

How to begin a relationship with God

(scripture taken from the NIV)

1. Recognize that God loves you so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for you.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life

“I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.”- Galatians 2:20

2. Repent of your sin. This means to admit to God you are a sinner, ask forgiveness of your sins and with His help, turn away from your sins.

“...but unless you repent, you too will all perish.” – Luke 13:3

“The kingdom God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”- Mark 1:15

3. Believe and Trust in Him as your Savior. This means that you accept God’s offer of love, mercy, and forgiveness. This means that you trust Jesus Christ as your only Savior. This means that you are free from struggling and trying to save yourself by your good works, baptism, confirmation, church membership or attendance, and that you rely on Jesus Christ alone for your salvation.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!” – Romans 6:23

“For by grace you have been saved through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

4. Confess Christ. This means that you will not be ashamed to let others know that you are a Christian and have a relationship with God. When you trust in Christ, you should let someone else know about it.

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32

“That is you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

YOU CAN NOW BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

Lord, I admit that I need you, I ask you to forgive and set me free from sin and death. I believe that Jesus died to provide forgiveness for my sins to restore my relationship with You, and to fill me with His joy. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ to come into my life as Savior and Lord. From this time on, help me to live in a loving, obedient relationship with you. Thank You, Lord!

If you prayed to the Lord and genuinely meant what you prayed, please share your decision with Pastor or someone else you know who trusts in Jesus. They would be thrilled to hear of your decision today!

Walking in Wisdom– A Study in Proverbs

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How to have enough

Proverbs 30

Introduction (v15-16):

1. Remember that you aren’t perfect (v1-4)

2. Trust in God’s promises (v5-6)

3. Find your identity in God (v7-9)

Conclusion:

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Proverbs 30:1-9, 15-16 (ESV)

30 The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.

The man declares, I am weary, O God;
I am weary, O God, and worn out.

² Surely I am too stupid to be a man.
I have not the understanding of a man.

³ I have not learned wisdom,
nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

⁴ Who has ascended to heaven and come
down?

Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a
garment?

Who has established all the ends of the
earth?

What is his name, and what is his son's
name?

Surely you know!

⁵ Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge
in him.

⁶ Do not add to his words,
lest he rebuke you and you be found a
liar.

⁷ Two things I ask of you;
deny them not to me before I die:
⁸ Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for
me,

⁹ lest I be full and deny you
and say, "Who is the LORD?"
or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.

¹⁵ The leech has two daughters:
Give and Give.

Three things are never satisfied;
four never say, "Enough":

¹⁶ Sheol, the barren womb,
the land never satisfied with water,
and the fire that never says, "Enough."