

When and how did you become a Christian? In 10 minutes, Write your story. This is how anyone can become a follower of Jesus: The Bible's message of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus.

Let's use **Romans 10:9-15 + 4 SYMBOLS:** ♥ X † ? = God's love, our sin, Jesus' death, your decision. We could also use **Jn. 3:16, Rom. 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-5a, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, Jn.16:8-9, Gal. 2:16, Rom. 3:20-28,** Write subject and verses in front of your Bible. Go through **Rom. 10:9-15.**

If you were to die tonight and stand before God in heaven, and He would ask you "Why should I let you into my heaven?", how would you answer?

♥ The story of the Bible is that God loves us and created us for relationship with Him; Jesus' death on the cross proves it. His love is a historical fact! **Jn. 3:16, Rom. 5:8.**

X The cross was necessary because of our sin. What is sin? Sin literally means to miss the mark. It is anything other than authentic Christianity, which is (1) Walking in line with God's Word, (2) by the power of God's Spirit, (3) for the purpose of God's glory. The Bible teaches every person is a sinner by nature and a sinner by heredity, has sinned, and, has sin in his/her flesh. Which means every person needs a holy nature, needs to move from being IN Adam to being IN Christ, needs forgiveness of sins, and needs sin in the flesh condemned.

† Jesus dealt with all the sin issues by His death in our place as sinners and for our sins. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, was raised from the dead, and appeared to many. He's a living Savior, a triumphant Lord! **1 Cor. 15:3-5a.** The Good News is that on the cross, Jesus dealt with all the sin issues. **2 Cor. 5:17-21.** Now it's a Son issue. **Jn. 16:9** The Spirit convicts unbelievers of the sin of not believing in Jesus. Justified by faith in Jesus and His work alone (**Gal. 2:16, Rom. 3:20-28**)!

? What have you done with Jesus, who loves you, who died for you and your sins, and who wants to reign in your life as Lord?

If you would like to recognize Jesus as Lord of your life, pray a prayer similar to this: "God, I realize that I'm a sinner—in many ways. But Your Son Jesus died on the cross to deal with: my sins so I could be forgiven, my sinful nature so I could become a holy one (a saint) by nature, sin in the flesh so I could walk pleasing to You by the Spirit, and my sinful representative Adam so I could become part of Your family (IN Christ). Thank You, Jesus, for doing that for me! By faith in You and Your work, I choose to turn my life over to You, to follow You wherever You lead, to let You be in control of my life. Thank You for being willing to be my living Savior and Lord. I confess You as Lord with my mouth and believe in my heart that the Father raised You from the dead. I've called on Your name, Jesus. Thank You for the immediate and eternal changes You'll make in me. You are a wonderful God. Amen."

Rom. 10:9-13 ...that 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 (justice), and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation (deliverance). For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord [Jesus] will be saved."

Jn. 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (unique, one of a kind) Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Cor. 15:3-5a For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to [hundreds of eyewitnesses].

2 Cor. 5:17-21 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ...namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them...He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness (justice) of God in Him.

John 16:8-9 And He [the Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world...concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me [Jesus].

Gal. 2:16 ...nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Rom. 3:20-28 ...by works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. But now apart from the Law the righteousness (justice) of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation (satisfaction) in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just & the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith [in Jesus] apart from works of the Law.