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

The Holy Spirit empowers you to be free from sin struggles, help other people, and experience God’s presence. God’s Spirit will come upon you whenever you need God’s power (Acts 1:8).

### **Telling Others About God’s Love**

The first thing that you should do is to share this good news with those around you.

What you know is great news! Tell three people you know about God’s love and His free gift that you received today! Who will you tell? When will you tell them?

God wants everyone to know about His salvation (1 Timothy 2:4).