

BEGINNING A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

The very first step to beginning a friendship with God is the same as with any human friendship—you have to begin a conversation. With God, we call this prayer.

Prayer is an expression of faith, and faith is the foundation for a friendship with God. In fact, “without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6). Have you ever placed your faith in Jesus—to forgive you of your sins, and to give you a brand new life?

If you’re ready to make that decision, then you’re ready to start this conversation that we call prayer. God started the conversation by sending us Jesus, who shared with us His message of forgiveness. We continue the conversation by telling God, “I’m sorry.”

“I’m sorry that I haven’t been living for You. I’m sorry that I haven’t prioritized You above other people and other things. I’m sorry for the sin in my life.”

All of us are sinners; consequently, our first words to God must be, “I’m sorry”—the Bible calls this prayer “repentance”. Repentance opens the door for a vibrant friendship with the Almighty, based on the foundation of faith.

The reason God is able to receive our repentance is because our sin was paid for by Jesus. He lived the perfect life we failed to live, He died for our sin (not His own!), and three days later He rose again to conquer: sin, death, Satan, and Hell.

Why?

Two reasons: first, to show all of creation the beauty of perfect justice, mercy, and love. Second, because He likes us. You have to really like someone to want to be with that person.... Forever! And that’s how God feels about us.

Would you like to trust Him today? Friendship with Him begins by telling Him you’re sorry. If you’ve done that privately already, your next step is to declare it publicly through baptism and to become part of a Bible-based, Jesus-loving church.

We’d love to help you on that journey, so please—contact us!

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