

Session 4

**How  
can  
I  
have**

**faith**

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”  
(2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

A Christian is a Christ-ian: someone who follows and puts their faith in Jesus Christ.

How that happens varies enormously. For some there is a definite moment; for others it is a more gradual process.

- When you receive Christ, you become a child of God. (John 1:12)
- God wants you to be sure of your faith.

**“I write these things  
to you who believe in  
the name of the Son  
of God so that you  
may know that you  
have eternal life.”**

**(1 JOHN 5:13)**

Faith is not a blind leap, but a step based on evidence.

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## 1. THE WORD OF GOD

We must not only trust our feelings, which can be changeable and may even be deceptive at times, but instead rely on God’s promises.

- “... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” (Romans 10:17)
- “I will come in.” (Revelation 3:20)
- “I am with you always.” (Matthew 28:20)
- “I give them eternal life.” (John 10:28)

## 2. THE WORK OF JESUS

You come exactly as you are. It’s not about what you do or what you can achieve; it’s about what has been done for you by Jesus on the cross.

- Free gift of God (Romans 6:23).
- It’s free but not cheap: it cost Jesus His life.
- We receive it through repentance (turning away from sin) and faith (trust).

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### 3. THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When someone becomes a Christian, God comes to live inside them by His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9).

- He transforms us from within.
  - Our characters (Galatians 5:22–23)
  - Our relationships
- He brings a deep personal conviction that we are God’s children.
  - Faith to knowledge (Romans 8:15–16)

Here is a very simple prayer that you can pray to open the door of your heart to Jesus Christ and invite Him to come into your life by His Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life (take a few moments to ask his forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience).  
Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong.  
Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free.  
Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift.  
Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus.  
Amen.

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