

himself take up his cross, and follow me "' (Matthew 16:24).

**Enjoy your new life with Christ!** Jesus said, *"I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly"* (John 10:10). His game plan for us is simple, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind ... and love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:37-39). A great way to love other people is to tell them about Him (Matthew 28:19-20).

Take time now to talk (pray) to God. He knows your heart. He cares more about your attitude than your words. If you need some help, try this simple prayer.

*"Dear God, You are my creator and the one true God. I am a sinner and do not deserve to be in heaven with you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die for my sins and give me eternal life. Take charge of my life and help me serve you daily."*

If you've prayed this prayer or something similar, welcome into the family of God!

Life as a Christian is not a sprint, it is a marathon. Thankfully, God gave us the perfect playbook to guide us in every situation—the Bible. Christians are supposed to worship together. Find a church near you and get involved. Christ also commands us to be baptized. These are some of the first things you should do to let everyone know you're on the winning team.

## OFFICIAL SCORECARD for the Game of Life



God created the game of life. He is the standard for truth and perfection. He wrote the rules of the game and is the referee. He keeps our stats and He will hold us accountable for every play on earth.

God is perfectly holy. We are not. Scoring 25 kills in a match is great, but God's standard is a kill on every touch. The only way to be with God is to be perfect. No matter how "good" we are, we can never measure up to God's standard because we make so many mistakes. Our life is full of yellow and red cards. We need an outside hitter to substitute for us who can score at will.

God sent us the perfect player to make up for our own failures. The Owner's Son came to earth to save us from our own sinful selfishness. Jesus knew that the only way for us to be with God was through a perfect sacrifice, so He died a sacrificial death on the cross so we could join in the victory. Jesus played the perfect game, but God lets us take credit for Jesus' stats so we can be with God forever.

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Jesus beat our opponents (Satan, sin, & death) so that we can too. He won the game on your behalf so you can start living like a champion.

First, you must acknowledge your mistakes and thank Christ for His efforts. Second, you must let Him be the coach of your life—you've been chosen to be on God's team! Third, stop worrying and start trusting God—you can't do one thing to make God love you more or less than He already does. Once you've been chosen, God will never kick you off His team. Fourth, start studying Christ's playbook (the Bible), so you can play your best for Him.

On God's team, everyone is a winner. Each player is given the Holy Spirit, special gifts and talents to accomplish great things for Christ. God is the perfect coach with the perfect game plan. Follow it! Pray to God for forgiveness and share what Christ has done for you. If you accept Christ as your personal savior, welcome to God's team!

*It's time to S.C.O.R.E.!*



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All Scripture taken from the NET Bible.

## Get off the bench and SCORE!



**Submit to God.** He is the one true God. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen 1:1).

This includes you. He deserves and commands your respect and praise.

**Come clean.** *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... and the cost of sin is death"* (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Before you can join God's team, you must recognize your own failures and ask for forgiveness. Jesus said, *"I tell you ... unless you repent you will all perish"* (Luke 13:5).

**Open the door.** Jesus said, *"I am standing at the door and knocking! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in to him"* (Rev. 3:20). Jesus is the only "door" to heaven. Jesus replied, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6). Faith is the key to the door. *"For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast"* (Eph. 2:8-9).

**Receive Christ as your Savior and Lord.** *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Rom. 10:9-10). Put Him in charge of your life. *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to become my follower he must deny*