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E. Finally what about you.

Having got this far in this Study how do you describe your own position? Would you say you are a Christian? Yes/No _____

If your answer was “no” and you would like to become a Christian, pray the following prayer from your heart.

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe Christ died on the Cross for my sins and rose again from the dead on the third day. I confess that I have rebelled against You, sinning in thought, word and deed. I ask You to forgive me and cleanse me from all my sins through Jesus Christ. I receive Jesus Christ now as my Saviour and Lord. Come into my life and take complete control, Lord Jesus. Thank You Lord.

If you have prayed that prayer and really meant it, God has forgiven your sins and Jesus Christ has come into your life as Lord and Saviour. You are born again. Jesus promised this in *Revelation 3:20* and He has kept His Word.

In becoming a Christian, you have become a child of God and He has become your Father in Heaven. Day by day, as you talk to Him in prayer and read His Word, your relationship with Him will grow stronger and stronger.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE COURSE

Study Two: How Does a Person Become a Christian?

A Christian is a person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ and receives Him into their life as Lord and Saviour. This involves a turning from the old way of life and a turning to faith in the truth of what the Bible teaches about Christ.

A. Becoming a Christian - The answer in the Word of God

1. The Philippian jailer was desperate to know. *Acts 16:28-34*
What was Paul's answer? _____
2. Many were deeply convicted of sin as Peter preached Christ to them. What did Peter tell them? *Acts 2:36-41* _____

The word “**repent**” in the Greek, means “to have a new mind.” To change the way you think. Before we **repent** we have other priorities before Jesus Christ in our life. When **we repent, we take Jesus Christ and make Him our Lord and Saviour. We make Him number one before all else.**

3. What does the Bible say about this former life style, of living apart from Christ? *Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:9,10,23* _____

4. How did God make a way for us to be forgiven of all our sins? *1Corinthians 15:3; 1Peter 2:24.* _____

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5. Why did God do this for us? What was His motive? *John 3:16; 1John 3:1,2; 1John 4:9* _____

On the Cross Jesus Christ, our Saviour gave His perfect sinless life as a sacrifice and full payment for all our sins, *1John 2:1,2*. Three days later, **He was raised from the dead by the power and Spirit of God** as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, *1Corinthians 15:4-8; Romans 8:11; Ephesians 1:21-23*. He died on the Cross to be our Saviour and He was raised again on the third day to be our Lord.

B. The experience of becoming a Christian is described in various ways in the Bible.

1. Jesus said to Nicodemus, *John 3:3* _____

2. Paul said to the jailer, *Acts 16:31* _____

3. Peter told his congregation, *Acts 3:19* _____

4. Paul wrote to the Roman believers, *Romans 5:1* _____

These are different ways of describing what happens when we believe in Christ as Saviour and Lord. We are **born anew** into the family of God, **saved from wrath** and the judgment of God on sin, **converted from** a slave of satan to a son or daughter of God, *Colossians 1:13; 2Corinthians 6:18*, **justified by faith** and declared 100% righteous in God's sight.

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C. Now I have become a Christian, my new life is IN CHRIST, and CHRIST LIVES IN ME.

These two truths make for a victorious Christian life.

1. What changes occur when God puts us in Christ? *2Corinthians 5:17* _____

2. When God puts us **in Christ** how does His life become our life? *1Corinthians 1:30* _____

3. How has God made it possible for Jesus Christ to come and live in me? *Galatians 2:20* _____

4. What changes occur when Christ is living in me? *Philippians 4:13* _____

D. The cost of following Jesus

There are many blessings and joys in the Christian life, but also there is frequent opposition and temptation. Sometimes the difficulties come from those close to us

How did Jesus warn us? *Matthew 10:36* _____

When we encounter tests and trials, what will God do?

1Corinthians 10:13 _____

What attitude does Jesus require of us when we are persecuted for following Him? *Mark 11:25,26; Matthew 5:11,12; Luke 6:27* _____
