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This is what Christ promises to a person who receives him as Lord of their life:

1. You have become a child of God (John 1:12).
2. You will begin to enjoy real life. You will live the full life God has planned for you (John 10:10).
3. You will never be left alone (Hebrews 13:5).
4. You have been forgiven (Col. 1:14).
5. You will enjoy a sure place in heaven (Ephesians 2:8).
6. You can count on God's presence now and forever (Matthew 28:20).
7. Jesus has entered into your life and now wants to own the whole of your life (Rev. 3:20).

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FAITH AND FEELINGS

And what if you don't feel different? Does that mean that Christ has not really entered your life? The truth is that many who receive Christ do not feel any great emotions at first. The Bible never leads us to trust our feelings.

Rather it teaches us to place our faith in what God says in his Word, the Bible. The important question is not so much, "What do I feel?" but: "In whom have I placed my trust?" and "Have I trusted in Christ and what he did for me?"

If so, it matters little what your feelings say,
CHRIST HAS ENTERED YOUR LIFE.

Notice: first the **Word of God**, followed by **faith** and then come **feelings**.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

1. PRAY TO GOD

Talk to God daily, throughout the day (Luke 18:1).

2. READ THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Word of God and is our spiritual food. Feed on it daily (Matthew 4:4). Start with the Gospel of Mark.

3. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Being filled with God's Holy Spirit is as important as breathing (Ephesians 5:18). You need to walk filled with his love and power.

4. OBEY CHRIST

Jesus Christ has now become the King, Governor and owner of your whole life. He deserves all your love and obedience (John 14:15).

5. SHARE WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

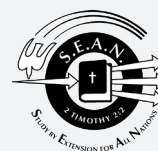
You need the teaching and correction of a Christian family (a Church). You should find a Church where you can become a member, as soon as possible (Hebrews 10:24,25).

6. WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH

Christ said, "You are my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). It is only Christians who can speak of God's love and plan to those who do not know Christ. You must ask God for the wisdom and boldness to speak to others of Christ and what he has done for you (Luke 8:39).

If you wish to know more or speak further to someone about these, or any other concerns, feel free to contact:

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HOW CAN I GET TO KNOW GOD?



God loves everyone. He created this world in love and loves each person individually; in fact he has a perfect plan for each one.

A GOD LOVES US

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

But, if God loved the world so much, why is there so much suffering and evil in the world? God created human beings with free will, but humankind chose to separate from God.

B OUR SINS HAVE SEPARATED US FROM GOD

"Your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." - Isaiah 59:2

Today, people continue to disobey God and choose to do their own thing. It is this separation between God and humankind that is the cause of so much suffering and evil in this world and will finally result in our eternal separation from God. (See **Picture 1**.)

Only God has an answer to the dilemma. Jesus Christ is God's answer to the problem of separation between God and us.

C CHRIST DIED TO LEAD US BACK TO GOD

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." - 1 Peter 3:18

When Jesus died on the cross, he took on himself the consequences of our disobedience.

His death opened up a way between us and God once again. By rising from the dead, Jesus conquered the power of death forever. (See **Picture 2**.)

Many people would say they know this and believe it. BUT... it is not enough for God that we merely believe intellectually.

D YOU CAN BECOME A CHILD OF GOD

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." - John 1:12

Only when we personally receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord into our lives, fully depending on what he did on the cross for us and turn our back on our sin, can we enter into and enjoy a renewed relationship with God. (See **Picture 3**.)

If you would like to know how you can receive Christ, keep reading **Section E**.

E The whole of a person's life takes on real meaning and purpose when they receive Christ and enter into a relationship with the living God.

Look again at **Pictures 1, 2** and **3**.

Picture 1 represents a person who has had no desire to get to know God. They live life without reference to God. They may be sad, lonely or depressed but prefer to carry on living as they are.

Picture 2 represents a person who has heard the message of the love of God, has recognised their need to take a decisive step toward Christ but as yet has not given their life to Christ. They have not yet made up their mind.

Picture 3 represents a person who has heard the message of the love of God, has recognised their need and has taken the decisive step of receiving Christ into their life.

Which of these three **Pictures (1, 2 or 3)** represents your life today? If you have not already received Christ personally, as in **Picture 3**, why not do it now?

If you wish to invite Christ to take control of your life, you can do it. God awaits your decision. See the prayer in **Section F**.

F First read over and think about the following prayer. If this prayer represents the deep desire of your heart, use it to pray and invite Christ to enter your life today.

*Lord Jesus:
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for dying on the cross for me.
I am so sorry for my disobedience and my sin.
Please forgive me. I need you.
Today I receive you into my life as Saviour and Lord.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit and change me.
I give you all my life now that you may lead and guide it.
Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer.*

