

Since you have been forgiven you are able to enter a personal relationship with the Lord. Ask the Lord to speak to you through prayer, reading the bible and listening to other Christians.

What Next?

- 1) You must be baptised in water and the Holy Spirit. Ask the person who presented this leaflet for more details.
- 2) Start to read a modern version of the bible (eg New Living or NIV). Start with the book of John.
- 3) Find a church that recognises the Lordship of Jesus and teaches the bible as the word of God. There is much to understand about the faith so a church with good teaching is very important.
- 4) Tell others about your faith. Many are going to a lost eternity and urgently need to hear the good news.
- 5) Having made a commitment to Jesus many people pass through a period of emotional healing as God helps them get over past hurts. Central to this process is the forgiveness of others. The bible teaches that it is vital to forgive others as God has forgiven you.
- 6) Ask God each day what He wants you to do, to increase your relationship with Him, and to help others. The things you do for God are not to earn your salvation but are done out of love for God.

Knowing God

The term 'born again' was used by Jesus to indicate the spiritual change that needs to take place in order for a person to enter a personal relationship with God, and to live forever in His Kingdom. Jesus said:

I tell you the truth, no-one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again **John 3:3**

The bible teaches that man is separated from God because of sin. No-one needs to teach a child to be naughty, it comes naturally. Sin is a big problem causing deeply regrettable separation from God.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
Romans 3:23

The only way to end the separation and find relationship with God is to be born again. No matter how hard we try to do good things we can't cancel our sin. We need the gift of God's forgiveness.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
Ephesians 2:8

If you go to a football match with a cinema ticket you will be rejected. Similarly if you go the gates of heaven with a "I was a good person" ticket you will be rejected. The bible teaches that the only way to enter heaven is to be "Born Again".

Jesus made many references to hell as a horrible place for those who do not have their sin dealt with. He said:

Unless you repent, you will all perish **Luke 13:3**

How are we born again?

Jesus took the punishment that we deserve by dying on a cross so that we can be forgiven and come into relationship with God. The bible says:

Jesus has appeared once for all .. to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself **Hebrews 9:26**

The most famous verse in the bible is:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that **whoever** believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life* **John 3:16**

This verse is known by Christians all over the world because they have realised that the '*whoever*' in this verse means them - *and also you*. It tells us that God dearly wants to come into relationship with you.

If you would like to be born again you need to turn away from 'all that is wrong in your life' and ask Jesus to become your Lord. Praying a simple, personal prayer turning away from sin and asking God to come into your heart will be the most important thing you have ever done. When you are ready to commit your life to God pray a prayer like this:

*Lord Jesus I thank you for dying on the cross for me.
Please forgive me for all the things that I have done wrong. I ask you to come and be Lord of my life, to help me live the life that I should live.*

If you have prayed this with sincerity you are born again - you have entered the Kingdom of God.

Realise that you now have eternal life. You will go to heaven. Read John 3:16 again.

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The sacrifice of Jesus is so amazing, powerful and complete that all sins are completely forgiven and forgotten.

He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west **Psalms 103:12**

I will remember their sins no more **Hebrews 8:12**

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus **Romans 8:1**

Note down the date of the start of your new life