



EASTER

CHRIST IS RISEN

Title: SOMETHING BETTER

Main Scripture: Philippians 3:8-11

JUSTIFICATION (vv 8-9)

(Jn 14:6, 3:16; 1 Jn 1:9; Rom 3:24)

SANCTIFICATION (v 10)

GLORIFICATION (v 11)

(Phil 3:20-21)

How Do I Begin a Relationship with God?

1. Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 14:6, "*I [Jesus] am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*"

2. Be willing to turn from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, decide to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

1 John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*"

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you, and give you power to live His way, honouring God and His principles.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven:

Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins, and I trust in You alone for my life—both now and for eternity.

I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You and commit to follow You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God.

I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

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Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 3:8-11

Opening Prayer: *Father, we thank You for all You have done for us. We pray in Jesus' name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss. We pray You would protect our hearts and our minds as we enter into this conversation today.*

Read the key passages of Scripture and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. Reflecting on the sermon's analogy of building our lives like houses on either solid rock or shifting sand, how can we ensure that our foundation in Christ remains firm amid life's storms?
2. Pastor Al emphasized the importance of knowing Christ intimately, not just intellectually. How do you cultivate and deepen your relationship with Jesus daily?
3. Repentance was highlighted as a crucial aspect of acknowledging Christ as our Savior. How does genuine repentance lead to a transformed life, and what role does it play in our ongoing sanctification?
4. Sanctification was described as an ongoing process of renovation or change in our lives. What are some practical ways we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit in this process of becoming more like Christ?
5. Pastor Al discussed the importance of not stagnating in our faith but continually pursuing a deeper relationship with Christ. How do you guard against complacency and actively pursue growth in your spiritual life?
6. The sermon concluded with a focus on baptism as a public declaration of faith. What significance does baptism hold for you, and how does it symbolize your commitment to following Christ?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme bring up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
3. What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Closing Prayer: *Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that you will be guarded against complacency and actively pursue growth in your spiritual lives. Pray that the Spirit will open your eyes to the ways in which you can become more like Jesus.*