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# We Must receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior

We must not only believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but we must turn from our sins and receive Him as our personal Savior. The Bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

No one can be saved unless he is willing to turn from his sins. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, is the One who shows us that we have broken God's holy laws. He shows us that our sins have hurt God's heart.

When your sins bother you, remember this: the Holy Spirit is speaking to you. He is showing you that you are a sinner and that you need to receive Christ as your Savior.

How do you receive Christ? You receive Him by inviting Him to come into your heart.

The most important decision you will ever make is to invite Christ into your heart. When you do many wonderful things happen:

1. Christ actually comes to live in your heart (Galatians 2:20).
2. Your sins are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7).
3. You become a child of God (John 1:12).
4. You become a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
5. The Holy Spirit begins His residence in your heart (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ? I am not asking you if you go to church, or if you call yourself a Christian, or if you try to live a good life. The question is this: Have you received Him? Can you say, "I know that my sins are forgiven; I know that Jesus Christ lives in my heart."

If you are not sure, why not invite Him into your heart right now. Go to a quiet place where you can be alone with the Lord. Confess your sins to Him. Call them by name—lying, cursing, stealing, pride, temper, drugs, sex sins, whatever they may be. Tell Him that you want to turn from your sins. Thank Him for dying on the cross for your sins. Ask Him to come into your heart.

When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you receive him as your Savior, you have eternal life. We know this is true because God's Word says, "This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12).

If you have received the Lord Jesus as your Savior, it is very important that you tell someone about it as soon as possible. This will help you become a strong Christian.

Jesus is the Christ, the promised Savior. If you have Him, you have eternal life.

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# Examine Checkpoint 3

Take a look back through your checkpoint. Study and examine it! Then, grab your Bible and look it up! Talk with others. Challenge them. Get their take. Then dive in!

After you complete the questions below, have your leader sign off.

1 - Is it enough to just believe in Jesus? Explain why or why not.

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2 - What does it mean when our sins bother us?

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3 - What must we do to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior?

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4 - Explain what 1 Corinthians 6:19 means to you.

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