



How do you think God feels about you?

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. Luke 9:23-24



What do you think this verse means?

(In the first century Christianity was an 'illegal religion', just being a Christian was a crime punishable by death!) There is still a cost involved in living the Christian life (John 16v20-24, 2 Timothy 3v12)



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19

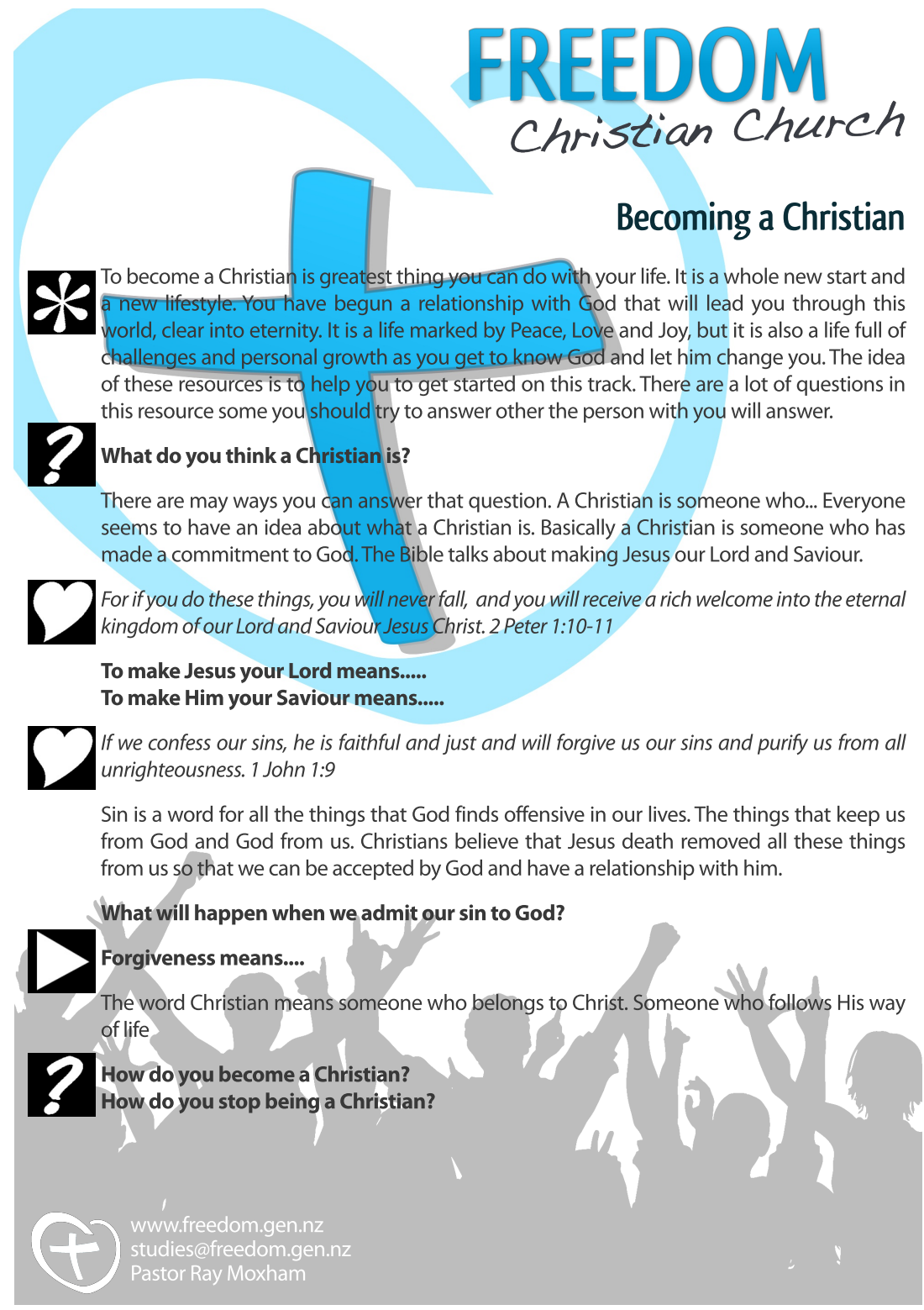
Different words are used in the bible for Christian, a follower, a believer, a disciple. Disciple is an interesting word it means one who learns, grows, changes and imitates Jesus. This is what you need to become.



What things do you need to do this week?

What do you need to avoid this week?

What do you think will be your biggest challenge this week?



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Becoming a Christian



To become a Christian is the greatest thing you can do with your life. It is a whole new start and a new lifestyle. You have begun a relationship with God that will lead you through this world, clear into eternity. It is a life marked by Peace, Love and Joy, but it is also a life full of challenges and personal growth as you get to know God and let him change you. The idea of these resources is to help you to get started on this track. There are a lot of questions in this resource some you should try to answer other the person with you will answer.



What do you think a Christian is?

There are many ways you can answer that question. A Christian is someone who... Everyone seems to have an idea about what a Christian is. Basically a Christian is someone who has made a commitment to God. The Bible talks about making Jesus our Lord and Saviour.



For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10-11

To make Jesus your Lord means.....

To make Him your Saviour means.....



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Sin is a word for all the things that God finds offensive in our lives. The things that keep us from God and God from us. Christians believe that Jesus death removed all these things from us so that we can be accepted by God and have a relationship with him.

What will happen when we admit our sin to God?



Forgiveness means....

The word Christian means someone who belongs to Christ. Someone who follows His way of life



How do you become a Christian?

How do you stop being a Christian?





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You don't become a Christian by doing good things and you don't stop being a Christian by doing bad things. It is a choice to follow Jesus and let him into your life.

 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10*


 **What do you think grace and faith are?**
what do you think not by works means?
What good works do you think Jesus has prepared for you?


 **Being a Christian is about**
Believing in Jesus
Loving Jesus
Following Jesus
Obeying Jesus
Changing to be like Jesus
Learning who God is.

All this is starting on a process of letting God into your life. It is amazing where it will take you. Christianity is a life style. A living relationship with God. Becoming a Christian is a total commitment It is not something you can add to your life, like joining a club or starting a hobby. Jesus is not interested in half of your life, nor will He be a Sunday Phenomenon. He wants to be involved in every part of your life.

 **What do you think needs to change in your life?**


One of the verse above says 'if you do these things you will never fall'.
What things do you think you need to do?


 *If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. Matthew 18:8*

 **What things are you going to have to avoid?**
Where do you think your lifestyle is going to have to change?
What do you think is going to be the biggest challenge for you?

When you become a Christian very often God does some big miracles in your life, things you have struggled with for years just drop off you. Other things require hard work and sometime a long time. You don't need to be perfect over night. You do need to keep moving in the right direction.


What are you going to do when you fail?


 *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no-one condemned you?" "No-one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:10-11*


 Being a Christian is not about keeping rules, it is about letting God change your heart so you want what God wants.

Being a Christian is not about being better than everyone else. it is about realising your need for God.

Christianity is not for 'good people' it is for people who realise they can't be good without God

 Heaven is not for people who are better than others or even those who do not good than bad, it is for those who have accepted God terms for getting there that is believing in Jesus and asking him into your life. This way everyone is equal before God.

 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*


 **Can you earn your way to heaven.?**
How do you get there?
Do you earn your way to death?

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3


What do you think the phrase born again means?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

 As far as God is concerned when you become a Christian everything changes you where God's enemy now you are His friend. You where a sinner now he sees you as righteous. You were going to Hell now you are going to heaven. More than that God now sees you as part of His family. He has made a commitment to you.

 **What do you think makes a Christian different from other people?**

 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- Colossians 1:21-22*

 **Does God really see you as blameless and free from accusation?**

Yes He does! We believe that when we become a Christian we God replaces our sinfulness with Jesus righteousness. This is what God sees when he looks at us.

filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God. Philipians 1:11

Does this mean we can live how we like?

Jesus makes us righteous we need to live out that righteousness.