

What Does it Mean to Be a Christian, Part 3

How do I get Into a Right Relationship with God?

1. A Relationship with God is a gift of _____
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- a. Grace—means a gift that is _____.
 - A gift that has _____ attached is not a gift
 - Grace is the _____ behind this relationship.
- b. Faith—_____ faith.
 - It appears as though faith is our _____ in the process of salvation
 - Yet, even faith is a _____ of God.
 - Faith is the _____ which holds grace; or, the outlet by which we access this power
 - Faith is not a belief in a list of doctrines, but a trusting _____, just as a baby trusts its parent, without fully knowing or understanding.
 - We are babies in God's loving arms

2. If God does everything, then what do I do?

- a. _____!
 - God loves us and is offering his grace.
 - It is as close to us as the air that we breathe.
 - Pray to God to gift you with _____ that you might receive this grace.
 - God will answer your prayer and give you _____.
 - We now are set free from the _____ to sin, and are set free to live our lives as trusting children of God.

b. Where do I go from here?

- Once a person understands the price Jesus paid so that we might know God's love, we begin to _____ in that love of God, living our lives under God's direction as obedient children.
- This does not mean that we are _____ or will do everything right.
- This is only a beginning of a life-long _____ with God.
- Bit by bit, God will take away our selfishness and sin, replacing that with _____.
- We lead a life of growing in God's grace called _____. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

I, _____, recognize that there is nothing I can do to earn God's love and salvation. It is God's love as expressed through Jesus Christ that brings me into relationship with Him. I submit myself on this day, _____, to this loving God's care. I promise to commit myself to God, and to the love and care of God's family, the church, so that I might continue to grow in my relationship with Christ.

Signed: _____

Witnessed by: _____

Get Baptized! Baptism is a sign of God's love for you and of God's commitment to you. We want you to share this precious gift with you!

Grow Further: Take our 12 week class for those new to faith: Discipleship 201 which will begin in January, every Tuesday, 6:30 PM.