



## Decision Counseling Guide

### Becoming a Christian

What does it take for a person to go to Heaven? What does it mean to be a Christian? Becoming a Christian means...

#### 1. Realize that you are a sinner and have fallen short of God's glory.

"For all have sinned and fall short of God's glory." Romans 3:23

What does this verse say about Man (you)? God?

#### 2. Realize that only Jesus can forgive your sins.

"Jesus answered, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

What does this verse say about Jesus? What does this say about how you get to heaven?

#### 3. Ask Christ to forgive your sins.

"Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

What does this verse say about you?

#### 4. Commit your life to Jesus as your Lord (Boss).

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

According to this verse, what must you do to be saved from your sins? How are you going to do these things?

When was the first time that you feel you truly understood what it means to be a Christian and were willing to commit your life to following and obeying Christ?

Previously    Today    Not Yet

### Assurance of Salvation

#### *You can't get saved more than once...*

Once you meet a stranger, you are no longer strangers. You never need to be reintroduced because you already met. Jesus is the same! When you get saved you meet Jesus for the first time. Therefore, you never need to get saved again, because you have already met Jesus.

#### *You can't lose your salvation...*

Salvation is a gift. You can't be good enough to earn it, so you can't do anything bad enough to lose it.

"Can anything separate us from Christ's love? Can trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or threats of death? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us! I am convinced that neither life or death, neither angels or demons, neither the present or the future, or any powers, neither height or depth, or anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ!" Romans 8:35-39

"As I was with Moses, I also will be with you. I will never leave you or forsake you." Joshua 1:5

#### *Dealing with doubt...*

God is in control of Heaven and Hell. Because His Word (the Bible) is true, we can be certain of our home in Heaven and forgiveness of our sin.

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life!" 1 John 5:13

### Growing as a Christian

#### *Importance of spiritual growth...*

Just as you grow and mature physically, we are to grow and mature spiritually.

Salvation is the beginning of your Christian life. The rest of your life is for growing closer to God, serving God, and sharing your faith with others.

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good!"

#### *How to grow...*

- Read your Bible:  
"Study this book (the Bible) continually. Meditate on it day and night so that you will be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed." Joshua 1:8

- Pray:  
"Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things that you don't know." Jeremiah 33:3

- Find a church and youth ministry:  
"And let us not stop meeting together as some have got in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another all the more." Hebrews 10:25

### 7 Questions about Baptism

Q: Was Jesus baptized?

A: Yes, by John the Baptist. (Matthew 3:13)

Q: Why was Jesus baptized?

A: To be obedient to all that God requires. (Matthew 3:15)

Q: Does Jesus command us to be baptized?

A: Yes. According to Acts 2:38, all are to be baptized after they have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior.

Q: What is the meaning of baptism?

A: It is a picture three things. (Romans 6:3-4)

(1) It is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

(2) It is a picture of our death to sin and the beginning of our new life in Christ.

(3) It is a picture of what He has done in us, a public witness of our faith in Christ.

Q: Who should be baptized?

A: Those who repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Q: Does baptism save me?

A: No, Jesus saved you. Though the water might wash your dirt away, it cannot wash your sins away. Jesus took away your sins. Again, baptism is only an outward symbol of an inward decision.

Q: Are we lost if we are not baptized?

A: The Bible says we are lost if we do not repent (Luke 13:3). The Bible says we are lost if we fail to believe in Jesus (John 3:18). No where does the Bible say we are lost if we are not baptized.

Baptism Appointment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Permission Required:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Signature





## Christian Growth Guide

### What to do now

- Now that you're a Christian...TELL SOMEBODY.
  - Tell your Youth Pastor or Adult Leader.
  - Tell your family.
  - Tell your youth group.
- Tell your Pastor & Go before your church and tell the church about the decision you've made for Christ.
- Make an appointment to get Baptized and follow our Lord Jesus' example.
- Begin observing the Lord's Supper/Communion at your church.
- Begin your daily walk with Christ!

### Christian Websites

#### 1. Websites on Christian Faith & the Gospel

[www.thekristo.com](http://www.thekristo.com)

[www.connectwithgod.com](http://www.connectwithgod.com)

[www.beyonddextreme.com](http://www.beyonddextreme.com)

[www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com)

#### 2. Websites on Christian Living

[www.godspeaks.com](http://www.godspeaks.com)

[www.livethelife.org](http://www.livethelife.org)

<http://www.interlinc-online.com/>

[www.wolfeborobible.com/teen.html](http://www.wolfeborobible.com/teen.html)

#### 3. Christian Service

<http://www.volunteers.namb.net/>

[www.thetask.org](http://www.thetask.org)

#### 4. Online Bible Resources

<http://www.biblegateway.com/>

### Calling to Ministry

#### *The 5 C's To God's Calling...*

The call of God on your life will be

- **Clear** (may not be at 1st, but it gets clear)
- **Consistent** (doesn't go away)
- **Corporate** (affirmed by other believers, church)
- **Complete** (husband & wife, if you are married)
- **Commitment** (go when it's hard)

#### *I'm in Middle or High School. What do I do in the meantime...*

- Begin serving in your student ministry & church
  - Find ways to begin serving in your local church.
  - Talk to your Youth Pastor/leader about serving in some capacity in your student ministry
- Study God's Word

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."  
2 Timothy 3:16

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15

- Share your decision publicly & ask for accountability
  - Tell your Youth Pastor/leader about your decision
  - Share God's call with your parents
  - Ask adult leaders & mature student leaders to give you resources and help you grow in your walk and decision

#### *Does this mean I have to know what I'm going to do for the rest of my life right now?*

- NO. Respond to what God is calling you to do right now.
- You do not have to know if your ministry will be full-time or part-time or whether you will be a Pastor, Youth Pastor, Missionary, etc.
- God may call you to do different ministries during your lifetime – your job is to be available to what God may call you to and be obedient to the tasks he has given you right now!
- Keep seeking the Lord – Matt. 6:33 "Seek first the Kingdom of God & HIS righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." If you keep reading your Bible, praying, and serving the Lord (focusing on HIS righteousness), He will give reveal to you the tasks He has for you and where He wants you to serve.

### Christian Resources

- **My Utmost for His Highest** Oswald Chambers
- **The Bible Answer Book** R.A. Torrey
- **Mere Christianity** C.S. Lewis
- **Don't Waste Your Life** John Piper
- **Knowing God** J.I. Packer



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**Please, Give this guide to  
the Student to keep!  
This guide is for them.**