

TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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To be a Christian is not a matter of formal religion, but a matter of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

One of the reasons marriage was given to us was to provide an example of what our relationship should be with Christ. When we said, "I do" it was supposed to represent a life-long commitment to another person, to give that person number one place in our hearts. Well, to be a Christian means to say, "I do" to Jesus Christ, and give him that number one place. A Christian is, quite simply, a person who has placed Jesus Christ in that very special place in their hearts – number one.

You can know if you are a Christian and have the promise of eternal life by simply looking into your heart and asking, "Who is number one?" If it's yourself, another person, your job, or even a formal religion, you do not have the promise of salvation. It's time to de-throne that idol and place Jesus Christ in His rightful place. You can say a simple prayer like this; be sure it comes from your heart.

Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that you have not been number one in my life. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Jesus Christ, come into my life; cleanse me of my sin and take your rightful place on the throne of my life. No longer will I ask you to bless my life so that I can live it the way I want. From this day forward I seek your plan for my life and will try to live it according to your Word. Give me the wisdom to know your will, and the power, by your Spirit, to live for you. Thank you Jesus for hearing my prayer. Thank you for dying on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. Thank you for new and everlasting life. –Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer please drop us an e-mail and let us know. It's most important that you plant yourself in a Bible believing church and begin to grow. This is only the beginning of an exciting and wonderful journey into the fullness of His love. In fact, you can't really know love until you know God. Pray, read your Bible and find fellowship with other believers.