

MY PERSONAL DECISION

On the _____ day of _____, _____ (year),
I, _____ (your name).
received Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

The BIBLE says ... *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.”* ROMANS 10:13

Just now, when you received Christ, the following took place:

1. Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
2. You became a child of God (John 1:12).
3. You inherited all the many blessings God promises to
His children (Romans 8:16–17).
4. You now have power to live for Christ (Ephesians 5:18).
5. You now possess eternal life (John 3:16).

MY COUNSELOR

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOW TO BE SURE YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

If you have committed your life to Christ, what does this guarantee?

The BIBLE says ... “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” JOHN 3:16

1. If you believe in Christ, what can you know with certainty?

I have _____.

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2. What are you promised?

- “I give them _____.”
- “And they will _____.”
- “No one will _____ them out of my _____.”
- “No one is able to _____ them out of my Father’s _____.”

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LESSON TWO: ASSURANCE

One of Satan's tricks is to cause believers to doubt their salvation. Having assurance means being certain with freedom from doubt. Meditate on the following Scriptures to give you victory over your doubts.

1. Circle key words and phrases in the following Scriptures.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

EPHESIANS 1:7

... Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 PETER 1:5

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38–39

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

JOHN 10:27–29

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 JOHN 5:13

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ..*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

2. In the above Scriptures, what do we learn about assurance in (answer briefly on the following page):

EPHESIANS 1:7

1 PETER 1:5

ROMANS 8:38–39

JOHN 10:27–29

1 JOHN 5:13

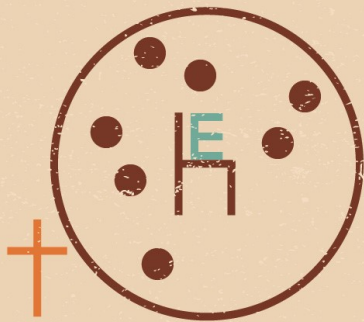
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3. Memorize Philippians 1:6.

NOTES:

NATURAL MAN

Fear, Worry,
Gross sin



T = CHRIST

E = EGO / FINITE SELF

SPIRITUAL MAN

Peace, Power,
Joy, Purpose



H = THRONE / CONTROL CENTER

● = VARIOUS INTERESTS IN LIFE

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The SPIRITUAL MAN lives the “Christ-Directed Life”.

- CHRIST is on the throne.
- Interests are directed by CHRIST resulting in harmony with God’s plan.
- Ego / Finite Self is yielding to CHRIST.

MY COMMITMENT

Would you like to personally accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

☐ **YES** (Review pages 2 and 3.)

☐ **IF NOT, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBES THE ACTION YOU ARE TAKING?**

I have accepted Jesus Christ personally as my Lord and Savior before, but:

☐ I am not sure I have eternal life, and I need assurance.
(Review pages 2 and 4.)

☐ I have failed to follow Christ and want to rededicate my life to Him. (Review pages 2 and 5.)

☐ I want to demonstrate my faith. (Review page 2.)

☐ I want to talk about a special need I have. (Review page 2.)

☐ **I WANT TO KNOW MORE** ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO RECEIVE CHRIST.
(Review pages 2 and 6.)

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. RECOGNIZE GOD'S PLAN—PEACE AND LIFE

The message you have just heard stressed that God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life.

The BIBLE says ... *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16



2. REALIZE OUR PROBLEM—SEPARATION FROM GOD

People choose to disobey God and go their own way. This results in separation from God.

The BIBLE says ... *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* Romans 3:23

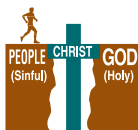


3. RESPOND TO GOD'S REMEDY—THE CROSS

God sent His Son to bridge the gap. Christ did this by paying the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross and rose from the grave.

The BIBLE says ... *“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Romans 5:8



4. RECEIVE CHRIST—AS LORD AND SAVIOR

You cross the bridge into God's family when you prayerfully ask Christ to come into your life.

The BIBLE says ... *“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”* John 1:12



HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. Admit your spiritual need. (I am a sinner.)
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Pray and invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as your Lord and Savior.)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name, amen.

SALVATION

When you prayed, committing your life to Christ, what happened?

Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” REVELATION 3:20

1. What did Jesus say He would do if you asked Him into your life?
“I will _____ .”

The BIBLE says ... “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

JOHN 1:12

2. What happened when you received Him?
I became one of God’s _____.

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3. Now that you believe in Jesus Christ, what can you be certain of?
I have _____ .

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you are saved?
you are a child of God?
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HOW TO COME BACK TO CHRIST

If you have failed in following Christ and you are sorry and ready to come back to Him, what must you do?

1. Confess your sins.

The BIBLE says ... *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 JOHN 1:9

- What must we do to be forgiven? _____
- What does God say He will do if we confess? _____
“Confess” means to “agree with” God. (i.e., I lied, I cheated, I was unkind, I lost my temper.)
- Right now be specific with God—silently confess your sins to Him.

2. Surrender your life to God’s control.

The BIBLE says ... *“Do not present your members to sin ... but present yourselves to God.”* ROMANS 6:13

- Walking with Christ means that we should offer ourselves to _____.

3. Ask for His strength daily to stay on God’s pathway.

The BIBLE says ... *“I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.”* PHILIPPIANS 4:13

- What can you do with God’s help? _____
- What is it that God gives to us? He _____.

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you are forgiven?
you are cleansed?
you are restored?

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FOR FURTHER HELP

Jesus said, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* JOHN 14:6

The BIBLE says ... *“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* JOHN 20:31

A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Following are helpful steps to guide you:

1. Complete the studies in the *Knowing Christ* book.
2. Pray daily, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you.
3. Ask others who are already Christians to help you.
4. Go to other groups and meetings arranged to help explain the Gospel, especially in the local church.

REMEMBER ...

You can receive Christ at any time by praying a prayer similar to the one on the bottom of page 2.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” MATTHEW 7:7–8

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Knowing Christ and Walking With Him

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