



How to know Jesus

1- YOU ARE SPECIAL TO GOD!

God created the world and everything in it. Genesis 1:26 says that God created the first man and woman in His image or likeness. He made people to be creative, to love and care for others, to make choices, to know Him, and much more. We are not all-knowing like God, but we can understand many things – including the difference between right and wrong.

God also created you unique—exactly the way He wanted you to be! Psalm 139:13-14 says,

***“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”***

There is no one else like you. God created you and has a wonderful plan for your life. You are very special to Him, and He loves you very much!

Do you know just how much God loves you? Keep reading!

2- God Sent You a Savior!

The Bible tells us that God sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Why do you need a Savior? Because you along with everyone else has sinned against God.

Romans 3:23 says, ***“For all have sinned.”*** Everyone has disobeyed God.

Isaiah 59:2 says, ***“Your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God.”***

Your sins have separated you from God because He is holy and righteous, but God wants to save you from this condition. ***He loves you so much*** that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for your sins. Jesus died on a cross and rose to life so you can have your sins forgiven and begin a wonderful relationship with God.

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” First Peter 3:18

Do you realize that you have sinned against God? If you desire a relationship with Him, He is able to forgive you of all your sins. How? Keep reading!

3- HOW CAN YOU BE SAVED?

Colossians 1:13-14 says that it is only through God's Son that we have the **forgiveness of sins**. You must **believe** in Jesus to be forgiven of your sins and to have eternal life. That is what it means to be saved. Jesus said,

"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life." John 6:40

Is there any other way to be saved and have a relationship with your heavenly Father? No! Jesus said,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

It's up to you to put your faith and trust in Jesus and claim Him as your Savior.

What happens then? Keep reading!

4- WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE SAVED?

God does an amazing change in you and gives you a new life!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Here's what the Bible says are some of the amazing changes and benefits for all who have received Jesus Christ into their lives.

1. **You have been totally forgiven.** (Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:9, 2:12)
2. **You have become a child of God.** (John 1:12)
3. **You will never be separated from God's love.** (Romans 8:38-39)
4. **You have been made righteous.** (Romans 3:21-22, 9:30, 10:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
5. **You have been given the Holy Spirit.** (Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 6:19)
6. **You have been set free from the power of sin.** (Romans 6:18)
7. **You have been given all you need to live godly.** (2 Peter 1:3)
8. **You will share in the inheritance of the saints with other believers.** (Colossians 1:12)
9. **You have the assurance of eternal life.** (John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-12)
10. **You have been given gifts to use for God's glory.** (Romans 12:6)

WOW! That is AMAZING! And there's more! Keep reading.

5- GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE!

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” Ephesians 5:1-2

If you have placed your faith in Jesus as your Savior, you are now God’s dearly loved child, and your purpose is to live a life of love as Jesus did. How can you be like Jesus? Trying hard on your own to do good things won’t work. The Apostle Paul didn’t put any confidence in himself but in Jesus. He said,

“I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

Just as you were saved through faith in Jesus, you are to live by faith in Him. God has given you a new life and now Jesus lives in you. As you depend on His power, you can choose to live a life of love as Jesus did. There’s more to learn! Keep going.

6- KNOW AND LIVE GOD’S WORD!

The Bible is the most important book in the whole world! It's God's Words in writing. His Word is the guidebook for living your new life.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

The Bible gives light for you to be able to follow Him and live a life that pleases Him. Second Timothy 3:16-17 says,

"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."

Before you begin reading the Bible, ask God to give you understanding in order to put His Words into practice—to live it. Jesus said in Matthew 7:24-25,

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

Build your life on the Word of God!