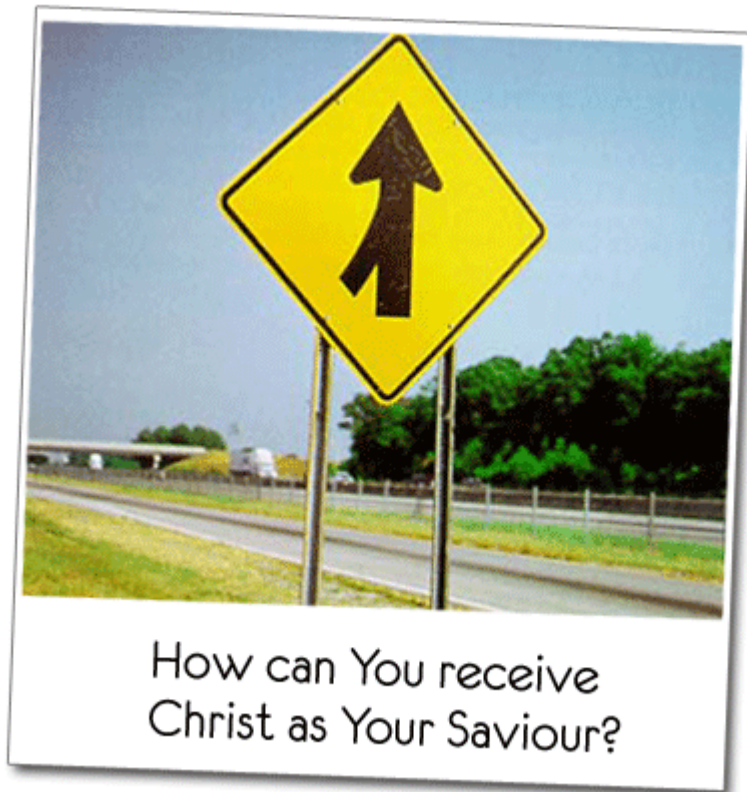


How can You receive Christ as Your Saviour



This is a vital question. The Bible leaves no room for error. We cannot afford to be less than clear on its answer to the question, what must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30). If you are asking that question, here is God's answer in simple terms.

Recognize your need to be saved

Most people have little conception of the hatefulness of their sin in the sight of God. That is why we have taken such pains to emphasize this point already. Only when you see your need will you be willing to apply God's remedy.

“They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick” (Matthew 9:12). Do not be tempted to sidestep the humbling recognition of your great need. Accept no proposed answer that does not face up to and deal with your sin and guilty. Especially shun every false gospel that simply addresses you in terms of giving you a happy and fulfilled life. The Lord does give His people such a life, but the Biblical way of salvation is first and foremost God's way of bringing sinners into a right relationship with Himself through Christ. Beware of false peace.

“They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace” (Jeremiah 6:14).

Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that He alone is able to save

“We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:69)

“A just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isaiah 45:21,22).

Accept and act upon the promises of the gospel

We have just noted the plain invitation that the Lord has given to sinners. If you will take the Lord at His word, on His own terms, you will be saved. He has sworn to that.

What are the Lord’s terms for coming to Christ?

Confession of sin to the Lord is necessary

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13).

Trust in the merits of Christ alone is also necessary

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).

“As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12).

Repentance from sin is necessary

“God ... commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

Repentance is the result of honest confession. Once you see your sinfulness before God and desire to be saved, you purpose to turn away from what you know to be sin to serve Christ as your Lord. You cannot have Him as your Saviour if you deliberately refuse to have Him as the Lord of your life.

Therefore, call now on the name of the Lord for salvation.

The Lord Jesus told of a man who simply but sincerely prayed, “God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13), and He added, “This man went down to his house justified” (v.14).

Take your stand on the promise of God and accept His assurance that all Christ did in His saving work He did personally for you.

