

What are we to do?

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe** the good news!'—Mark 1:14, 15

The Lord Jesus Christ calls us to *repent*. "Repent" means "to change our minds." It means to stop believing in false gods and to believe that God is our heavenly Father, who sent his Son Jesus to show us how much he loves us.

"Repent" means "to change our lives." It means to stop living in the darkness of sin and to begin living in the light of our Father's love and forgiveness.

"Repent" means to follow Jesus' way of love:

(Jesus said) "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 neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

To begin following the way of Jesus, please pray the following prayer:

Thank you heavenly **Father** for loving me. Thank you for making me your child.

Thank you Father for sending your **Son** Jesus to be my Saviour and to take away all my sins. Thank you for the love and forgiveness you have shown to me in Jesus.

Thank you dear God for sending the **Holy Spirit** to live in my heart. Come Holy Spirit. Guide me into all Truth. Teach me to love God and my neighbours, and strengthen me to follow the way of Jesus. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

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Good News for everyone!



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation . . . —Isaiah 52:7

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is “good news” for *everyone!*

Jesus came down from heaven to show us how much God loves us!

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

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Only Jesus can teach us about God’s love because only Jesus knows the Father (Matthew 11:27). No other prophet or teacher knows God like Jesus knows him, for Jesus is God’s one and only Son.

Jesus teaches us that God is our loving Father and we are his beloved children.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!—1 John 3:1

Before the beginning of the world, our heavenly Father chose us to be his beloved children. Before he created the world, God chose to “adopt” us into his family!

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind . . . to be made whole and holy by his love. *Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. . . He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.*—Ephesians 1:3-6, *The Message*

God sent his Son Jesus to live among us as an ordinary man (John 1:14; Phil 2:5-8). Jesus lived a life of perfect love, faith and obedience—and he did it for *everyone*, so that *all* may be saved from sin and death.

Even though we are all sinners (Rom 3:23), God demonstrated his great love for us by sending his Son to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 5:8).

After he rose from the dead, Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, where he has prepared a place for us, so that we may live forever in the house of our loving Father.

[Jesus said] In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. *I go to prepare a place for you.*—John 14:2 NKJV



God is our loving **Father**. He sent his **Son** Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour (John 3:16). The Father and the Son send the **Holy Spirit** to put God's love in our hearts and to guide us into Truth (Romans 5:5; John 16:13).