

What is the Last Step to Becoming a Son of God?

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Believers in Christ differ in what they believe as necessary to really become a son of God. But as God's true sons, they ought to know what they believe and should be sure of what they believe. Many people believe that they are now sons of God. But on what basis do they claim such a wonderful state? They will immediately cite John 1:12. If you read the verse carefully, it **DOES NOT SAY** that *Christ made them children of God*. What it **DOES SAY** is that *He gave them the right/power to become children of God*. If you ask them how to become a son of God, they have varying answers. Although their answers may vary, those who claim to follow the Bible would generally say, "through faith in Christ Jesus."

Are you convinced of what you think is the way to becoming a son of God? Do you believe that you can become a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus? If you do, what verse does support it? Can we find in the Bible that a certain group of people became sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus? Yes, the Scriptures clearly state that the Christians in Galatia became sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26). No doubt it is written in the Holy Scriptures!

People often stop in this verse. But only partial answer has been given in Galatians 3:26. The most important question "How to become a son of God?" remains unanswered. Yes, you become a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus as it is written. But **WHY** do you become a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus? Remember that many people believe that Jesus died for humanity. Are they all, who believe in the death of Christ for the sins of the world, sons of God?

This is what most people believe. Many people think that the moment they believed in Christ Jesus, He saved them from their sins. They believe that after the Bible teacher asked them to pray after him the sinner's prayer, they already accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. That is why they became sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. It is sad to say, however, that *not one of Christ's disciples* ever asked his listeners to pray after him in order to accept Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. It is a **great challenge** for you to find out. You can read the entire book of Acts and even the entire New Testament and will not definitely find any single verse showing an example of such a practice.

It is very important that you carefully investigate what the Bible has to say. Do you know that you can find the answer by simply reading the next verse? Galatians 3:27 clearly states why a person can become a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Galatia the reason for their becoming sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Paul wrote, "**For ALL who were BAPTIZED into Christ have PUT ON Christ.**" This verse clearly states that because they have *put on Christ after baptism*, they are now *sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus*. This verse also clearly states that *only those who were baptized into Christ* have put on Christ.

Salvation belongs to those *who have put on Christ*. Without putting on Christ, all our righteousness are just like filthy rags in the eyes of God (Isaiah 64:6). But can a person put on Christ without baptism? **Definitely NOT!** Can a person put on Christ by

repeating the sinner's prayer uttered by a Bible teacher? **Definitely NOT!** Can a person become a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus without putting on Christ? **Definitely NOT!** Did your Bible teacher ever mention to you that you needed to be baptized to become a son of God? If not, think about it intelligently. ***Your salvation is at stake*** because you do not remain now in the teachings of Christ, and you do not have God in your life (2 John 9). They simply say that baptism is a ***public declaration*** that you are already saved from your sins. ***It is not in Bible*** and should not be followed.

Many people accused those who require baptism as member of some cults because these people are teaching that baptism saves. But this is an unjust accusation. We teach what the Bible **REALLY** says. The Bible is very clear as to **WHO saves a sinner**. He is **JESUS CHRIST** (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11; John 1:29). **WHAT saves a sinner?** It is **CHRIST'S BLOOD** (Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:22). But **WHEN is a sinner saved?** It is **ONLY AFTER HIS BAPTISM** when he has already **PUT ON CHRIST** (Galatians 3:26-27; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-6). So without the "**WHEN**," a person is **NOT YET SAVED** from his sins and is **NOT YET A SON OF GOD**, even if he claims that he is already a son of God.

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