

## Series Introduction: Becoming a Christian

The purpose of this series is to outline how a person can enter a personal, reconciled relationship with God through Jesus Christ and therefore live with God forever.

It is critically important to see that (1) Jesus and his saving work (specifically his death and resurrection) is the only bridge to God (not our good works), and (2) we walk across that bridge to God by turning from our sins (which is called *repentance*) and trusting in Jesus. If we do not see and embrace both of those realities, then the rest of The Discipleship Series cannot ultimately help us. Why not? *First* we must become Christians, and only *then* can we truly learn to follow him in the various contexts of our lives.

With those thoughts in mind, this series is for three groups of people:

1. *those who are exploring the Christian faith* (some of whom will want to know how they can enter a personal, reconciled relationship with God),
2. *new Christians* who want to review the foundations of their relationship with God, and
3. *all Christians* who want to learn how to introduce others to God through Jesus Christ—to share the good news of Jesus’s death and resurrection.

This series focuses on the following *passages of Scripture* and *summaries of sound doctrine* (also called *sound teaching*):

Lesson	Primary Scripture Passages	Sound Doctrine
One	Misc. Passages	Overview: The Path to God (I) (pages one through four)
Two	Misc. Passages	Overview: The Path to God (II) (pages five through seven)
Three	Acts 17:16–34	God the Father
Four	Romans 1:18–32	Sin and Judgment
Five	Acts 10	God the Son
Six	Ephesians 2:1–10	Turning from Sin and Trusting in Jesus
Seven	Romans 8:1–13	God the Holy Spirit
Eight	Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2:37–41; Romans 6:1–5	Baptism