

"Yes!"



Experience Grace



Saying “Yes!” to Jesus

If you have questions or would like to have a conversation with one of our pastors please feel free to contact them below:

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CONGRATULATIONS

You are at the beginning of an incredible journey that will change your life forever. The decision to say “Yes!” to Jesus, and to trust him to lead and direct your life, is the most important decision you will ever make. That’s why we’ve created this book, to help you get off to a great start on that journey.

Right now, you’re probably excited—but still have a lot of questions. Hopefully this book will help you answer many of those questions and give you a few resources to help you grow and learn on your own. Remember though, you are not on this journey alone. Feel free to call on our pastors when you have questions. We’re praying for you as you begin your new life as a follower of Jesus.

DID "Yes!" TO JESUS YOU SAY TODAY?

If you said "Yes!" to Jesus, then God has forgiven you. He has made you His child. He has come into your life— you are a new person in Christ!

**"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17**

He said he would do this for you, and God never breaks a promise. Look at these two promises God has given to you...

1

When we say "Yes!" to Jesus, the Bible tells us that God gives us eternal life. This new and eternal life is only accessed through His son Jesus Christ...

"Here is the witness. God has give us eternal life. That life is found in his son."

- 1 John 5:11

2

We are friends with God and have a wonderful new relationship with him—all because of his grace and what Jesus has done for us.

"So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God."

- Romans 5:11

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."

- Ephesians 2:8-9

If you have prayed and said, "Yes!" to Jesus, mark that by signing your name and dating that right here.

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PRAYER IS SIMPLY TALKING TO GOD...

Here is a simple prayer you can pray if you want to say “Yes!” to Jesus:

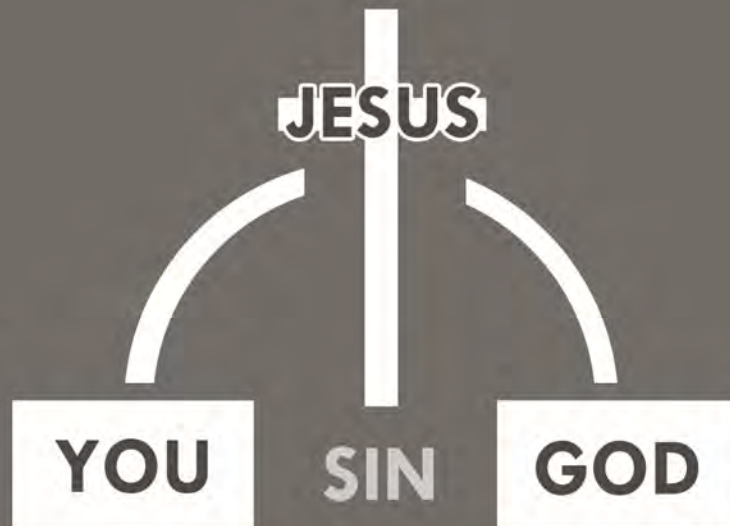
Dear God, I admit that I have sinned. Thank you that you love me anyway. I believe you love me so much you sent Jesus to die in my place on the cross to pay for all of my sins. I believe Jesus also rose from the grave and that he is alive today. I turn to you and away from my way of doing things. Please come into my life. Thank you for saving me and giving me a new life with you. Amen.”

IF YOU HAVEN'T ASKED JESUS TO FORGIVE ALL OF YOUR SINS AND TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE, YOU CAN DO THAT RIGHT NOW THROUGH PRAYER...



WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

By saying "Yes!" to Jesus, we are admitting that we need His sacrifice and death to be saved from the final consequences of our sin. Sin has a way of destroying relationships. And because of our sin, our relationship with God has been broken. But when we say "Yes!" to Jesus he reconnects us to God, and because of Jesus, this relationship can never be broken again!



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

- Romans 6:23

IN OTHER WORDS
JESUS HAS COME INTO
YOUR LIFE...

**"And this is the secret; Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory."
- Colossians 1:27**

AND YOU
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

- John 5:24

YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN!

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

- Ephesians 2:8

“He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”

- Titus 3:5-7

CONGRATULATIONS!

We’re so excited that you have decided to follow Jesus, and that you are now a part of God’s family!

LIFE IS NOT A JOURNEY TO THE
GRAVE WITH THE INTENTIONS
OF ARRIVING SAFELY
IN A PRETTY AND WELL
PRESERVED
BODY, **BUT** RATHER TO SKID
IN BROADSIDE,
THOROUGHLY USED UP,
TOTALLY WORN OUT,
AND LOUDLY PROCLAIMING
“WOW, WHAT A RIDE!”

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Deciding to follow Jesus is more than just trying to live a better life. It's about knowing Jesus, relying on his presence with us, and becoming like him more each day.

If your heart—or spirit is changed, your outward actions and ambitions will follow. God is now with you and in you. You are a new person. Here are a few things you can do to get started in the right direction.

1 Tell someone close to you that you've decided to follow Jesus.

“Worship Christ as Lord of your life, And if someone asks you about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.”

- 1 Peter 3:15-16

2 Spend quality time with Jesus. You'll get to know Jesus when you read the Bible and talk to him in prayer.

If we haven't given you a Bible or a New Testament, please ask us for one. In the back of this book you will find a 31 day Bible Reading guide to get you started.

3 Get baptized.

Go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew 28:19

4

Worship: tell God how great he is and do this with other believers in a bible-believing church.

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:25

5

Demonstrate your new life by showing compassion (love and concern) for others.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- Jesus in John 13:34-35

At Riverside we encourage everyone to do the Big 3:

1

COME ON THE WEEKEND

Come on Sunday's to worship God and learn the Bible.

2

PART OF A BE A GROUP

Get into a small group with other Christ-followers.

3

SERVE OTHERS

Give of yourself in service to others.

THE BIG 3

31 DAY JOURNEY

Day 1: Luke 1 Preparing for Jesus

Day 2: Luke 2 The Story of Jesus' Birth

Day 3: Mark 1 Jesus' Ministry Begins

Day 4: Mark 9 A Day in the Life of Jesus

Day 5: Matthew 5 Sermon on the Mount

Day 6: Matthew 6 Sermon on the Mount

Day 7: Matthew 7 Sermon on the Mount

Day 8: Luke 15 Parables (stories) of Jesus

Day 9: John 3 A Conversation with Jesus

Day 10: John 10 Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Day 11: John 14 Jesus Teaches His Friends

Day 12: John 15 Jesus Teaches His Friends

Day 13: John 16 Jesus Tells about the Holy Spirit

Day 14: Matthew 26 Jesus Is Arrested

Day 15: Matthew 27 Jesus Executed on the Cross

Day 16: John 20 Jesus Is Alive

Day 17: Luke 24 Jesus Appears to His Friends Again

Day 18: Romans 3 The Gospel Begins with Bad News

Day 19: Romans 5: The Gospel Itself Is Good News

CONTINUED...

Day 20: Romans 7 Struggle with Sin

Day 21: Romans 8 Life with the Spirit

Day 22: Romans 12 Living with Purpose

Day 23: Ephesians 2:1-10 God's Grace

Day 24: Ephesians 4 Unity in Jesus

Day 25: Ephesians 5 Living Like Jesus

Day 26: Philippians 2 Being Like Jesus

Day 27: Philippians 3 Maintaining Passion for Jesus

Day 28 Philippians 4 Finding Jesus' Strength

Day 29 Galatians 5 Empowered by the Spirit

Day 30 Colossians 3: Becoming the New You

Day 31 2 Timothy 2: Helping Others Become Like Jesus



“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16

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