



# Steps to Eternal Life

The Bible, the divinely inspired Word of God, scientifically validated and prophetically accurate, shows us the way to eternal life. Whether we know ourselves to be sinners, think we are good or even call ourselves Christians, God has set the standard for our lives. How do we measure up?

In today's world, the term "sinner" has become synonymous with "criminal" or "reprobate." By focusing on symptoms and not the cause, we can err in justifying ourselves to be righteous by the good things we do, while only those committing obvious unlawful offences are considered worthy of judgment. The Bible shows us a deeper, more excellent way; it deals with the issues and motives of our hearts.

In truth, being a sinner simply means missing the mark. But what is the mark? What is the measure that determines our righteousness? The Bible describes sinners as those who violate God's law. Jesus, God's only Son, sent to earth to show us the way to eternal life said in Matthew 22: 37-38,

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’  
This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

We must ask ourselves, are we living our lives to please ourselves or do we choose to acknowledge God as our source of life, wisdom and providence. Self-serving goes against God's design and robs others of their rights of freedom, while serving God gives us the greatest freedom possible in this life, extends freedom to others and guarantees us the opportunity to spend eternity with God. Countless people in every culture and generation throughout the ages of time have put their faith in God, living their lives to please Him by blessing others and have gone on to their eternal reward in Heaven. Their motive?—God's love! So how do we receive God's love and live our lives to please Him.

Following these simple steps (with Scripture references) will make you a true Christian, a follower of Christ, and will keep you serving God throughout a meaningful lifetime:

1. Acknowledge you are a sinner and in need of a Saviour.


For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23


2. Receive eternal salvation as a free gift of God.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8





4. Make Jesus the Lord of your life by confessing your sins to God and believing with all your heart that He will save you. Confessing your sins to another human being can make you feel better, but confessing to God alone will save your soul from judgment and hell.

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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 9:9, 10

5. Attend a Bible-based fellowship of believers regularly and be accountable to God’s people.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

6. Seek God’s will for your life by reading His Word and praying daily. As you study God’s word, His Spirit will help you understand and discern His truth.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

7. Share God’s love with others.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:9-12

6. Trust God to keep you serving Him faithfully.

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy .... Jude 1:24

The Bible declares that Jesus will come to earth again to redeem our sinful world. Revelations, the last book of the Bible, clearly reminds us that now is the time of salvation. Once we have received eternal life, we must live our lives for eternity. Sharing the Good News of the gospel that Jesus saves, heals and sets sinners free draws others to receive eternal life. Serving God is the greatest way to live. Praise Him!

