

*“My purpose is to give life in all its fullness...”* Jesus

Jesus didn't come to establish a new religion; he came to *re-establish* a relationship between God and us. God created us, and he better than anyone knows who we are, what we need, and what will make us truly satisfied.

God loves you and me, but *we* messed up the deal. We all have turned our back on God in some way or another and chose to live by *our* rules, not his. Whether its lying, stealing, cheating, sexual immorality, or whatever, the Bible calls it sin. And, even though God loves us, our own sin – our own willful rebellion against God – separates us from his love.

Jesus came to *re-connect* us back with God. Our sin angered God, but Jesus took the full brunt of God's anger toward us by dying on the cross to take the “hit” for *our* sin.

All you, or I, or any of us have to do to get reconnected with God is *admit* we are sinners and need God to straighten out our lives; *believe* that Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our wrong-doing; and *confess* with our mouths that we now want to make Jesus the Lord, or boss, of our lives.

If that is the desire of your heart you can pray a simple prayer something like the following:

“Jesus, I admit I am a sinner. I have done many things that were wrong and feel guilty over them. I believe you died on the cross to pay the price, or penalty, for my sins, and I believe that you rose from the grave three days later. Please forgive me for my sins, give me a new chance at life, and from this day forward I want You, Jesus, not me, to be the Lord or boss of my life. Amen.”