

## What Should I Do To Please God? Part 2 of 2.

Whenever a crime is committed, someone has to pay the price. That's what justice is. You and I and everyone in the world, we each have sinned against God by not living a life according to God's will. When we die, we will come back to life and stand before God's throne at the end of time and answer for our crimes at the Judgment. (2 Corinthians 5:10) We each deserve to pay the price for our sins. But God is not only Just, he is also Merciful and Gracious. God sent his Son Jesus Christ and he paid the price for our sins so that we would not have to. None of us could pay everything we owe to God, so God provided the payment for us. Often we feel frustrated that we can't fix everything in the world. But remember, God gives us the way to fix ourselves. If we want to see better things for our children, friends, and families, we must first become the person God wants us to be and then lead other people to God by our good example. It's not just enough that we come to God and start our Christian walk, we must continue on that path until the end. As a song once said, if you want to help others, start by looking at the person in the mirror and ask that person to change. Friend, are you ready to look in your mirror? How can I become a Christian? Living a Christian life is more than just thinking the right thing: it is doing the right thing. One doesn't become a Christian by thinking the right thing or praying a sinner's prayer. No one in the Bible was saved that way, so no one today can be saved that way. The Bible says it in this way, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17) If someone has a great gift for you, say a \$100.00 check on your birthday, what good does that check do you unless you accept the check, write your name on the back, and cash it? God wants your endorsement, not on a check to give you money, but on his plan to give you salvation. Here's how people became Christians in the Bible: By hearing. By believing what they heard. By repenting from sinful life. By Confessing faith in Christ. By being baptized for remission of sins. That is what the Bible says: "For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!' But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?'" (Rom. 10:10-16)