

Truths You Need to Know

Have you wanted to share your faith, but you just didn't know where to start? God's Word is full of so many life-giving truths that it can be hard to choose which ones to share with someone who's considering faith in Jesus. But the reality is, there are just a few simple truths someone needs to understand to be saved—starting with the incredible truth that Jesus died on the cross for everyone.

We've gathered those powerful insights in this *Truths You Need to Know* download. The first page—"Do You Want to Learn More About Following Jesus?"—explains four simple truths that anyone who wants to follow Jesus needs to understand. The second page—"Four Truths About God's Hands"—gives new believers truth from God's Word to help them know they are safe and secure in God's strong, loving hands.

This download is perfect for sharing with friends or family members who are curious about faith or are new to faith. Feel free to print it or to forward it along to them.

And be sure to take a few minutes to read it for yourself too. No matter how long you've followed Jesus, you'll be encouraged by these truths from God's Word. As Romans 15:4 says, "*The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled*" (NLT).



Do You Want to Learn More About Following Jesus?

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The Bible teaches everything you need to know to be saved and to grow in your relationship with God. To begin a relationship with Jesus, there are just a few simple truths you need to understand.

1. To know and love God, you need to confess your sin. He is faithful to forgive when you come to him with a humble heart.

"But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away" (1 John 1:9 CEV).

2. You must believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he was raised to life on Easter.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9 NIV).

3. Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do but by what Jesus has done for us. You have to accept God's free gift of salvation.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV).

4. When Jesus is Lord of your life, it means he calls the shots in every area. You invite him to be your guide through life so you can follow his will.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20 NLT).

If you're ready to begin a relationship with Jesus, then you can pray this prayer:

Dear God, you have promised that if I believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, everything I've ever done wrong will be forgiven. I will be accepted into your family and into an eternal home in heaven with you one day.

I confess that I have sinned, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died to pay for my sins and that he was raised to life. I trust in Jesus as my Savior and will follow him as Lord of my life. Please guide me and help me to do your will. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Did you just pray to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

We'd love to celebrate with you! Send an email to Rick@PastorRick.com and let him know. Pastor Rick has some free resources to help guide you on your next steps in following Jesus.

Four Truths About God's Hands

There's a children's song about God that says, "He's got the whole world in his hands." And it's true! God's hands hold the whole world secure—and he's holding on to you too.



**God's hands
remind
you of how
much he
loves you.**

God said, *"Can a mother forget the . . . child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands"* (Isaiah 49:15-16 NIV).



**God's
hands are
nail-pierced
to help you
believe.**

Thomas doubted Jesus' resurrection. But when he saw the nail marks in Jesus' hands, he said, *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20:28 NIV). God's hands are proof you can trust in him.



**God's
hands
keep you
eternally
secure.**

Jesus promised, *"My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand"* (John 10:29 NIV).



**God's hands
want to
bless you.**

Jesus often put his hands on people to bless them, and he wants to do the same for you. Isaiah 62:3 says, *"The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God"* (NLT).

You can trust God not just for salvation but also to give you everything you need to follow him faithfully. Look to his hands, and remember his love and care for you.