

Please—**right now**—turn away from sin and ask Jesus Christ to make you a Christian! “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”, Romans 10:13. God promised!

**If you trusted Christ as your Savior**, this advice will help you become a strong Christian:

1. Follow Jesus Christ by studying and obeying the Bible, John 8:31–32.
2. Pray for guidance and power to obey, Philippians 4:6–7.
3. Go to an active Bible teaching church every Sunday, Hebrews 10:24–25.
4. Tell others about Jesus and His wonderful salvation every day, Mark 16:15.

*What  
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**The word, “Christian(s)”** occurs only three times in the Bible—Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, 1 Peter 4:16, and Jesus Christ never addressed His followers as “Christians”; so why are most religious people in America understood as being Christians?

**What is a Christian?** First-century followers of Jesus Christ lived so much like their Savior and Lord, that their enemies in derision called them “Christians”, or “little Christs”, Acts 11:26; 26:28. Among non-Christians, the name became generally accepted as a term that described anyone who named the name of Christ, so the followers of Christ, along with many religious non-Christians, are generally referred to today as “Christians”.

**What are words in the Bible** that identify true Christians? Christians are called “disciples” two hundred fifty-three times, “saints” sixty-one times, “saved” fifty-one times, “believers” eleven times, “children of God” eleven times, “sons of God” five times, and “followers” twice. Many people who wear a “Christian” label, are not Christians, even though they may attend church or are members of a generally accepted denomination; so, what is a

Christian, and how does someone become a Christian?

### **What genuine Christians believe:**

1. The Bible, and only the Bible is the Word of God to mankind, 2 Timothy 3:16.
2. God exists in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 2 Corinthians 13:14.
3. Jesus Christ is the only Savior of mankind from their sinful life and the horrible judgment to come, Acts 4:12.
4. Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross and died to pay the penalty sinners deserve for their sins against God, Romans 5:8.
5. Christ rose bodily from the grave as victor over sin, death, and hell, and to prove He is God, then in human form, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5.
6. Salvation is a free gift from God (not a reward, trade, or purchase) available to any and all who will turn from sin and ask God to save them, Ephesians 2:8-10.
7. Jesus will come at any moment to take up Christians living and dead out of this world and up into Heaven, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

8. God will sentence all non-Christians to eternal damnation in the lake of fire for their refusal to accept His pardon through faith in Jesus Christ, Matthew 25:34, 41, 46.

**How does someone** become a Christian? As soon as a person accepts the facts as stated above (#’s 1–8),

and calls out to God to be rescued from the power and penalty of sin as earnestly as a drowning man calls out to a lifeguard, he will be immediately, completely, and eternally delivered, and will be miraculously born spiritually into the family of God, John 1:12-13; 3:3, 6-7.

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**If you are not sure** you would go to Heaven if you were to die today, **now** is the best time to be saved. Any time later may be way **too late!**

**It is now up to you** to let Jesus save you. “Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation” 2 Corinthians 6:2.