Jesus warned us about counting the cost before deciding to follow Him...

“But don’t begin until you count the cost...” Luke 14:28

He made it clear that we are to submit to Him and be willing to face suffering and tough times just like He did. However, as a Christian, God will teach, encourage and help you even in times of failure. As you surrender control of your will to Him He gives you new desires and the power to change...this is a life long process.

If you have counted the cost of being a Christian, want to become a follower of Jesus and accept the gift He offers you then the following is a suggested prayer...

Dear Jesus,
I confess that I have rebelled against You and am truly sorry. I want to start living my life Your way. Thank You for dying on the cross to take the punishment for my sins (past, present and future). Please forgive me, enter my life and make me the person You want me to be, Amen.

To help you grow as a Christian, read the Bible daily, obey what it says, join a Bible believing church and tell someone about your decision. Talk to God as much as possible, He hears and answers prayer. For more information go to:

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To discover if we are on the right road we need to start with:

"In the beginning God created..." Genesis 1:1

The Bible goes on to teach us that God created everything including you and me. In the beginning the world He created was perfect (no pain, no war, no suffering, no death) and God said that it was good.

A lot has happened since that time and it doesn't take long to realise that things are no longer perfect. This is because mankind (you and me) decided to rebel against God, ignore Him and live our lives however we please. This rebellion is what the Bible calls 'sin'.

THE PROBLEM

The truth is that all of us are guilty...

"...all have sinned..." Romans 3:23

The Bible teaches us that we all have a nature that is selfish and sinful. How many of the following sins are you guilty of committing?

LYING  GREED  PRIDE  Gossip  Laziness  Lust  Deceit
SEX OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE  BLASPHEMY  DRUNKENNESS
WATCHING PORNOGRAPHY

When we disobey God it shows that we would rather live without His loving rule over our lives. If this attitude continues until death there are serious consequences...

THE CONSEQUENCES

The Bible makes it clear that since God is holy (perfect) and just He cannot overlook or leave our lawbreaking unpunished. If He did this He would be like a judge who let all criminals go free. No good, righteous judge would do that. To a holy God our sin is so serious that He cannot and will not let it enter His perfect heaven.

The truth is, none of us are good enough to get to heaven and by our own efforts there is nothing we can do to change this fact.

WE NEED HELP!

Fortunately God has done something incredible for us.

THE SOLUTION

Instead of giving us what we deserve God actually wants to forgive us. He is not wanting anyone to go to hell and has made a way for us to be forgiven.

"Christ died for sins once for all...to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

This forgiveness was made possible when He sent Jesus Christ (the Son of God) to earth to take the consequences of our lawbreaking on Himself. Jesus willingly suffered and died an agonising death on the cross to take the consequences of our lawbreaking on Himself. He was then buried in a tomb and 3 days later God bought Him back to life again. Through Jesus death God has made a way for all of us to be forgiven.

However, forgiveness is not automatic, like any gift, we must personally receive it.