

Know God

God didn't intend for you to fight life's battles alone. Would you like to know how you can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

What the Bible says about God:

- **God loves mankind**
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." - John 3:16
- **God is Holy**
*"Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor."
- Habakkuk 1:13a*

It is because of God's love that He desires a relationship with mankind whom He has created. Yet because of His holiness, He can have no dealings with sin. That presents a problem...

What the Bible says about Sin:

- **All have sinned**
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23

Each of us has committed acts that are sinful. But more than that, because we are born with a sinful nature, we fall short of God's standard of perfection.

- **Sin separates us from God**
"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your god, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear." - Isaiah 59:2

Because God is holy, He cannot look upon sin or accept sinful man into His presence. Yet because of His great love, He has made provision for man's sin...

What the Bible says about Jesus:

- **Jesus is God**
"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form." - Colossians 2:9

Jesus is not just a good man, moral teacher or historical figure. He is God in a human body.

- **Jesus died for our sins**
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

The death of Christ demonstrated the love of God and satisfied the demands of His holiness. His perfect sacrifice paid for our sins and took them away.

- **Jesus is the only way of Salvation**

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'" - John 14:12

We cannot come to God on our own terms. God, who created us, has provided a way for us to know Him, but that way is only through His Son, Jesus.

What the Bible says about Mankind:

It is not enough to believe intellectually that there is a God, or that Jesus existed as an historical figure, nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. Each of us must respond to God through an act of the will.

- **We must repent of our old way of living**

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away..." - Acts 3:19

Salvation is turning from our old way of living, independent from God, and turning to Him and the new life He offers.

- **We must receive Christ**

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." - John 1:12

"...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." - Romans 10:9-10

Salvation is a result not just of intellectually believing or of having an emotional experience. Salvation comes when we are ready to surrender our wills to Him. It is not just the words we say, but the attitude of our hearts. If you would like to receive Christ, this is the attitude He is looking for...

"Lord Jesus, I need you. I recognize that I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Come into my life as my Savior and Lord. Take control of the throne of my life and make me the kind of person you want me to be." Amen.

If you have given your life to Christ, He wants you to grow in that relationship. Here are some things that will help...

1. Begin reading the Bible daily.
2. Talk to God in prayer expressing your heart to Him.
3. Get involved in a church where you can study the Bible, learn more about Christ, and fellowship with other believers.
4. Share with others about Christ and what He has done for you.
5. Obey what you see in God's Word and trust Him in every detail of your life.