

Let the scriptures guide you when answering the question "How do I become a Christian?"

<p>Step 1 The Sin Crisis</p>	<p>For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23</p>	<p><i>Here we establish "all have sinned"; there is no escape either from sin or its consequences. Until a person recognises they are a sinner, there is no road to salvation.</i></p>
<p>Step 2 Hope in Christ</p>	<p>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23</p>	<p><i>The first half of the verse explains the depth of the consequence of sin – death.</i></p> <p><i>However, the second half of the verse points to the hope sinners have through Jesus – Eternal Life through salvation. This free gift is an expression of the enormous love God has for us, given to us through Christ.</i></p>
<p>Step 3 The Gift of Love</p>	<p>God shows his love for us in that; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8</p>	<p><i>Christ substituted himself – taking on our sins, suffering the wrath of God that we deserved, while giving us His righteousness.</i></p> <p><i>It is only through our faith in Christ we can be saved from our sins.</i></p> <p><i>There is nothing you can do or add to Christ's sacrifice on the cross to save you.</i></p>
<p>Step 4 The Sinner's Response</p>	<p>If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. &nbsp;For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10: 9-10</p>	<p><i>Once we understand our need for a saviour and recognise all that Jesus Christ has done for us, we can respond by calling out to Him.</i></p>
<p>Step 5 The Result of Salvation</p>	<p>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1</p>	<p><i>Before faith in Christ, all who had sinned were condemned by their sin and destined for death. But now with faith in Christ, "there is no condemnation" and believers are gifted eternal life with God.</i></p>

The Sinner's Prayer

God, I know that I am a sinner and that the wages of my sin is death. I believe that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as a payment for my sins. I declare that Jesus is my Lord and profess my faith in Him for salvation. It is through your death and resurrection only that I am saved; I can do nothing to save myself. As you take my sin, I receive your righteousness. Thank you for your grace, forgiveness, peace and gift of eternal life. Amen!