

"But He [Jesus] was **pierced** for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, My righteous Servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous [right with God], for He will bear all their sins." - Isaiah 53:5,11 NLT, Psalm 22:16, Zec. 12:10

**This Heaven Sent Body Piercing is Definitely for You!** — God did His part, now He wants us to personally ask for and receive His forgiveness so we can find the inner happiness that can only come from God. Saint Augustine, a former party person, wrote "Thou hast made us for thyself, oh Lord; and the heart of man is ever restless, until it finds its rest in Thee."

Jesus Christ said: "My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." - John 10:10b NLT

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, **I will come in**, and we will share a meal together as friends."

- Revelations 3:20 NLT

Respond to God's love by praying this **World's Most Important Prayer**, aloud and from your heart:

*Dear Jesus, Come into my heart, Forgive all my sins, Wash me in your blood, Write my name in The Book of Life, Give me the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

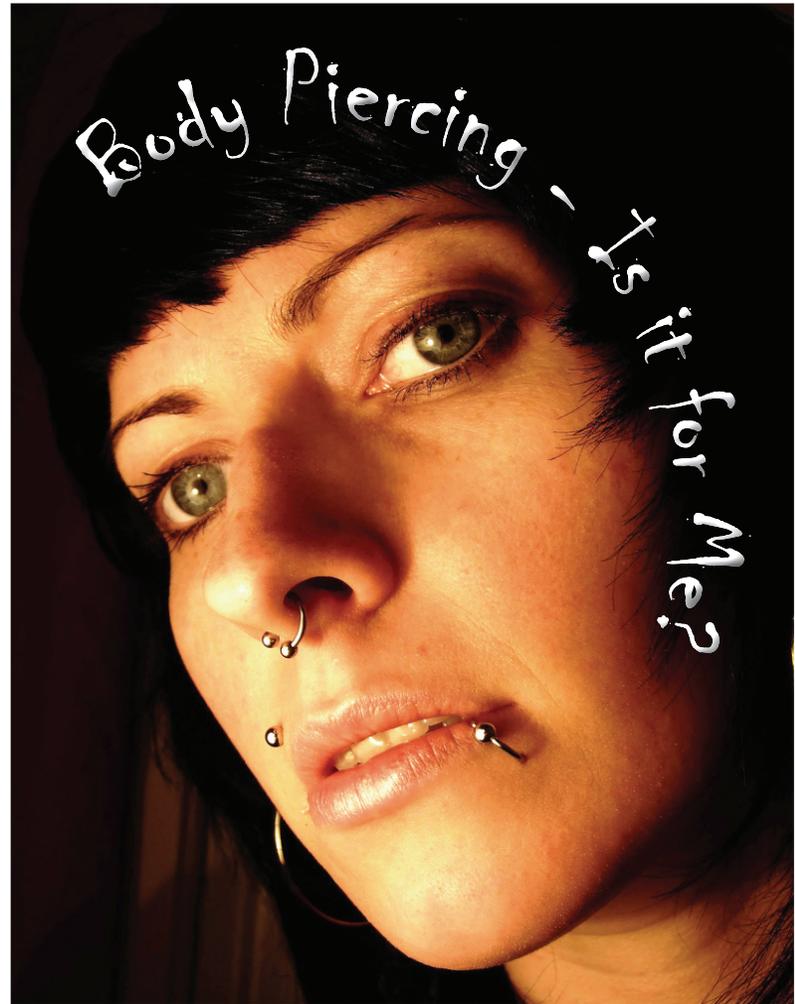
**A Loving Heavenly Father's Reaction** — God's Bible promises are your assurance that He is now living in you, you are His child, and that you will spend eternity with Him.

"...those the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I will never reject them." - John 6:37 NLT

"This is exactly what Christ promised: eternal life, real life!" - 1 John 2:25 MSG

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**Precautions** — TeensHealth.org says that, before getting a body piercing:  
Make sure you are up to date with your immunizations (especially hepatitis B and tetanus).  
Plan where you will get medical care if your piercing becomes infected (excessive redness/tenderness around the piercing site, prolonged bleeding, pus, and change in your skin color around the piercing area).  
Make sure you know if you are allergic to any metals. Only non-toxic metals should be used for body piercings, such as: surgical steel, solid 14-karat or 18 karat gold, niobium, titanium, platinum.  
Do investigative work about a piercing shop's procedures and find out whether it provides a clean and safe environment for its customers—do they have an autoclave (sterilizing machine), and are their instruments kept in sealed packages until they are used?  
**Length of Time to Heal** — The amount of time it typically takes a piercing to heal varies widely according to the placement of the piercing. Genital piercings can be among the quickest to heal—healing in as little as a month. Naval piercings can be the slowest to heal, with one source reporting a range of six months to two full years. The prolonged healing of navel piercings may be connected to clothing friction.  
**Body Piercing in the Bible** — Genesis 35:4 states that the Patriarch Jacob buried earrings worn by household members. In Genesis 24:22, Abraham's servant, gives Rebekah, Isaac's wife-to-be, a nose ring. God's Word also tells us about...  
**The World's Most Costly and Significant Body Piercing** — A void was left in the heart of man when he left God's ways to follow his own. "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own." - Isaiah 53:6 NLT  
Our loving creator took action, 2000 years ago to bring us back into God's family by coming to earth as a God/Man, Jesus Christ. He was nailed to a cross (**pierced** in His hands, feet, and side) as a substitute payment for our sin and rebellion.

**What is a Body Piercing?** — A piercing or puncture made in your body by a needle. After that, a piece of jewelry is inserted into the puncture. The most popular pierced body parts seem to be the ears, the nostrils, and the belly button.  
**Why?** — The Wikipedia online encyclopedia cites a 2001 survey in *Clinical Nursing Research*, an international publication, which found that 62% of people who pierced had done so in an effort to express their individuality. People also pierced to commemorate landmark events or overcome traumatic ones. According to the assistant director of the Frankfurt University Teaching Hospital for Psychomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy, some sexual abuse survivors chose body piercing as a means of "reclaiming body parts from memories of abuse." Piercing can also be chosen for simple aesthetic value, to highlight particular areas of the body, as a navel piercing may reflect a woman's satisfaction with the shape and condition of her stomach. Some people pierce, permanently or temporarily, to enhance sexual pleasure. Genital and nipple piercings may increase sexual satisfaction—it may also be a means of rebellion, particularly for adolescents in Western cultures.  
**A New Fad?** — Ample evidence exists to document that it has been practiced in various forms by both sexes since ancient times throughout the world.  
**Popularity Among Today's Youth** — In 1993, a navel piercing was depicted in MTV Video Music Awards "Music Video of the Year", "Cryin'", which inspired a plethora of young female fans to follow suit. According to 2009's *The Piercing Bible*, it was this consumer drive that "essentially inspired the creation of body-piercing as a full-fledged industry." Body piercing was given another media-related boost in 2004, when Jackson experienced a "wardrobe malfunction" that left exposed Jackson's pierced nipple.  
**Is it Safe?** — Body Piercing is an invasive procedure with risks. In a 2005 survey of 10,503 persons over the age of 16 in England, complications were reported in 31% of piercings, 15.2% needing professional help. 0.9% had complications serious enough to require hospitalization.