

“Do you have any churches that you can suggest?”

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Remember, the Lord has an enemy.
He is opposed to God and all those who obey Christ.
The Bible says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James
4:7).” When you feel the urge not to do the things
you have been instructed to by Father God, resist the
devil, and he *will* flee. The Lord Jesus Christ is
faithful. He loves you and
He will guide you and lead you!

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What does this say?

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**OPEN TO SEE IF
YOU ARE
CORRECT.**

Perhaps, you read: "God is nowhere." It also says, "God is now here." 96% of Americans believe in God, but to many His presence isn't what it could be. The Bible says, "In Him we live and move and have our being," but we are separated from Him by our sins: "Sin" is the breaking of God's Law - the Ten Commandments. Let's see if you've "sinned": Have you ever lied (even a "white" lie) or stolen (the value is irrelevant)? Then you are a lying thief. If you've lusted, you've committed adultery in your heart. If you've hated someone, the Bible says you are a murderer. If you have broken any of the Ten Commandments, you are in big trouble. On Judgment Day you'll be found guilty, and end up in Hell. But God sent His Son to die on the Cross for you. Jesus took your punishment, and then defeated death by rising from the dead. God is now here, so repent (turn away from sin) today and trust the Savior, and you will receive the gift of everlasting life.*

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"How can I begin to serve God and follow Him?"

God has provided His own Word for instruction, the Bible, which is a gift to us and is our guide for life. Based on the Bible, we know to:

1. Pray to God everyday. Express your feelings freely, ask for strength, inquire of Him, and thank Him for all he has given you already.

2. Read the Bible everyday. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim 3:16). God speaks to you through the Bible. You get to know God personally by reading His love letter to you – the Bible! Get to know God intimately by **starting with the Book of John**. If you have questions about what you read, **join a church Bible Study** or do a **one-to-one Bible study** with a knowledgeable Christian you trust!

3. Come and be around those who also believe. **Find and attend a nice church fellowship regularly** that teaches the Bible and where you can learn about Jesus and make friends with those who will honestly help you be the best you can be in Christ Jesus (read Hebrews 10:25 and see the importance of attending church. There you can be taught more about Christ and your new relationship with Him!

4. Separate yourself from the sinful things you used to do. If you know God wouldn't like it, take the quickest and honest way out. God always provides a way out of sin. The Holy Spirit will give you a feeling when something is wrong. Listen to him, and God will reward you with increased faith and joy!

5. Be Baptized. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward conversion. Once you find a biblical church, inquire about being baptized. Some churches require you to take "new believer classes." That is a great way for you to learn more about God and how He desires you to live! Take advantage of that class!

6. Receive Discipleship. The church you attend should offer some sort of discipleship. It is important to be accountable to someone older in the faith and to learn from that person how to live a godly lifestyle. This person should be someone you trust and who cares deeply about your spiritual growth.

"How do I know which church to attend?"

There is so much more to learn about God. We greatly encourage you to attend a local church and become a member. Here are some simple tips on helping to find the church you should attend.

1. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Remember that God wants to help you make the right decisions in life and He already has a place for you to attend, but you have to allow Him to lead you to it. This means you have to be prayerful and ask God to help you make the right choice.

2. Consider visiting the church of the individual who cared enough to tell you about Christ. If someone, most likely the person who gave you this, lead you to Christ, that means he/she cares about you. You want to **attend a place where people truly care, and are not apathetic about their relationship with Christ or others.** Consider joining him or her for fellowship one day.

3. Make sure the church teaches from the Bible and holds the Bible as the final authority. If the church holds any other literature or item above the Bible, then that is a sign the church is not a solid Christian church. The church you attend should highly esteem the Bible as the ultimate source of God's Truth and believe what it says.

4. The church must believe the basic tenets of the Christian faith. The church should believe that Jesus was not only the Son of God, but also God manifested in the flesh, who died on the cross for our sins and rose again in the flesh. Entrance into Heaven is based on faith in those truths and repentance (turning away from sin). It is *not* based on you doing "good deeds" to *work* your way to Heaven. It is the free gift of God.

DO NOT attend a Jehovah's Witness church, called "Kingdom Hall" or a Mormon church (Church of Latter Day Saints). They do not believe the basic tenets of the Christian faith and are therefore considered "cults."

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