How do I become a Christian?

A Christian is one who believes in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The teachings of Jesus Christ are spelled out for us specifically in the New Testament of the Bible. Jesus starts out by telling us that He is God, Who became a man. He did so that He would die for our sins. In so doing He made it possible for us to come to Him and accept Him as our Savior, and repent of our sins, and follow Him, and thereby receive eternal life. Meaning that the punishment due us for our sins is forgiven.

In the book of John 1:1 we are told, "*in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."*

We are told further in John 1:14 that "*the Word became flesh and lived for a while among us."*

Jesus in the above verses is called the ' Word.' The Greek word for 'Word' is 'logos', which means 'communication.' Meaning, Jesus, Who is very God, is the communication to us as to who God is.

Jesus said, *"He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."* (John 1:11-13) (NIV)

John 3:16-17 says *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him."* (NIV)

We are told that *"man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment".* (Hebrews 9:27, NIV)

What kind of judgment? We are told that after we die, those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, will pay a penalty for their sins. Further, we are told that the penalty will be for what each person had done in their lives while on earth. He will then be thrown into the lake of fire where they will be tormented day and night for eternity! (This is spelled out very distinctly in the book of Revelation 20: 11-15.)

Let's review your spiritual status right now.

If I asked you the question, if you died right now, where would your spirit go? If you don't know, then my answer to you is, Yes, you can know!

Romans 3:23- says *"all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

Romans 6:23 says *"the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

1st John 1:9 says "*if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins."*

Romans 10:9-10- *says "That 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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."*

These are the simple words of the Lord given to simple people so that we might have eternal life.

First, realize we have sinned. Everyone has sinned at least once in their life, and that's all it takes to keep us from coming into the presence of God. However, the Word of God tells us that even though the wages of sin is eternal death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. (In other words, we don't have to have eternal death, there's a way out).

The Word of God goes on to say that if we confess our sins, (acknowledge them before God and agree with Him that they are wrong), and believe in our heart and confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, we will be saved!

What could be more simple? Only a fool would pass up eternal life.

 **Why not make that decision right now? Don't put it off until later. It only takes a minute. Simply do as the above says and I guarantee, you will never regret it.**