

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN KNOW GOD!

The good news is that God has spoken to us, God has visited us! He not only has been here, but he is here now! He became a real man, told us what life is all about, endured real suffering, shed real blood and died a real death to make an eternal payment for our bad attitudes and actions. Then He validated His authority over all creation by being raised from the dead. He is alive and now offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who will turn from going their own way in order to trust and follow Him. This amazing intervention by God into His creation is far too incredible for man to think up – it is obviously the work of a wise, creative, loving, righteous God. He has made an eternal sacrifice for us so that we can live with Him forever! He has done all and more than we would expect God to do, and certainly far beyond what we deserve.

There are so many people saying “This is the way to God.” If you examine them, it is obvious that they all can't be right. Who can you believe? I am suggesting that you believe in Jesus. Why? Because he is the only one in all of history who has come from heaven. He is the only one who has proved worthy of our trust because of his words and miracles. He is the only one who has taken care of the real problem in the world – the evil in each of us that separates us from our perfect, holy, righteous creator and heavenly father. He did this by suffering and dying to pay the penalty for our sin. He is the only one who is raised from the dead, who is alive and waiting for us to **believe** him, **come** to him and **follow** him.

You may ask, “How do I come to Him?” I would suggest that you get alone and simply turn your heart to God and tell Him in your own words that you want to know Him. You might say something like this:

“Lord Jesus, I want to know you. I believe that you are the living God, the Messiah/Christ. Thank you for coming from heaven to suffer and die to pay the penalty for my wicked deeds, thoughts and attitudes. I believe that God the Father raised you from the dead and that in you is forgiveness and eternal life. I want to turn away from running my own life and follow you, Jesus – I know I can trust you, and I choose to trust you now.”

If you honestly express these thoughts or similar thoughts to God, he will hear you, forgive you, and adopt you as his child forever! John, one of the disciples who followed Jesus around for three years and talked to him after he was raised from the dead said this, “to all who received him(Jesus), he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them.”²⁷

If you call on the risen, living savior, Jesus, as suggested in the above prayer, you will become a child of Almighty God! Because you have trusted in his Son, you will be one of his children – and God takes care of his children! I would encourage you to continue to talk to him. Pour out your heart to him – Thank him for his mercy and forgiveness. Commit yourself to worship and follow him. He already knows you completely and loves you! Because He made you, he knows what is best for you and will lead you through life's journey. Make it your purpose in life to please him. As you trust him and follow him, you will grow in a relationship that will last forever!

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture references are taken from The Living Bible

¹ Matthew 4:23-25

² Matthew 8:24-27

³ Luke 1:3

⁴ Luke 7:12-16, New Living Translation

⁵ 1st Corinthians 15:3-8, “Messiah”
substituted for “Christ”

⁶ Matthew 6:28-30, NLT

⁷ Matthew 5:43-48

⁸ Matthew 7:12

⁹ Matthew 7:7,8

¹⁰ Matthew 7:21

¹¹ Matthew 7:13-14

¹² Mark 7:21-23

¹³ John 8:32, NLT

¹⁴ John 8:34-36, NLT

¹⁵ John 3:13-17, NLT

¹⁶ John 5:22-23

¹⁷ John 10:30 NLT

¹⁸ John 11:25

¹⁹ John 6:35-39

²⁰ John 6:29

²¹ Matthew 11:28-30, NLT

²² John 7:37

²³ John 10:27-28

²⁴ John 8:12

²⁵ Mark 8:34 & 36, NLT

²⁶ Luke 24:46-47

²⁷ John 1:12