

REAL LIFE



Everyone wants to know God. The desire is built into our DNA. “Then God said, “Let us make man Our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Gensis 1:26) Who wouldn’t want to know their creator? After all, knowing the Creator would surely benefit us in life.

I grew up in the church. The issue was that growing up, I didn’t actually know God. This led me down a path of choosing harmful and dangerous situations as I ran the streets in destructive environments. Then, one day, as I was in my room, I recognized the voice of God for the first time in my life. I was not praying, reading the bible, or even thinking about Him. He just stopped me in my tracks and made it clear that He had created me for more than what I was currently experiencing in life. I responded by telling Him I recognized that I didn’t know Him.

However, if He could reveal to me that He really was who I had heard about, read about, and even believed about, I wanted to live knowing Him. He over-answered my request, and I'm forever grateful and humbled that He did.

Here is the truth: you can know God too. True life is not found in how much money we have, how famous we are, or what titles we wear. True life is found in having a real relationship with God. “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3) Maybe you too grew up in Church, called yourself a christian, and even served in church, but know you never actually knew God, or maybe this is your first time ever hearing that you can know The God who created you and I. Either way, if you can start to know Him today, why wait?

- 1. Without Jesus Christ, we can't know God because within and of ourselves we fall short of the perfection to have a relationship with Him.** “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
- 2. God is a King, not a religous being, and in a Kingdom, independence is a declaration of war and a seperation from The King. Furthermore, God has a perfect standard, and to fall short in one area is to fall short in all areas.**
“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. (James 2:10)
- 3. The first man who ever lived was also representing all mankind. When he sinned, all of man became wrapped up in his sin and rebellion. But God already made a way for man to have relationship with Him through trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ.** For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who

receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”(Romans 5:17)

4. Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, died a sacrificial death, and was victoriously raised from the dead as proof of our victory in Him. “...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, in that He was buried, in that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

5. Anyone who places their trust in Jesus Christ will be saved and brought into life with Him. “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:17) “that 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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

Friend, what Jesus did in paying the price for us to get back to real life with God and pardoned from an eternal punishment in hell for you and I can only be received as a gift. We can't earn it, deserve it, or work for it. God loves you and He has a purpose for your life.

You are not a mistake or accident, and you have not done too much harm to be rescued, redeemed, and redirected into your true destiny! You can have eternal life by believing that Jesus Chris was crucified, buried, and resurrected as proof that all your sins, past, present, and future, are forgiven. Your real life is waiting. Step into it. Believe in the LORD Jesus Christ right now!

If you have made the decision to trust in Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior after reading this, I want to encourage you with a few next steps.

1. Enjoy your relationship with the Father right now. Talk to Him, listen for Him to talk back, and know that you and God are all good!
2. Ask the LORD to reveal to you the community He would have for you to join. God has not created us for isolation, but for community. Not just any community; His community. His community is also known as the Church in the scriptures. If you are in the Orlando, Fl area, prayerfully consider joining us at Legacy Church. We would love to walk alongside you as you discover more of this life in Jesus Christ.
3. Write and let us know about your story after reading this tract.

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