

Being a Christ Follower Growing In Your Relationship with God

Welcome to the Greatest Race of all time!

Unlike all other races the qualification to get in this race is based on Who you know and not whether you are a worthy competitor.

The race we are talking about is the life of a Christ-follower. Paul describes this effort to please God as a **RACE** in 1 Corinthians 9:24. Here we are told to “run to win”, in other words, live to win – winning means pleasing God, as scripture portrays. Although being a Christ follower begins by trusting Christ as our Savior, it does not end there. That is only the green flag to an exciting, yet challenging life.

And, the entry fee is waived – it was paid by Christ! And that is how we get into the race of life.

To become a Christ-follower one must receive Christ as their Savior – we do not run to get in, as Paul says “*So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy*” (Romans 9:16 - NASB), we get in by faith.

Therefore, to become a Christ-follower all one needs to do is the following:

Repent: acknowledge that sin has kept you from God and turn from it to Him. Isaiah 59:2

Accept: that God gave His Son to be a substitute for our sins, 2 Corinthians 5:21, receiving the punishment we deserved. 1 Peter 3:18

Christ: only Jesus, the Son of God died to pay for the sins of all mankind and in particular our personal sin. Realize only Jesus can cleanse us of our sins. We must receive him and none other. John 1:12; Acts 4:12

Express: your faith in Jesus. That act of trust, initiates salvation; a salvation which was procured by Jesus and is reserved in heaven for you, proven by His resurrection from the dead; opening death's grave and heaven's doors to all who would follow Him by faith. Acts 16:31

You may have already made the decision to trust Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and by doing so God has promised you eternal life. WELL DONE! This is the most important decision you will make in your lifetime! You may feel that you have entered uncharted territory – that is how to live as a Christ-follower. This guide is intended to help you build confidence in your relationship with God and in doing so become an effective witness for Him!

The following Scripture and questions will provide a basis for the **confidence you need** to not only know without a doubt that you are a Christ-follower, but will also help you succeed in your relationship with God, as you live, you will “run” to please Him! The best place to begin growing in your relationship with God is to begin reading and studying the Bible on a regular basis. LET'S GET STARTED!

