

What does it mean to follow Christ?

Our Sin

We are all born with a sin nature. Because of our sin, we are unable to have a relationship with God without forgiveness.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. - Romans 3:23 NLT

God's Gift

We can't earn God's forgiveness – it must be given. Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice so that we could be forgiven.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. - Romans 5:8 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23 NLT

Our Response

We must accept this gift from God by committing our lives and heart to Jesus.

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. - Romans 10:9 NLT

A Symbol of Your Faith

Baptism shows others that you have been made new. It represents your old sinful life being washed clean because of your faith in Jesus.

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. - Romans 6:4 NLT

What do followers of Christ Believe?

We believe in God as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are all one God and are joined together into what we call the Trinity. As a fully devoted follower of Christ, you are a new creation made to live for Him.

God the Father

God is the creator of the world and calls us His children.

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. - 1 John 3:1 NLT

The Son

Jesus is fully God and fully man and is alive today in Heaven.

Jesus said, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." – John 14:9

The Holy Spirit

The power of God is alive in us through the Holy Spirit.

And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. - Corinthians 2:12 NLT

How do I grow my faith?

God wants to have a relationship with us and He's given us ways to know Him better. As we get to know God, we better understand His plan for us and we can strive to be more like Jesus.

Read the Bible

The Bible is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. It's God's Word written specifically to guide us through life.

[Download the Bible App](#) and find a Bible reading plan to help you make the Bible part of your everyday life.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. - Psalms 119:105 NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. - 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

Make Prayer Part of Your Day

Prayer is talking to God, and there's nothing more powerful than asking for God's help.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. - Philippians 4:6 NLT

Listen

Talking to God isn't a one-way street – He wants to talk to us, too. Take time to learn His voice and listen to His direction for you.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. - John 10:27 NLT

Worship

Any time we give God credit for His goodness, we are worshipping Him. When we pray, serve, or help others in their faith, we are following God's will and showing our gratitude for who He is.

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. - Psalms 29:2 NLT

What's my next step?

Just like any other relationship, we need to invest time and effort into getting to know who God is and what He wants for us.

Connect

Life is better together. When we interact with other followers of Christ we find support and encouragement to continue in our faith.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. - Acts 2:42 NLT

Give

When we give our time, talents, or financial gifts, we give God the chance to prove His faithfulness.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Share

When you experience something as good as God's love, you want to share it with the people in your life! Talk about how God has changed your life, build relationships, and invite someone to come to church with you.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. - Matthew 28:19 NLT

Learn

Get involved in a Christ-centered church. Talk to a Chaplain or Pastor about your decision to follow Jesus and ask them for advice on next steps.

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance. Proverbs 1:5