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# CONGRATULATIONS!



If you have questions or would like to have a conversation, please contact us at [RS@myrc.church](mailto:RS@myrc.church) or call 763.263.2410.

SAYING **'YES!'** TO JESUS IS THE **BEST DECISION WE CAN MAKE. PERIOD.**

BY SAYING **'YES!'** YOU ARE STARTING A **LIFELONG JOURNEY & RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

**HE** WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH **YOU** & HE WILL BE WALKING WITH YOU THROUGH THIS JOURNEY.

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

**Romans 5:8**

*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**

We hope this booklet will help answer some of the questions you may have about your new life with Jesus. Know you are not alone, as we want to pray for you and walk with you. If you start to feel overwhelmed or confused just ask God for help. He is eager to teach, give counsel, and love you in a way only He can. And remember...we're here to help, too!

# WHY SHOULD WE SAY 'YES!' TO JESUS?

## THE BIBLE TELLS US:

FROM THE BEGINNING

GOD CREATED US TO BE IN A

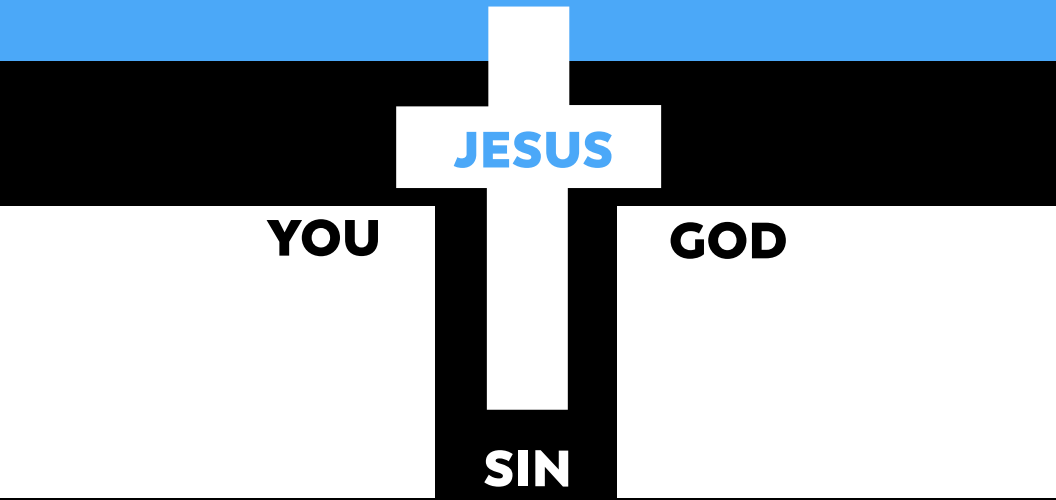
**PERFECT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

BUT WE BROKE AWAY & CREATED

A GAP OF SIN THAT **ONLY JESUS COULD FILL.**

## LOOK IT UP:

GENESIS 1:26-27



**WHAT IS SIN?** Sin is the cause and result of not being in that perfect relationship God initially created. Sin is our imperfection. When we do, say, or think about something in the wrong way, it is sin. Even failing to do something we should do is sin.

**It's why we are now all born sinful.**

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO CANCEL OUT OUR SIN.  
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO  
**FILL THE GAP.**

# BUT JESUS

CAME DOWN AND PAID THE PRICE FOR EVERYONE'S SIN...

*“For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* **John 3:16**

*But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.* **Ephesians 2:4-5**

## WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

1

RECOGNIZE THE SIN IN OUR LIVES.

ASK JESUS TO FORGIVE  
US OF THAT SIN.

2

3

TURN AWAY FROM THAT SIN AND  
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS INSTEAD.

*But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.* **1 John 1:9**

When we say **'YES!'** to Jesus we are choosing to believe in Jesus and all that He has done. We are recognizing that we need Him to step in on our behalf and bear the weight and consequences of our many sins.

When we say **'YES!'** to Him we are finally able to live life as we're created to live, because...

**JESUS**

**RECONNECTS US TO**

**GOD**

**ONCE AND FOR ALL.**

# HOW CAN THIS BE TRUE FOR YOU?

Be real and honest with God.  
Say a prayer:

Dear God,  
I know I'm a sinner. I need you. I believe Jesus came to earth, died in my place, and rose again. Jesus, please forgive me of my sin. I'm tired of choosing things that leave me empty. I want to follow you instead. Thank you for saving me and giving me a purpose. Please help me.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

If you prayed and said, 'YES!' to Jesus, note your choice with your name and the date right here:

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NAME

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DATE

IF YOU JUST PRAYED AND SAID ‘YES!’  
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE  
**100% TRUE OF YOU NOW:**

**YOU ARE SAVED  
FROM SIN AND DEATH.**

**YOU ARE FORGIVEN  
FOR EVERY SIN ONCE & FOR ALL.**

**YOU ARE BEING  
CELEBRATED  
IN HEAVEN RIGHT NOW!**

*“In the same way, there is joy  
in the presence of God’s angels  
when even one sinner repents.”*

**Luke 15:10**



**YOU HAVE A  
PURPOSE.**

**GOD IS WITH YOU  
& ALWAYS WILL BE, EVEN NOW,  
FROM THE INSIDE OUT.**

**YOU ARE RECLAIMING YOUR  
GOD-GIVEN  
IDENTITY.**

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

**Philippians 1:6**

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Keep asking & allowing God to help you as He transforms you and your life, equipping you to help with His plan to save even more lost people.

HERE ARE SOME PRACTICAL STEPS THAT WILL JUMP-START YOUR WALK WITH JESUS:

1

**Tell an RS leader about your choice to follow Jesus.**

Share why you chose to say 'YES!' to Jesus.

2

**Spend meaningful time with Jesus.**

He wants to be in a relationship with you.

Start by reading what He says about you.

(See the back page for a 14-day reading plan.)

If you need a Bible, let us know!

3

**Go public.**

Make your faith known by choosing to be baptized. So many people want to cheer you on & pray for you! Go to

**MYRC.CHURCH/BAPTISM** for more info.

**CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS BY:**



**COMING  
EVERY WEEK**



**BEING PART  
OF A GROUP**



**SERVING  
OTHERS**

**WE ARE SO EXCITED YOU'VE MADE THE**

**BEST  
'YES!'  
DECISION**

**YOU WILL EVER MAKE.**

**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY.  
WELCOME HOME!**

# 14-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use the QR Code below to download the YouVersion Bible and read one of these passages each day.

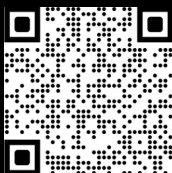
As you read, ask Jesus to show you in the passage at least one thing He says you are.

In a notebook or journal, write out a quick 1-2 sentence takeaway for your life.

Share what you're learning with others.

## WANT MORE?

Once you're finished with this, let us know!



Download the YouVersion Bible App using this QR code.

1. **Genesis 1:27**
2. **John 1:12**
3. **John 15:15**
4. **Romans 5:1**
5. **1 Corinthians 6:17-20**
6. **1 Corinthians 12:27**
7. **Ephesians 1:3-8**
8. **Colossians 1:13-14**
9. **Colossians 2:7-10**
10. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
11. **Romans 8:1-2**
12. **Romans 8:28**
13. **Colossians 3:1-4**
14. **Ephesians 2:10**

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