

## THE RESPONSES GOD REQUIRES OF PEOPLE

### A. GOD REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE CONVERT

1. The response that God requires is to convert.
  - To change your thinking. Mark 1:14-15.
  - To change your behaviour. Acts 3:18-20.
2. What are the implications of conversion to Jesus Christ?
  - Jesus Christ is the only Way that leads to God. John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5.
  - Conversion is a command of the Lord that must be obeyed. Mark 1:14-15.
  - Conversion leads to sorrow as God intended. 2 Corinthians 7:9-11.
3. How would you be able to repent practically?
  - Repentance must be followed by faith in the gospel. Mark 1:14-15.
  - Faith in the gospel must be followed by confession of sin. James 5:16.
  - Faith in the gospel must be followed by restitution (i.e. giving back things, compensating). Ezekiel 33:14-16.
  - Faith in the gospel must be followed by crushing your idols. 2 Chronicles 34:3-7.
  - Faith in the gospel must be followed by burning your wrong books. etc. Acts 19:18-20.
  - Faith in the gospel must be followed by turning away from the darkness to the light and from Satan to the God of the Bible. Acts 26:16-20; Matthew 7:13-14.

**Summary.**

### B. GOD REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

1. The response that God requires is to receive Jesus Christ.
  - Not every person will receive Jesus Christ! Luke 2:34.
  - A man is born again by receiving Jesus Christ. John 1:9-13.
2. What are the implications of receiving Jesus Christ?
  - To receive Jesus Christ together with all his claims. John 1:10-12.
  - To receive Jesus Christ as the Lord whom you obey. Ephesians 3:16-17.
  - To acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Master. Colossians 2:6-7.
3. How could you receive Jesus Christ practically?
  - Open the door of your heart and invite Christ into your heart and life. Revelation 3:20.
  - Believe in Jesus Christ as he has revealed himself. John 1:12-13.
  - Faith comes by hearing, believing/trusting and obeying. Hebrews 11:6-8.
  - Faith that Jesus Christ speaks personally to you and personally meets you. Romans 10:13-17.

**Summary.**

### C. GOD REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE CONFESS JESUS CHRIST

1. The response that God requires is to confess Jesus Christ.
  - Confessing means “saying the same thing”. Matteüs 10:32-33.
  - Confession means to openly declare. Romans 10:9,13.
2. What are the implications of confessing Jesus Christ?
  - You need to tell this to other people. Mark 5:19-20.
3. How do you practically confess Jesus Christ?  
Romans 10:9-14.

**Summary.**

## D. GOD REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

1. The response that God requires is to follow Jesus Christ.
  - To follow Christ as his disciple. Luke 9:23.
2. What are the implications of following Jesus Christ?
  - Following requires self-denial and carrying your cross. Luke 9:23.
  - Following requires walking in the light. John 3:19-21.
  - Following requires carrying the cross of Christ. Matthew 11:28-30.
  - Following requires joining other Christians. John 1:44-46.
  - Following Christ requires serving together with Christ in the extension of his kingdom. John 12:26.
  - Following Christ requires becoming a fisher of men. Matthew 4:19.

3. How do you practically follow Christ?

John 6:68-69

**Summary.**

## E. GOD REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE LOVE HIM

1. The response that God requires is to love Him.
  - God requires that you love him with your whole being. Mark 12:30-31; (Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Leviticus 19:18).
2. What are the implications of loving God?
  - There are four kinds of love, three are natural and the last is given only by God:
  - The nature of the God of the Bible is love and he expresses his love in the following ways:
  - The God of the Bible is the Source of love:  
(1 John 4:7-8).  
(1 John 2:9-11).  
(Romans 5:5).  
(Galatians 5:22)
    - The love of Jesus Christ is the standard for love (John 13:34-35).
    - Self-sacrificial love comes with your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30-31)
3. How do you love God (Christ) practically?
  - By faith. Romans 5:5.
  - By the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:6,13,22-23.
  - By obedience. John 14:21,23.

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Summary. The 5 responses that God requires of people who come to him for salvation:

1. God requires that people *repent and convert*.
2. God requires that people *receive* Jesus Christ.
3. God requires that people *confess* Jesus Christ.
4. God requires that people *follow* Jesus Christ.
5. God requires that people *love*.

### ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NEXT SESSION

1. During the next week, read the Bible passages again. Consider what the Bible says about the response which God requires of people who desire to come to him.
2. Consider if you desire to come to Jesus Christ. If you do, consider by which one or more of these five responses do you want to express your coming to God?