Accept Jesus Christ as your PERSONAL Savior

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INTRODUCTION

- But sometimes that which we know to be true and is not true, can actually be pretty dangerous.
- That's accepted as truth in the religious world, but the problem is that's not the truth. There's no biblical premise for the idea of praying some kind of sinner's prayer.
- There was a man who was praying, but he was told to do something else.

1 Scripture Calls Us to Follow Christ, Not Just Accept Him

Matthew 16:22–24

- Scripture calls upon us to follow Christ, not just accept him.
- Accepting Jesus is kind of passive. But following Jesus is inherently active.
- We might say of Peter on this day that he understood and accepted the person of Jesus, but he failed to understand and accept the mission of Jesus.
- Let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
- Following recognizes that we are to be his followers, that we're to be obedient to him, and that we're doing something in our service to Jesus Christ.

2 Conform to Christ, Not Conform Him to Our Liking

Romans 8:29

- We are called to conform to Christ and to his image rather than trying to conform him to our liking.
- Everybody wants a Savior. But nobody wants a Lord.
- He as our Lord gets to tell us what to do.
- He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- I'm going to open up the word of God. And I'm going to say, show me who I am to be. Tell me, and I'll do your bidding.

3 Called to Serve, Not to Be Served

Matthew 20:28

- Jesus has called us to serve, not to be served.
- But the emphasis upon what we are to do for him and in turn for others.
- The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.
- We too are to be servants, that we're to be humble and serve God, which means serving others.
- Jesus calls us to follow him in a life of servitude.

4 Saved From Sin, Saved for God

Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11–14

- Not only have we been saved from sin, but we've been saved for God.
- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- God washed us from our sins so that we could be somebody and do something good.
- Purify for himself his own special people, zealous for good works.
- The plaintive cry of the New Testament is to follow him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you truly following him? Has it transformed your life in every sense of the word?**

MY NOTES