

God's Gifts for Those Who Repent and Believe

Mark 1:8 - we will have the _____
Mark 2:10 - our sins will be _____. And,
Mark 10:30 - we will have _____

Personal Decision

Repenting and believing is a personal decision. No one can make it for you.

“A Christian, then, is someone who recognizes that Jesus Christ has the right to control his or her life. They recognize that they are rebels against Jesus Christ and deserve to be punished. A Christian believes that Jesus Christ died for him or her on the Cross taking the punishment which their sins deserved. A Christian is a person who has responded to God's call to repent. They have turned from rebelling against Jesus and submitted to Him. This person knows that he or she has been forgiven. They know that God has made them a new person and that Jesus lives in their life. They know this because they see their changed desires, attitudes and behavior. This person trusts God with his or her life.” (*Me? A Christian*, pg. 7)

Will you become a Christian, today?

“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:35)

Next week?

Resources:

Greg Gilbert, *What Is The Gospel?*, Chapter 5, “Response-Faith and Repentance”

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 9, “Counting the Cost”

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 10, “Reaching a Decision”

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 11, “Being a Christian”

Josh McDowell, *More Than A Carpenter*, Chapter 11, “He Changed My Life”

Core Seminars—Explaining Christianity **Class 6: What Is a Christian? (Part 2):** **Belief**



Explaining Christianity Purpose: To learn the real meaning of Christianity by looking into the original sources to see what they have to say about the life, teachings and claims of Christ.

Review

Jesus' Authority and Divinity

Jesus' Death on the Cross

Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead

Salvation by Grace, Not Works

Repentance

What is a Christian?

(Mark 1:15)

Faith

1. Trust in Jesus and His Word

(Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

2. Trust Jesus as your Lord, not just your Savior

(Mark 5:24b-34, Mark 8:38, Mark 10:17-31)

3. Trust Jesus with Unwavering Childlike Trust and Personal Commitment (Mark 10:13-16)

4. Trust in God's Promise to Save Those Who Believe

(John 5:24-27)

Summary

1. *Knowledge* – of Jesus' accomplishment on the cross and resurrection - **know**
2. *Acknowledge* – what God has done in Christ and that we are sinners in need of a savior - **repent**
3. *Personal Trust* – trust without shame, trust like that of a child to a loving parent, and trust that God accepts me - **believe**