

You wanted information on . . .

Committing Your Life to Jesus

. . . and here it is!!

We're thrilled you've asked about the most important decision a person could ever make! Because this is so important, someone will give you a call to answer any specific questions you might have. Here are some basics to get you started in thinking about making a life changing decision for Jesus Christ:

God created us because He LOVES us and wants us to ENJOY a personal relationship with him.

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:4-5, NLT

When we KNOW and LOVE God, and LIVE according to God's purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives.

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10, NLT

HOWEVER, there is a problem!

You already know what that problem is: no one is perfect! And the Bible calls that imperfection "sin." Sin means we are separated from God. Imperfection results in a consequence, and that consequence is eternal separation from God. *"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."* Romans 3:23, NLT

God is perfect and we are imperfect.

The only way for us to enjoy a relationship is for us to be perfect ourselves—but nobody is perfect!

HOWEVER, God came to earth as Jesus to lead a perfect life and to PAY the price of OUR imperfection!

Why did God do this? Why did God send His son to die in our place? Because He loves us so much He did EVERYTHING to restore the relationship with imperfect people. Jesus freely offers this gift through faith in Him. *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* Romans 5:8, NLT

All we have to do is accept Jesus' free gift of salvation, accepting Him as Lord of our life.

"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are." Romans 3:22

Here is a sample prayer to accept Jesus:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."

Have you said these things to God?

IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU BELONG!

If you don't feel like talking, don't sweat it! The person who does call you won't force you to talk about anything with which you are not comfortable. There's no pressure!

If you do decide to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life, we urge you to tell somebody who is a believer!! Call our office: (937) 886-0737. We would love to answer any questions, offer encouragement, and share in the excitement of your new life!

Praying for your growth!
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