HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Many believe that just because they are born in America or go to church that they are automatically a Christian. Many believe that everyone is automatically a child of God because everyone is, and that ultimately God will let everyone into heaven. Unfortunately, there will be many Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, Baptists and others who will someday find themselves in hell. It doesn't matter what people say or think - what the real bottom line issue is - is what does God say? After all He ought to know and does! This study is based upon two presuppositions or facts that are true:

- 1. There is a God.
- 2. He has revealed Himself through the Bible (which means that if He has revealed Who He is, He has also revealed how we can know Him).

There are probably many questions and opinions that you may have floating around in your mind. They will only hinder you from really hearing God's words from Scripture speaking to you. Write them down for a later point, but right now pray, "God, if you really exist and you love me, help me to understand what your Word says about me, about yourself, and how I can know I am your child."

This is a Bible Study which involves looking up verses in chapters of various books in the Bible. It is important that you look up every reference and write in some observations about the statement it is supporting. The reference is the book (John), chapter (3), verse (16), and looks like this: John 3:16.

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God's Word says that it is not what one does or doesn't do, but what they are trusting in (depending on) to get them to God.

Realize what the Word of God says about us.

Romans 3:10
3:11
3:12
3:19
3:23

Matthew 15:19
Deuteronomy 25:16
Jeremiah 17:9
James 2:10

Can our good works save us? (Justify us, declare us perfectly righteous before God, "save us" from God's Holy judgement - Revelation 20:11-15

Ephesians 2:8-9 Romans 3:20
Galatians 2:16 Titus 3:5
3:11

Realize what the Bible tells us about who God is:

I John 4:8 Numbers 14:18 Exodus 34:7 Psalms 5:5

II Peter 3:9

Because God is (see previous verses)

All sin and sinners must be punished. The results of sin are death!

Romans 6:23 Ephesians 2:1
Ezekiel 18:20 Revelation 21:8

What is sin?

I John 3:4 I John 5:17

Romans 14:23

Where did sin come from?

Romans 5:12-14 James 1:13-15

Jude 16

Realize what God has done through Jesus Christ to save us from sins power and penalty.

John 3:16 II Corinthians 5:21 Romans 5:8 II Peter 3:18

I Corinthians 15:3 I Peter 2:24

John 1:29 Isaiah 53:5-10

Galatians 3:13

Who is Jesus Christ?

Matthew 1:21 Hebrews 12:24 Revelation 1:5 I Timothy 2:5

Luke 19:10 Acts 4:12

I John 3:8 - destroying the devil's work of holding a person in bondage to sin.

What does He tell us to do?

John 5:24 Romans 10:13
Acts 16:30-31 John 3:36
John 1:12 John 6:37
Revelation 3:20 Acts 3:19

Is eternal life secure and forever?

 Colossians 2:10
 John 10:27-29

 Ephesians 4:30
 Romans 8:28-39

 Ephesians 1:13
 I John 5:11-13

Jude 24 II Corinthians 1:21-22

Philippians 1:6 Hebrews 12:2

Philippians 2:13 I Thessalonians 5:24

II Timothy 2:19