

Who is Jesus?

How you answer that question is perhaps the most important answer of your life. Jesus himself asked that same question of his disciples. He also puts that question to you. Who is Jesus?

Some people say that Jesus was a great teacher, a prophet, liar, or worse.

Still others from every part of the world have claimed him as their Savior and Lord. Whatever you may think of Jesus, no one argues that he is the most influential person in the history of the world.

How about you? Who is Jesus?

We believe that God loves you, created you, and has a purpose for your life. In fact, God wants to have a relationship with you that is real and personal. The Bible describes it this way: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16)."

So, what prevents YOU from having this relationship with God?

As people search for meaning and purpose in life they discover that their sinful nature is holding them back. The word "sin" is an archery term and means to "miss the mark." Sin is anything that misses the mark of God's nature and will. Your sins separate you from God and keep you from knowing him personally.

Our sins have caused a great chasm to separate us from God. People are always trying to cross that chasm through their wisdom, works, and good deeds, but none of our efforts will succeed.

Jesus Christ is the only way for people to cross the chasm that exists between us and God. Through him, and his sacrifice alone, can we know God personally and experience his love.

But it is not enough to just know these truths.

The only way to bridge the chasm is to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior; then we can know God in a personal way and experience salvation.

God loves you and wants a relationship with you. Is there any reason you would not be willing to receive God's gift of eternal life and offer of friendship?

If you are willing to receive Jesus into your life right now you can begin that relationship with him by praying the following prayer. The words of the prayer are not as important as your heart.



"Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and died to forgive me of my sins. I know I have sinned and I ask you to forgive me. I want to know you and your love and begin that special relationship with you. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus name, Amen!"

If you prayed this prayer and meant it, then you are saved. We are not saved by our good works, but by God's love. Please let us know of your decision. You can contact our Pastor at pastorrich_fbcpkb@casinternet.net and he would be glad to discuss your decision or answer any questions you might have.

JOINING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Membership is open to anyone who has made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

HOW TO JOIN

At each of our worship services, our pastor gives the opportunity to join the church. Following the pastor's message, he will lead the congregation in a hymn of commitment and extend an invitation to those seeking a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and/or to those seeking membership in the church. Please feel free to contact our pastor about your questions, to express your concerns, or to learn more about the church.

WHY JOIN?

At First Baptist Church, we recognize the need for formal membership. We believe formal membership in a local church is important for five reasons.

Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church. Ephesians 5:25 states, "Christ loved the church, and gave His life for her." Membership in a local church is an important step in demonstrating our commitment to Christ.

Cultural Reason: We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything... a job, a marriage or family. This attitude has produced a generation of "church hoppers and shoppers." Membership swims against the current of America's consumer mentality and is an antidote to society. Membership sets us apart from the culture, allowing us to preserve our distinctive Christian beliefs and values.

Practical Reason: Membership identifies our community and family. It defines who can be entrusted with positions of leadership within the church.

Personal Reason: Membership produces spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. A person cannot be accountable when they are not committed to any specific church family.

Relational Reason: Membership creates a church family of all ages who care for and encourage one another. As much as we believe you need a church family, we also need you.

As you visit our church, we pray that you will consider all the benefits and privileges of membership to a local community of believers. Our prayer is that you will join us in our commitment to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.