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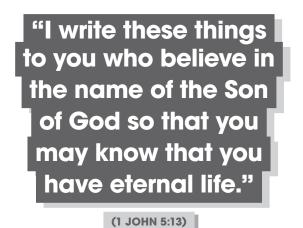
faith

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

A Christian is a Christ-ian: someone who follows and puts their faith in Jesus Christ.

How that happens varies enormously. For some there is a definite moment; for others it is a more gradual process.

- When you receive Christ, you become a child of God. (John 1:12)
- God wants you to be sure of your faith.



Faith is not a blind leap, but a step based on evidence.

1. THE WORD OF GOD

We must not only trust our feelings, which can be changeable and may even be deceptive at times, but instead rely on God's promises.

- "... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)
- "I will come in." (Revelation 3:20)
- "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20)
- "I give them eternal life." (John 10:28)

2. THE WORK OF JESUS

You come exactly as you are. It's not about what you do or what you can achieve; it's about what has been done for you by Jesus on the cross.

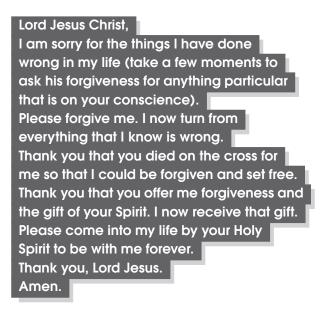
- Free gift of God (Romans 6:23).
- It's free but not cheap: it cost Jesus His life.
- We receive it through repentance (turning away from sin) and faith (trust).

3. THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When someone becomes a Christian, God comes to live inside them by His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9).

- He transforms us from within.
 - Our characters (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - Our relationships
- He brings a deep personal conviction that we are God's children. – Faith to knowledge (Romans 8:15–16)

Here is a very simple prayer that you can pray to open the door of your heart to Jesus Christ and invite Him to come into your life by His Spirit:



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RECOMMENDED READING

The Reason for God Tim Keller

Is Faith Irrational? Nicky Gumbel

One Step Beyond: One Man's Journey From Near Death to New Life Gram Seed