

# Becoming a Christian and living your purpose

**God loves you hugely – and always will, despite what you've done.**

**God's love:**

*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)*



**God has come looking for you**

**Jesus came for sinners:**

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)*



**There is only one God, but he has shown himself to us as:**

Father – someone who has planned:

- for you to be part of his eternal kingdom
- for evil and injustice to be finally destroyed

Son (Jesus) – who came to us:

- to show us what God is like
- to teach us how to live
- to die and take the blame for our sins so we could be with God

**Christ paid the penalty:**

*For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)*



Holy Spirit: the empowering presence of God within Christians now, helping them out.

**God loves you and is looking for you.**

## God invites you to join him in:

- doing the stuff of heaven here on earth
- living your purpose
- living forever

## You have a choice. Will you live your purpose with God?

### A prayer you can pray to become a Christian:

*"Heavenly Father, thank you for your love for me. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me to pay the price for my sins. I turn from them now and ask you to forgive me for living life without you in the past. I accept you as my Lord and ask that you fill me with the empowering presence of your Spirit so that I can follow Jesus faithfully and fulfil your purpose for my life, Amen."*

#### **Christ makes you new:**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*



### What next?

Three habits will ensure you continue as a Christian:

1. The first is: make it a daily habit to read a few verses of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:14-17). Perhaps begin by reading through John's gospel. Many daily Bible study guides are available from Christian bookshops.
2. Secondly, get along to a good church that will encourage you to grow in your faith and ministry (Hebrews 10:25).
3. Finally, learn to share your thoughts daily with God in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

#### **Assurance:**

*Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.*

*(John 5:24)*

