

TURN AND SURRENDER!

1/ Acknowledge that you are guilty of rebellion and accept that there is nothing you can do to earn your way to heaven.

2/ Confess and be willing to turn away from any behaviour that offends God.

(If you are unclear about what offends God, the Bible will help you).

3/ Give control of your life to Jesus and ask Him into your life through prayer.

If you are willing to accept Gods gift of salvation you must also accept the cost.

THERE IS A COST!!

Jesus warned us many times about counting the cost before deciding to follow Him (**Luke 14:28**). We must be willing to be and do anything that God asks of us. Remember though, that God is our loving Creator and can be trusted with our lives. As a Christian, God will teach, encourage and help you even in

times of failure. As you surrender control of your will to God He gives you new desires and the power to change.

So if you have counted the cost and are willing to live the rest of your life for Jesus, the following is a recommended prayer :

Jesus,

I confess that I am guilty of breaking Your laws many times (confess the events to Jesus) and I am very sorry. I now turn away from those things that offend You and ask for Your forgiveness. I commit to live the rest of my life for You. I know that it is only as I surrender and allow You to take control that I will be able to live the life that You want me to live. I ask You to enter my life by Your Spirit and make me the person You want me to be.

Thank You, Amen

If you have just prayed this prayer with sincerity then you have taken the first step on the right road. This leads to knowing the meaning of life (to know God, glorify Him on earth and enjoy Him forever in heaven).

This is a journey and so to help you grow in your walk with Jesus read the Bible daily and obey what it says, be baptised, join a Bible believing church and tell someone about your decision. Talk to Jesus as much as possible. He hears and answers prayer.

If you have not made this critical decision yet, do not put it off. You may not get another chance!

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ARE YOU ON THE

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RIGHT ROAD?

To discover if we are on the right road we need to start with:

**“In the beginning God created...”
Genesis 1:1**

The Bible goes on to teach us that God created everything including you and me. When He had done this He said that it was good.



HOWEVER...

A lot has happened since that time and it doesn't take long to realise that things are not good. This is because mankind (you and me) decided to rebel against God, ignore Him and live our lives however we please. **“For all have sinned...”Romans 3:23.** The Bible teaches us that we all have a nature that is selfish and sinful. How many of the following sins are you guilty of?

- LYING GREED PRIDE GOSSIP
- STEALING LUST DECEIT
- LAZINESS
- SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE
- BLASPHEMY CHEATING
- COVETING DRUNKENNESS
- IDOLATRY PORNOGRAPHY

The Bible also teaches us that God is holy and heaven is holy. Holy means perfect and we must understand that nothing imperfect can enter heaven.

“The wages of sin is death” Romans 6:23. The punishment for our lawbreaking has been set at an eternity in a place called hell. Eternal separation from God in hell is exactly what we all deserve for not living lives that glorify our Creator.

Despite this fact, God in His incredible love has made a way for us to be forgiven for our rebellion so we can get back into a right relationship with Him. God, in His infinite wisdom decided that the only way for sinful human beings like you and me to be forgiven and yet justice still be done was for a sacrifice to be made.

This was accomplished for us when Jesus (the son of God) came to earth, lived a perfect life, was beaten, whipped, shed His blood on a wooden cross and was eventually killed.

By taking our punishment on Himself then rising again alive three days later, Jesus has made a way for us to be forgiven and receive His perfect record.

“Christ died for sins once for all...to bring you to God” 1 Peter 3:18

However, this forgiveness does not happen automatically. Since Jesus has paid the penalty, there is no way we can earn forgiveness. While going to church, praying, reading the Bible or trying to obey God's laws are good things, none of them can erase our sin or get us back into a relationship with God.

**YOU MUST SIMPLY RESPOND
TO GOD, AND...**