BEGIN WITH JESUS

Repentance, Faith, and Surrender to Jesus

Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again. Turn to Him with repentance and faith, surrender your life to His lordship, and begin following Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture study: KJV | Original teaching and prayer | Prepared with AI assistance

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Biblical foundation

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - The Gospel proclaims Christ’s death for our sins, His burial, and His resurrection. Receive this truth and hold firmly to it.

Ephesians 2:1-10 - God brings sinners to life by grace through faith in Christ. His saving work produces a new life that bears fruit in obedience.

Acts 3:19 - Peter calls his hearers to repent and turn to God through the risen Jesus, receiving the forgiveness He gives.

Romans 10:9-13 - Faith in the risen Christ, confession of Him as Lord, and calling upon His name belong together in our response to the Gospel.

Luke 9:23-26 - Jesus calls His followers to surrender themselves and follow Him daily, placing allegiance to Him above every competing claim.

Original teaching

Look to the crucified and risen Savior

Our sin has separated us from a holy God. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, entered this world, lived without sin, and gave Himself for sinners. He was crucified, buried, and raised from death. The Gospel announces what He has accomplished and calls us to receive Him. He alone is our Savior, our hope, and the Lord to whom we must answer.

Come to Him with faith. Place your confidence in His sacrifice and resurrection. God’s grace reaches the guilty, the bound, and the person who has wandered far from Him. Bring Him your actual life, including the parts you would rather hide. His call is to turn, believe, and follow.

Repent with your whole heart

Repentance is a real turning from sin toward God. Acknowledge what His Word exposes. Stop defending the lie, the hatred, the sexual sin, the occult practice, or the rebellion you know is wrong. Lay down the right to govern your life against His will. Ask the Holy Spirit for strength to leave the ways that have held your heart.

Sincere repentance reaches into conduct. End the sinful practice. Make an honest correction where you have lied. Return what you have taken, and accept responsibility for harm you

have caused. Let the change become visible. Obedience grows from the grace you receive as you entrust yourself to Jesus. He is able to change both your direction and your desires.

Surrender and follow

To confess Jesus as Lord is to place your life under His authority. Offer Him your body, words, time, relationships, ambitions, and future. Renounce Satan and every allegiance to darkness. Ask the risen Christ to break the power of sin and fill you with the Holy Spirit. Pray with conviction, believing the Gospel and responding from the heart.

Begin openly following Him. Tell a mature Christian that you have turned to Jesus. Seek baptism as an immediate act of obedience, gather with a Bible-believing church, and learn to read Scripture and pray. Remain responsive when the Lord corrects you. Keep turning toward Him, and let your life become a witness to the mercy and power of the Savior.

Preparation for prayer

- Read the Gospel foundations and place your confidence in Christ’s death and resurrection.
- Name the known sin you are turning away from.
- Surrender the areas of your life where you have resisted His authority.

A complete prayer

Pray in faith, trusting Jesus Christ and the authority of His Word.

Father, I come before You as a sinner in need of mercy. You are holy, and I have broken Your commands in my thoughts, words, desires, and actions. I acknowledge my guilt and turn toward You. I lay down my excuses, my pride, and my rebellion. Have mercy on me through Jesus Christ.

Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, that You died for our sins, and that You rose bodily from the grave. I confess You as my Lord. I place my faith in Your finished work and call upon Your name for salvation. Forgive me, cleanse me, and make me new. I surrender my life to You.

I repent of the sins I know and bring them before You honestly. I turn away from the practices, desires, and relationships that lead me into disobedience. I renounce Satan, his lies, and every ungodly allegiance I have knowingly embraced. Jesus Christ, break the power of sin over my life and deliver me from the darkness I have welcomed. Establish Your rule in my heart.

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your presence and power. Awaken love for the truth and a hatred of sin. Give me courage to obey when obedience is costly. Teach me to deny myself, resist temptation, and follow Jesus with a willing heart. Let the life You give become visible in holiness, mercy, and faithfulness.

Father, lead me into fellowship with Your people. Give me humility to receive instruction, boldness to confess Christ openly, and readiness to be baptized. Where I have caused harm, strengthen me to take responsibility and put matters right. Take my present and my future. I belong to Jesus, and I ask You to establish me in enduring faith. Let my life proclaim the greatness of Your saving mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A brief prayer

Jesus Christ, I believe You died for my sins and rose again. I confess You as Lord and surrender my life to You. Forgive me and make me new. I repent of known sin and renounce Satan and every allegiance to darkness. Break sin’s power over me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Teach me to obey Your Word and follow You with an undivided heart. Amen.

Walk in freedom

- Confess your faith in Jesus to a mature believer and seek fellowship with a faithful church.
- Arrange water baptism as an obedient response to faith.
- Leave the known sinful practice you have confessed and make appropriate repairs where you have caused harm.
- Begin reading the Gospel of John and bring your life before the Lord in daily prayer.

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