



EXPLAINING CHRISTIANITY – SESSION 3 NOTES

In session 1, we said **Christianity is all about Jesus Christ**. We considered **WHO Jesus is**. As the Son of God, Jesus has great authority. Jesus is God and Man in one and Jesus is the supreme King!

In session 2, we considered **WHY Jesus came to earth**, i.e. to die and rise again to pay the price to set us from Satan and sin.

This week, we discuss the vital question, **WHAT is our response to Jesus as the resurrected Saviour?**

A Christian is someone who belongs to the kingdom of God.

Mark 1:15 says "...the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news".

How can I belong to the kingdom of God? **We are called to *repent and believe in Jesus Christ***

1. What does it mean to repent? Read Mark 8:34-38

- ✓ To have a change of mind.
- ✓ Do a U-turn: turn from my sinful ways and turn to Jesus and His ways
- ✓ Stop living for myself and live for God and His ways. How do we do this? Read Mark 8:34-38.
 - Deny self involves...
 - Take up your cross involves...
 - Follow Jesus involves...

But, if that sounds too hard? Read Mark 10:28-30.

God has promised us:

- In this life He will repay us 'a hundred times' for any cost we suffer, and
- In the next life, we will live with him for eternity!

2. What does it mean to believe? Read Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

We have seen that a Christian believes certain facts about Jesus Christ. But being a Christian is more than just believing these facts.

- ♥ Taking Jesus at his word
- ♥ Depending totally on Jesus. Read Mark 10:13-16.
- ♥ Confessing and living out Jesus as King of our lives.

A suggested prayer:

Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that you died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sin. I am willing to turn away from my sin. I invite you, Jesus, to come into my heart and life as my personal saviour. I am willing, by God's grace, to follow and obey you as the Lord of my life. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit.

Thank you Jesus.

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