

If you are unsure about your salvation or have just surrendered your life to Jesus, we would like to give you some information that will help you discover what your next step is. If you are still unsure, we hope that this will spur you on to surrender your life to Jesus. If you have already done this, we hope that this will serve to confirm the decision that you have made. Regardless of where you are in your walk with God, we hope that you find this information helpful and we look forward to journeying together with you as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

The way that we receive God's gift of salvation to us is through trusting in Jesus whole-heartedly and calling out to him sincerely in repentance from our sins and in surrender to Him as Lord. Think through these questions and read the bible verses listed as you consider the commitment that you have made:

- Have you come to recognize that your sins, like the sins of all people, leave you condemned before God, awaiting his just wrath, and in desperate need of God's forgiveness? (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- Do you trust that God paid your debt of sin by pouring out His wrath on His own Son, Jesus? (Isaiah 53:4-6)
- Do you trust that Jesus rose bodily from the dead to prove that He was who He said He was: God's Son, our Savior, and Lord of all? (Romans 1:3-4, 10:9-10)
- Are you willing to turn away from your sins by giving up control of your life to the risen Jesus as your Lord? (Acts 2:38, 17:30; Romans 10:9-13; 2 Peter 3:9)

Have you called out to God, confessing and repenting of your sinfulness, acknowledging your need for his forgiveness, and surrendering to Jesus as your Savior and Lord? This is how you come to be made right with God, to be "born again" in Christ. You must trust Jesus and surrender control of your life to Him as your Lord from this point forward. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit of God convicts us of our sins, points us to Jesus, enables us to trust Him, and comes to live in us and transform us when we trust Jesus. This is what it means to be "born again."

Once you make this commitment and become a Christian (a follower of Christ), there are some next steps that will help you in your new journey with God through Jesus, your new Lord and Savior:

- Pursuing God's Presence: spending time reading the Bible and praying are the foundational ways that we grow in knowing who God is and growing closer to Him
- Pursuing God's Mission: God has placed us in specific places and around specific people so that we can influence them and, through our natural relationships, share the saving message of Jesus (the gospel) with them so that they too can come to know God
- Pursuing God's Community: God has given us other followers of Christ to come along side of us so that we can be mutually encouraged and help each other grow as we journey together
- Pursuing God's Glory: a life surrendered to Christ is a life lived for his glory. Since our lives are no longer our own, we seek to serve God through our time, talents (gifts & abilities), treasures (money & possessions), and temple (body).

*We would love to hear from you! Please let us know about the decision you have made, if there are questions we can answer, and how we can assist you in taking your next steps in your journey with God.*

