



Receive Christ— Understanding Four Truths from the Bible

The Truth about God, Sin, Jesus Christ, and Our Response

The Truth About God

- God is the Creator of the Universe. God is Holy, and as Creator, he has all authority over his creation. He is the One who gives life and breath to every living creature. (Acts 17:25-26). We were created to worship and serve God. (Matt 4:10).

The Truth About Sin

- No one likes to think of themselves as *bad*, but the truth is, we all sin and fall short of God's standard. When we do that—we are rebelling against God. (Romans 3:23 NLT). We are guilty of an offense when we break a rule or a law. It is important to understand that our *sin* is an *offense* to God, and *sin* is what *separates* us from him. (Isaiah 59:1-2 ESV). The consequences of sin are physical and spiritual death; (Romans 6:23 NLT), so we need to be reconciled to God.

The Truth About Jesus Christ

- The Bible says, "For there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5 NLT). Christ's eternal purpose was to come and take our sins and the punishment we deserved. Jesus took the guilt of sinners upon himself when he died on the cross. He endured God's just anger against sinful, rebellious people to bring us to God.

The Truth About Our Response

- The truth is we are each responsible for how we respond. It is our choice to choose to either reject God's free gift or to choose to believe what God says. And God says first that we have sinned against him, and second that God's mercy forgives us. When acknowledge that we have sinned, and put our faith (belief and trust) in God, then that requires another response. Repentance. We choose to stop doing what is wrong, and we live right.

Based on these truths about God, Sin, and Jesus Christ, What is your response?

Will you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin to be Lord of your life? If you would like to receive Jesus, consider this verse from Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Acknowledge these truths and pray this prayer:

Admit your sin. Choose to turn from it (repent). Believe Jesus died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. Invite and receive Jesus into your heart and life.

Father,

I have sinned against you. I am sorry, and I choose now to stop living in sin. I believe that you died in my place for my sin. I believe you conquered death when you rose from the grave. I invite you now; please come into my heart and life to be my Savior and Lord. I want to live for you. I want to know you more. I will serve you as you lead me. Thank you for the gift of Eternal life.

~In Jesus' Name, Amen.