

**A** Christian is someone who has entered into a relationship with God in the way that the Bible teaches. This involves certain characteristics.

We must admit that we are unable to help ourselves, turn to God in our need, and acknowledge that Jesus is the one who can meet our need.

Romans chapter 6 verse 23

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

**B**ecause of our human condition of sin, we have brought on ourselves separation from God which will result in the ultimate penalty of death or separation forever from God, but God offers us the way to avoid this by accepting the gift of eternal life given to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus has died for us and taken the consequences of our sinful lifestyle in our place. This means that Jesus who had no sin died for us so we could be made right before God and have our relationship restored with God.

Romans chapter 5 verse 8

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

2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**I**n faith we need to ask God to forgive us and enter into a new relationship with God as one of God's family. We must accept Jesus for who He is, the Son of God, the one who brought us salvation from sin. When we believe this and have faith in the grace of God, we become a Christian – we are saved. God's grace is necessary because we received something we didn't deserve and it is given to those who have this faith in Him. This faith is a trusting belief in God to provide the necessary grace to overcome the consequences of our sin.

John chapter 1 verse 12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Ephesians chapter 2 verses 8 & 9

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.

**We all need to ask ourselves, have I ever trusted  
Jesus to forgive my sin and give me the gift of a  
new relationship with Him and eternal life.**