

## Your Personal Journey to Faith

### Acts 17:24-31

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'  
<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone -- an image made by man's design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."

**Romans 3:10-12** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." [Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20]

**Romans 3:20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Isaiah 53:5-6** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**John 5:24** "I tell you the truth, 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.

**1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

**John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Acts 1:9-10** After he [Jesus] said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men [angels] dressed in white stood beside them.

### Acts 2:14, 22-24, 32, 36 *Peter Addresses the Crowd*

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

**Ephesians 2:1-10**      *Made Alive in Christ*

<sup>1</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions -- it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Would you like to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin and Lord of you life? If so, would you pray right now?

Abba Father, I know that I have sinned. I have not obeyed your Word. I have tried to run my own life, ignoring You and Your will for me. I have tried to decide for myself what is right and wrong. I know I deserve Your wrath and punishment and that I am lost unless you save me. I thank you for sending the Lord Jesus Christ to pay for my sin and guilt. I thank you for raising Him from the dead and giving Him authority over my life. I receive Him as my Savior and Lord. I receive Your free gift of eternal life in Christ. I will turn from my sinful life to serve you, my Creator and Redeemer. Praise be to You ! ! ! In the Name above all names – Christ Jesus of Nazareth – I pray. Amen.

Trust (be assured) that having received Christ into your life, you are sealed with God's Holy Spirit and stamped with God's name on you. You may or may not "feel" different, but you don't need to. Your trust is not based on your feelings but on the authority of the Word of God and His promises to you.

John 1:12-13

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 John 5:12-13

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

One last thing. Please tell someone (or two) that you have accepted Christ Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. This is to fulfill the request of the Apostle Paul in Romans 10 and quickens your decision.

**Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Pray. Study God's Word. Obey God's Word. Give thanks for all things.

To God be the glory!!!