

# BREAKTHROUGH INSTITUTE

*Real Faith for Real Life*

Christian Basics 101

## How To Become a Christian

**Introduction:** In this first of six lessons on the basics of the Christian faith, you will learn how to become a Christian and know for sure you are a Christian. While becoming a Christian is a one time instantaneous experience there is an on going process of growing spiritually in the Lord. This lesson is focused on the initial experience of becoming a Christian.

### I. What is a Christian -

#### A. Christian Defined

1. Webster Dictionary - defines as one who professes belief in teachings of Jesus Christ.
2. A Christian is simply a follower of Jesus Christ

#### B. Other names for a Christian

1. Believer
2. Born Again
3. Saved

### II. To become a Christian you must be born again **John 3:1-6**

- A. Must be born of the flesh
- B. Must be born of the spirit
- C. Being born again is a one time instant experience.

### III. To become a Christian you must be saved - **Romans 10:9-10**

- A. To be saved you must ***believe in your heart***
- B. and ***confess with you mouth***
- C. When a person receives Christ as their Lord and Savior they are born again and become a saved person. While being born again is an instantaneous experience salvation is an on going process

**Breakthrough Institute**  
*Real Faith for Real Life*

Christian Basics 101  
Continued -

IV. Jesus is the way to become a Christian - **John 14:1-6**

- A. Jesus is in heaven preparing a place for us
- B. Jesus is the only way to become a Christian

V. Becoming a Christian is a gift from God- **Ephesians 2:8**

- A. John 3:16
- B. Must receive the gift
- C. Receive it by grace. Grace is God's ability or power given to us. It is His unmerited favor. We could not believe and receive the gift of becoming a Christian without God giving us the ability to believe - grace
- D. Through faith. While God gives us grace we must exercise our faith. Faith is a total trust in God.
- E. You do not deserve it, you can not earn it, you can not work for it. It is a free gift.

**Congratulations!** You completed this lesson. Now go to the website and take the exam and then take the next lesson.

Also, if you are new to the faith I have written a book I want you to have free, It is titled "What Is Next". Go to our website [www.breakthroughforyou.com](http://www.breakthroughforyou.com) and download it at no cost.

