

Steps of a Disciple

Part One - The First Step: Accept Jesus The Savior

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John 1:29-51

#1 - John the Baptist's Acceptance Of Jesus

He calls Jesus the Lamb Of God, vs. 29

He calls Jesus the Son Of God, vs. 34

The title "Son of God" goes beyond the idea of obedience and messianic King to that of Jesus' essential nature. In the Fourth Gospel this title is not applied to believers. They are called "children" (tekna; e.g., John 1:12) while "Son" (hyios) is used only of Jesus. (Blum, E. A. (1985). John. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 275). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.)

#2 - Andrew's Acceptance Of Jesus

He calls Jesus the Messiah (Christ), vs. 41

#3 - Philip's Acceptance Of Jesus

Philip calls Jesus the Promised One, vs. 45

Nathaniel calls Jesus the Son of God, vs. 49

Nathaniel calls Jesus the King of Israel, vs. 49

To be a follower of Jesus Christ, you must begin by accepting Him as your Savior, the Lamb of God, the Messiah.

To follow Him, you must first be His child. You must first be saved. Let me share with you three important things you must understand and embrace for you to be saved.

#1 - God Loves You, John 3:16 & Romans 5:8

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (NASB)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

#2 - You Are A Sinner, Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (NASB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NASB)

#3 - You Can Have Your Sins Forgiven

It's a Two-Step Process:

- You Must Ask God To Forgive You
- You Must Believe Jesus To Be God's Son

Romans 10:9-10 says:

“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” (NASB)