

## THE **ABC's** OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

As you consider the Christian faith, you must deal with two important questions:

1. Do you know for certain that you have eternal life and will go to heaven if you were to die today?
2. If you died and stood before God and He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into heaven?" what would you say?

How you answer those two questions is not inconsequential. They show where you are spiritually within the Christian faith. Are there wrong answers? You bet! Lots of them. Two answers bring the Christian faith into focus. To the first question, many types of people who claim to be Christian will answer "Yes, for sure—absolutely!" And so the second question is needed to clarify the situation. True Christians respond to the second question with these words: "Because Jesus died for my sins." If those aren't your two answers, perhaps you need to consider the following "**ABC's**" of the Christian faith:

### **Admit your failure to follow God and His will perfectly.**

- ✍ Romans 3:23 -- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- ✍ James 2:10 -- Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.
- ✍ Galatians 3:10 -- Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law. Romans 6:23 -- For the wages of sin is death.

### **Believe what God has done for you in Jesus Christ.**

- ✍ John 3:16 -- 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.
- ✍ 1 Timothy 1:15 -- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
- ✍ 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 -- For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- ✍ Galatians 3:13 -- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.
- ✍ 1 Peter 3:18 -- For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.
- ✍ Titus 3:5 -- He saved us, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of His mercy.
- ✍ Romans 6:23 -- The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ✍ Acts 16:31 -- Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

### **Confess your new faith before God and others.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead for you? A prayer for this moment might be:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But You died on the cross and rose from the dead to purchase a place in heaven for me. Thank you for giving me faith by the power of Your Holy Spirit, forgiveness of all my sins, and the gift of eternal life. Help me to live for You and to confess You before others. In Your name I pray. Amen."*

So now you have begun. These are the **ABC's** of becoming a Christian. There is much more to learn and understand about your Lord, your faith, and His Church. If you have any questions, please contact [our spiritual leader](#) and we will be happy to respond to your questions and needs.

Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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