

Leading A Student To Christ

Our Problem:

Our sin (breaking God's commandments), separates us from Him. Our sin causes a gap far too deep and wide for us to cross ourselves. Our personal efforts to fix this problem will not make us right with God. Because God is good and holy, He must judge sin. Hell was created to justly punish sin wherever it is found.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom 3:23

"all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." Isaiah 64:6

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

Our HOPE:

Jesus is the ultimate show of God's love for us. Jesus is God. He came to the world to connect you with God and deal with your sin.

"By grace you are saved through faith and this is not of yourselves but is the gift of God. Not by works so no man can boast." Eph 2:8-9

"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, that in Jesus we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor 5:21

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Jesus' death on the cross is essential for our forgiveness. We deserve punishment, but Jesus took our punishment instead. He sacrificed His perfect life in the place of our sinful life. Our sin takes us away from God, but Jesus' choice to die in our place gave us the opportunity to be forgiven of our sin and to live forever with God.

eternally with Him in heaven. If we decide not to trust in Jesus, we will justly pay for our own

Our Decision:

We must decide to put our trust in Jesus (believe) by relying on Jesus' finished work of living a perfect life and dying on a cross for our sins so we can be restored to God now and live sins by living eternally separated from God (hell). Hell is God's absence.

The bible gives a clear invitation to know Jesus and allow Him to take complete control of every part of your life.

"if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Rom 10:9-10

“for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
Rom 10:13

The REAL decision is twofold: JESUS IS __SAVIOR__ and __LORD__

1. **Confession of Sin:** is there real sorrow for sin?
2. Choosing to **FOLLOW** Jesus. (born again. New way to live) JESUS IS LORD.
Is there a desire to make a change? Turn from lifestyle and desire to please God?
*By trusting in Jesus I am saying, he is now LORD of my life. I'm not just trusting him for my future but I'm trusting him with my life now.

Ask Questions to determine what they are thinking.

- Why do you think you need Jesus in your life?
- Would you consider yourself a sinful person?
- Is there anything holding you back from trusting in Jesus right now?

The way we put our trust in Jesus is by calling on Him through prayer:

Are you ready to trust Jesus and begin your new life with God by asking him to forgive your sin and give you a new way of life?

TELL GOD THIS IN PRAYER (understand this is not a “magic” formula but a prompt to help you express what's in your heart to God.)

§ God, I believe Jesus is Lord and that He died on the cross and rose from the dead.

§ God, I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I trust Jesus alone for forgiveness of my sins and I trust Jesus for eternal life.

§ God, change my life and guide me everyday.

Our Next Steps:

This decision is the 1st of many decisions to go God's way.

Our first yes to the Lordship of Jesus is to be baptized.

Secondly, you need to join a small group community to learn how to begin following Jesus and grow in your relationship and understanding of God.