

# ***Steps to Knowing God***

## **1. God is Love**

God loves you and made you for relationship with Him. He created all people in His image. God is spirit (John 4:24), so we aren't like Him physically, but we're like Him spiritually. We can think, choose, and communicate. God wants us to think, choose, and communicate with Him.

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27*

## **2. God Is Holy**

God can't do wrong. Everything God does is right and holy. People were created holy, but also with free will. They used their ability to choose, and sinned. Sin is disobeying God's law, or turning away from God's love and grace.

We may actively rebel against God by stealing, lying, etc., or we may passively rebel by being selfish, unforgiving, etc. Indifference to or failure to learn God's ways is still sin.

*But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2*

## **3. God Is Judge**

Whoever disobeys God rebels against the Creator of the universe. Being righteous, God must judge wrongdoing and impose a sentence or penalty. Good works don't excuse or cover sin. If we do nothing, or if we try to pay the penalty ourselves, we're condemned to spend eternity in hell.

*Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. Matthew 25:46*

## **4. Jesus Christ Is Eternal God**

Jesus is our eternal God, God the Son, who was born by the power of the Holy Spirit to the Virgin Mary more than 2,000 years ago. Being fully-God and fully-man, Jesus obeyed God the Father perfectly, and completely met His requirements (the Law) for us. He became our righteousness. Sinless Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood to pay the penalty for our sins.

*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*

## **5. Trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Leader)**

After three days, God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, proving He is *the* Son and Savior. Christ's death and resurrection was for everyone's benefit. However, only those who individually

accept the *free* gift (payment of their sins) will be saved from God's righteous wrath. No one can accept the gift of salvation for you. (Salvation is the act of being saved from the penalty and power of sin.)

*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.* 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

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

## **6. Repent and Follow God**

Repent means to turn away from your sins. Repent and turn to God. Follow Jesus.

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.* Acts 3:19–20

## **7. Pray**

Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God who died for my sins. I haven't obeyed God and I'm truly sorry. Right now, I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my life. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. I want God's plan for my life and so, in faith, I will follow and obey You. Thank You Heavenly Father for saving me and loving me. I love You. Amen.

*If you declare 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 profess your faith and are saved.* Romans 10:9–10

### **If you prayed and trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior after reading Steps to Knowing God:**

1. Email us at [kathleen.skaar7@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.skaar7@gmail.com) with the date (month, day, and year) of your decision to follow Christ. We want to rejoice with you and help with next steps!
2. Tell us a little more about yourself. Use the link just below that says: "TELL US MORE ABOUT YOU"

God is pleased with your decision and all heaven is rejoicing:

*"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."* Luke 15:10

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