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How do you become a Christian? Suppose you had a friend who had never been to church before. They didn't know much about God. But they came to you and asked, "How can I become a Christian?" What would you say?

This verse tells us there is only one way to become a Christian. We must believe in (or trust in) Jesus Christ as our Savior. We need a Savior because we are sinful (Romans 3:23). We cannot save ourselves. We can't do enough good things - like going to church or helping others - to earn our salvation. We do not deserve Jesus' love and salvation. But God loves us and sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross in our place, taking the punishment we deserved (1 John 4:9-10). God promises to give eternal life to all who believe in Jesus.

But what happens to those who do not obey Jesus? In this verse, obeying Jesus is the same thing as believing in Jesus. Those people who refuse to believe in Jesus cannot have their sins forgiven. They are still facing the punishment that they deserve because of their sin. They are still facing the wrath (or anger) of God because of their sin. Unless these people turn from their sin and trust in Jesus, they will spend eternity in hell.

What about You? Are you trusting in Jesus as your Savior?

- Do you know that you are a sinner and deserve to be punished for your sins?
- Do you know that you can never do enough good things to pay for your sins?
- Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son, and that he died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins?
- Have you asked God to forgive you for your sins and to give you the gift of eternal life?
- Do you desire to obey and follow Jesus all the days of your life?