

PRAYER TO KNOW GOD

There Is No Hope without Jesus Christ

The following verse describes a person's spiritual condition without Jesus Christ.

In those days you were living apart from Christ... You lived in this world without God and without hope. (Ephesians 2:12 NLT)

Your Prayer to Know God

Dear God, thank you for loving me and caring about me. Thank you for wanting me to be with you forever and for sending Jesus Christ to be my Savior and Lord. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me, that He was dead and buried, and was raised back to life by your supernatural power, according to the scriptures.

Please forgive me for all my sins against you and people. I commit to live my life under your authority and rule, Jesus, as the Lord of my life. Thank you, Jesus Christ, for rescuing me from the eternal consequences of living my life without you.

Thank you, Father, for sending your Spirit to live within me now to guide, help, and teach me. I know that I now have eternal life with you, my God!

Assurance

If you sincerely prayed the above from your heart, you are now a born-again Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is living within you. Welcome to the eternal family of God!

You now have the following relationship with each person of the Trinity of God. You are a:

- Child of your Father God (Galatians 3:26)
- Disciple and brother/sister of Jesus Christ (Mark 3:35)
- Temple in which the Holy Spirit lives (1 Corinthians 6:9)

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God's Love Rescues You

God Loves You

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God Loves You Unconditionally

Unlike conditional human love, God's love is unconditional. Nothing you can ever do or say will change how much and how deeply He will ALWAYS love you!

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. (Ephesians 3:18 NLT)

God has always known everything about you and still loves you unconditionally.

O LORD, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You go before me and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! (Psalms 139:1-6 NLT)

Personal Application

Describe when you experienced the Father's unconditional love, even when you didn't deserve it. How did that make you feel? Do you have a closer personal relationship with Him as a result?

GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

The following verse says the Father God demonstrated His sacrificial love for you by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die a horrible death on the cross for your sins. Jesus' resurrection from the dead is proof of this love and the eternal life God offers.

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. (1 John 4:10 NLT)

If you still doubt His unconditional, sacrificial love for you, read the following words from the Bible:

Who is the one who will condemn? Christ is the one who died (and more than that, he was raised), who is at the right hand of God, and who also is interceding for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor heavenly rulers, nor things that are present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:34-39 NET)

THE GOOD NEWS IS GOD'S LOVE

The Good News Proves God's Unconditional Love for You

The Good News is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It demonstrates God's unconditional, sacrificial love for you. Jesus preached the Good News when He was on earth. Why? Because He wants everyone to be saved and spend eternity with Him.

Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where He preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God has come at last!" He announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" (Mark 1:14-15 NLT)

What is this Good News? The following verses provide a simple description of this Good News that saves you:

*Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before.... It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you ... **Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.*** (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NLT)

Personal Application

Do you believe the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ? If you only understand it with your mind but don't believe it in your heart, is it really Good News for you? If you are already a follower of Jesus, does knowing the Good News strengthen your faith and trust in the God of the Bible?

SOME REJECT GOD'S LOVE

Some People Reject the Good News and God's Unconditional Love

I have heard people rationalize why they reject God's love and His Good News. Since no one knows when they will die, delaying the decision is the same as rejecting God's free offer of salvation.

NOTE: Once a person's physical body dies, it's too late to be saved from the eternal consequences of rejecting Jesus (Luke 16:19-31).

Following are some common rationalizations with my short counter-response:

- I am too busy. I'll do it later. (There may not be a "later." You don't know when you will die.)
- I was baptized as a baby. (Water baptism doesn't save a child or adult.)
- I have always been a Christian. (No one has always been a Christian. It's a decision each person makes in response to the Good News.)
- I was raised in a Christian home. (Parents can't cause their children to be saved. Each person must make their own decision about Christ.)
- I am not good enough for God. (No one is good enough. God wants you to come to Him just as you are.)
- God will accept me into Heaven because I'm a good person. (No one can ever be perfect enough to earn their way into Heaven. That's why Jesus died.)
- There are many paths to God. Christianity is just one of them. (Jesus said that no one could come to God except through Him.)