**How to Know Jesus**

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1. Recognize that God loves you and has a plan for your life.

**His love includes you.**
"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).

**He has new life for you.**
"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

**2. Recognize that sin separates you from God and others.**

"Sin" is walking our own way in rebellion against God's will. When we walk away from God, we walk away from life.

**Everyone has sinned.**
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

**Sin brings death.**
"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

**Our own efforts cannot save us.**
As sinners we futilely try to find life's true meaning in the wrong ways and places.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**3. Recognize that Jesus Christ died and rose again for our sins.**

**Jesus Christ died in our place.**
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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

**He gives inner peace.**
"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

**He gives freedom.**
"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

**He gives eternal life.**
"But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

**4. You must repent and ask God for forgiveness.**

**Admit and confess your sins to God.**
"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

**Repentance means:**

• To acknowledge your sins.
• To be sorry for your sins.
• To confess your sins.
• To be willing to forsake your sins.
• To have your life changed by Christ.

**Forgiveness is promised.**
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

**5. Place your trust in Christ and receive Him as your Savior.**

**Christ is ready.**
"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in" (Revelation 3:20).

**Receive him now.**
"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

**Pray this prayer:**
Lord Jesus, I want to have life. I know that I have sinned. I need Your forgiveness and pardon. I believe that You died and rose again for my sins. I now accept You as my personal Savior. I will forsake my sinful life. I know that Your grace and power will enable me to live for You. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me and for giving me a new life.

**For help in living a meaningful life in Christ:**

• Be assured of Christ's forgiveness.
• Read your Bible and pray daily.
• Find a concerned pastor and other Christians.
• Become a vital part of that church.
• Share your faith with others.

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