

A  
Life  
Worth  
Living...

Is your life **wonderful**, or do you just **wonder** about life?

A wonderful or unusually good life is available to those who sincerely seek the truth.

**Let's begin by taking a spiritual survey of your life.**

(Circle your answers)

1. Are you interested in spiritual things?.....Yes or No
2. What do you think a real Christian is?
3. Do you think you are a real Christian or are you still on the way?.....Yes or No or Still on the way  
If still on the way, how far along are you?
4. Would you like to become a real Christian right now and be sure of it?.....Yes or No

## What is a real Christian?

According to the Bible, a real Christian is a committed follower of Jesus Christ; one who belongs to Jesus.  
(Matthew 4:18-20)

## Here's how to become a real Christian

There are only two religions in the world:

1. There is **the way of grace** that is biblical Christianity.
2. There is **the religion of works** that includes all other kinds of religions.

All world religions fall into one of these two categories.

Under the category of **works**, various religions teach that keeping the commandments, doing good deeds, and following certain rituals or ceremonies will earn you salvation (being rescued from the punishment for your sins).

Trying to be saved by your works (what you do; i.e. human effort) you must perfectly obey all the laws of God. If you fail at just one commandment, you are as guilty as if you failed at all of them.



“The person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God’s laws.”  
(James 2:10)

The Scripture also states:

“There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins.” (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

Our sins have come between us and God, and the final penalty for our sin is eternal separation from Him. (Romans 6:23 )

**Does this make sense to you?**



But God, who is rich in mercy, has provided a better way; in fact, it is the only way for us to be saved. This way to life is **salvation by grace**. Grace is a wonderful word that means *undeserved favor, kindness, or blessing*. Grace is the gift of God that brings us salvation.

Salvation by grace means that your sins are forgiven, you receive the gift of eternal life, and you gain the assurance of a permanent, loving relationship with God the Father. This gracious relationship is offered to us in Jesus Christ. (Acts 15:11)

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

We are saved by **grace alone**, through **faith alone**, in **Jesus Christ alone**.

To accomplish our salvation, Jesus Christ, who is the *sinless* Son of God, took our sins upon Himself on the cross.

God the Father accepts the sacrifice of Christ's death as the payment for our sins, and He has given proof of this to all people by raising Jesus from the dead.

**The Scripture states concerning Jesus:**



“He was handed over to die because of our sins, and was raised from the dead to make us right with God.” (Romans 4:25) Refer also to I Peter 2:24-25.

To be saved by grace you must  
**“...turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.”** (Acts 20:21)  
Repentance means turning to God and turning away from your sin in order to serve Him. Concerning faith, the Scripture declares, **“All the prophets testify about Him (Jesus) that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”** (Acts 10:43)



To summarize... **salvation is God's gracious work** from beginning to end. If we could be saved by our own works or goodness, then Christ would have suffered and died for nothing.

But every sinner (one whose thoughts, words, or actions break God's laws) needs a Savior, and **Jesus Christ is that Savior**. He came into this world to save us from our sins.

**Do you believe this?**

**Becoming a real Christian** is based on what Jesus Christ has done for you on the cross and by the power of His resurrection. Believe Him and trust what He has done for you.

If you are to become a committed follower of Jesus Christ, you should understand that once you become a real Christian, the Christian life involves self-denial, sacrifice, and service in submission to Christ as your Lord. (Matthew 16:24)

## Coming to faith in Christ

To become a real Christian, you may wish to use the following prayer to express your need for Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior:



**Dear God,**

**Be merciful to me, the sinner that I am. I realize now that I cannot save myself by my own works or goodness. I believe your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all my sins and rose again to live forever. Come live in me Lord Jesus Christ. I turn to you, and I turn away from my sins to serve you, the living and true God. Save me now by your grace alone.**

**In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.**

## How to be sure you are a real Christian

The Bible teaches that when you receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith... you are saved.  
(1 John 5:11-13)

1. Did you pray to receive Christ by faith just now?
2. Then what are you? "I am\_\_\_\_\_."

*As a real Christian, with the help of God the Holy Spirit,  
I will be a committed follower of Christ.*

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(Your Name)

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(Witnessed By)

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(Date)

As you begin **your wonderful new life in Christ**, you can grow in your relationship with the Lord by doing the following:

- ❖ Read and study the Bible as often as you can. (Ezra 7:10) You may wish to begin with the Gospel of Mark.
- ❖ Pray about everything! (Philippians 4: 6-7)
- ❖ Attend a church where the Bible is taught and Jesus is worshiped as Savior and Lord. (Matthew 28:9)
- ❖ Live and be led by the Holy Spirit into holy living. The power to live the Christian life comes through the Holy Spirit who now lives in you. (Galatians 5:16-18)
- ❖ Serve others in love. (Galatians 5:13-14)



To grow towards a mature faith in Christ we find great benefit in **committing Scripture (God's Word) to memory.**

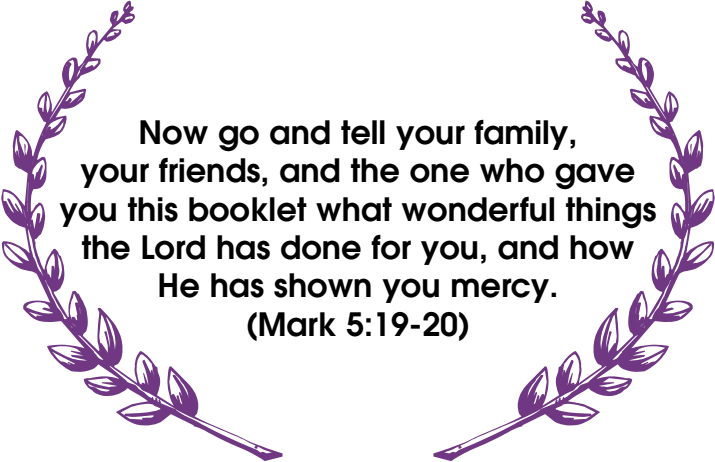
Begin by memorizing Romans 10:9:

**“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

Other suggested verses to memorize:

- ❖ I John 1:9
- ❖ Proverbs 3:5-6
- ❖ Colossians 4:2

**JESUS  
IS  
LORD!**

A purple laurel wreath, consisting of two branches of leaves and berries, arches over the text.

**Now go and tell your family,  
your friends, and the one who gave  
you this booklet what wonderful things  
the Lord has done for you, and how  
He has shown you mercy.**

**(Mark 5:19-20)**



**If this booklet has helped you or if you have  
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