



*How to become a
follower of Jesus Christ
(Christian)*

FOLLOWING THE ONE TRUE KING

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Take your first step to Jesus Christ in a more personal way, wherever you are.

1. **Acknowledge the Problem: We have all sinned and that separates us from God.**

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

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

"And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mark 7:20-23.

2. **Discover the Solution: Jesus Christ**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

3. **Respond to the invitation: decide to follow Jesus**

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

"...because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" 1 Peter 2:21.

"...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

Related: Colossians 2:6, Matthew 10:34-39, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Matthew 16:24, John 1:12, Matthew 11:28, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

PART II:

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9. Also consider: Philippians 2:11

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" Ephesians 2:8. Also consider: Hebrews 11:6.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

"...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. Also consider: Luke 5:32.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20. Also consider: Romans 8:16, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 12:7.

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:10. Also consider: John 14:15-16, James 2:17-20.

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40. Also consider: 1 John 4:16, 1 Corinthians 13:1.

Sample prayer

"Dear God, I believe in you and that you're the Son of the true and Living God. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus Christ, is Lord. I believe He died for my sins and was resurrected from the grave with all power in His hands. I repent and ask for forgiveness of my sins. I've decided to follow Jesus for all the days of my life. Thank you for your forgiveness and for the hope of eternal life. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I can live a life that pleases you and that becomes an example of your love. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13.

Recommended Growth Steps

Pray daily: you talk to God

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Ephesians 6:18

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 Timothy 2:8

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" Matthew 7:7

Read your Bible daily: God talks to you.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Timothy 3:16.

Join a community of believers; encourage and support other Christians.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25. **You can not do this alone, your brothers and sisters are waiting for you to come and fellowship with them at church.*

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17

Share your faith in Christ with unbelievers, daily.

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord..." 2 Timothy 1:8

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Worship God, daily.

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." Psalms 150:1-6

Be baptized

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Matthew 28:19

Take communion

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Strive to live a holy life, daily.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26

"...go, and sin no more." John 8:11

Take a Step of Faith

Have you made a decision today to follow Jesus Christ? If so, We extend our heartfelt congratulations to you. We encourage you to share your decision with our online community by submitting a prayer request, allowing us the opportunity to rejoice with you and to offer our prayers on your behalf. Additionally, please consider sharing your personal story or testimony, as it may serve to uplift others. May God bestow His blessings upon you in your journey.

We can do this together: www.hogckd.org/prayerrequest

Empower your walk with Christ: www.hogckd.org/wecan

A Few Words From Bishop Charlene M. Jamison, Jurisdictional Prelate

As we navigate through life, we often encounter choices that significantly shape our futures and enrich our experiences. Among these choices, the decision to foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ shines as one of the most deeply meaningful and transformative options available to us. I, along with many believers from across the globe, want you to explore the many ways that embracing Jesus as your personal savior can bring about remarkable spiritual, emotional, and moral upliftment. By diving into the teachings of Jesus, discussing the joys of having a personal relationship with Him, and reflecting on the transformative power of His presence, we hope to share why this decision truly stands out as one of the best you can make throughout your journey in life.

Remember, God will meet you wherever you are in life. Matthew 11:28-29, “Come to Me, all the ones being weary and having been burdened [*that is, loaded down with burdens too heavy to carry, and too heavy to deal with*], and I will give you rest. (29) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble *in* heart, and you will find rest *for* your souls.” Disciples’ Literal New Testament.

You matter! Zephaniah 3:17, “The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.”

1. “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Psalm 139:13-14, ESV)
2. “He who touches you touches the apple of his eye.” (Zechariah 2:8, ESV)
3. “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27, KJV)
4. “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12, KJV).
5. “It is God who directs the lives of his creatures; everyone’s life is in his power” (Job 12:10, KJV).

Let’s stay empowered. Let’s stay encouraged. Let’s stay connected. When we stay united, nothing can defeat us because we are united for the cause of the better.





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