

“How Should We Respond To Jesus’ Death?”

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In reading this book, perhaps our hearts have been touched by the inestimable love that God and Jesus have for all humanity. We have been impressed by the awfulness of the sin of mankind that would require such a costly sacrifice. Surely, we desire to have a harmonious relationship with God, who loves us so much and wants to lavish His blessings upon us for all eternity.

How, then, can we obtain the salvation and forgiveness that Jesus made available through the cross? How can we receive the eternal life that Jesus agonized to provide?

Let us consider the following questions. God will give us the answers through His Word as we read the related Scriptures. What will *your* response be at the close of the study?

1. Why do people need the forgiveness that Jesus died to provide? (Romans 3:9–18, 23) _____
Does this include you? _____

2. What must we do first to receive the forgiveness and eternal life that Jesus came to give? (John 3:16, 17; 8:24)

Who must we believe that Jesus is? (Matthew 1:18–25)

Why is it so important to believe in Jesus? (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) _____

What must we believe that Jesus did to make it possible for us to be forgiven? (Matthew 20:28; Romans 5:8, 9)

Do you believe in Jesus? _____

3. What is the next element in our response to Jesus? (Acts 17:30; 26:20) _____
 What is repentance, and why is it essential? (Acts 3:19; Luke 13:3) _____
 What considerations motivate us to repent? (Romans 2:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–9; 1 Peter 1:18, 19) _____
 Are you going to turn your back on the sin that crucified Jesus and follow Him? _____
4. What is the third step in accepting Jesus' forgiveness? (Romans 10:9, 10) _____
 Why is it so important to acknowledge Jesus and give our allegiance to Him? (Matthew 10:32, 33; 1 Timothy 6:12, 13) _____
 Are you ready to confess your faith in Christ? _____
5. What is the final act of faith and obedience, at which point our sins are forgiven and we are saved? (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38) _____
 How does the Bible express the purpose of baptism? (Acts 22:16) _____
 Is Bible baptism sprinkling, pouring, or immersion? (Acts 8:35–39; Romans 6:3, 4) _____
 How does baptism relate to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? (Romans 6:3–11) _____

YOUR RESPONSE

Now that God, through His Word, has shown you how to respond to Jesus in receiving salvation and forgiveness, are you ready to turn your back on sin and follow Him?

Are you ready to acknowledge Him as Lord and be buried and raised with Him through baptism, in the likeness of His saving act, for the forgiveness of your sins?

If you are ready to take this step of faith, contact the nearest church of Christ, and someone will assist you. If you are not sure where the church is located, go to www.churchzip.com and type your location or e-mail staff@alltheworld2015.org.