

"Sinner's prayer"

"O God, I acknowledge that I have sinned against Thee. I am sorry for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I openly receive and acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Savior. I confess Him as Lord. From this moment on I want to live for Him and serve Him. In Jesus' name, Amen."

"If you are willing to make this decision, if you have to the best of your knowledge received Jesus Christ, God's son, as your own Savior, then according to the preceding statements of Scripture, **you have become a child of God in whom Jesus Christ dwells." *World Aflame*, Billy Graham, pp159-160**

“...*according to the preceding statements* of Scripture, you have become a child of God ...” W.A., Graham, **p160**

“How to Receive Christ” **p158**

1st - recog. God gave His Son **Jn 3:16** **p158**

2nd - repent **Lk 13:3** (?); **Mk 1:15** **p159**

3rd (?) - “receive/accept” J. C. as Lord **Jn 1:12** **p159**

4th - confess Christ **Mt 10:32** (?); **Ro 10:9** **p159**

Commit to J.C. -> sinner’s prayer **p159-160** (**Scrip. ?????**)

Lk 18:13-14

NOT appeal for salvation in Christ

BEFORE gospel preached Mk 16:15-16

Q: After this, could a Jew pray the prayer of Lk 18 with no acknowledgment of Christ and be saved?

Ac 2:21

"call on" ≠ prayer ... ? *Where were they told to pray?*

What they WERE told >>> Ac 2:36-38

(also religious Jews, like Lk 18)

Rom 10:9-13

NOTHING about prayer in context
("call on" ≠ prayer)

POINT: "righteous" → Christ **Rom 10:1-8**

TEST:

- **Roman Christians **Rom 6:1-4****
- **Author, Paul **Ac 22:16** (*been praying!*)**

Ac 16:31

NOTHING about prayer in context

"and..." vv32-34

Ac 10:1-2 ... man of prayer

10:5 ... 11:13-14 ... 10:47-48

Ac 22:10 ... (9:9...11, praying) ... 16