

Why Become a Follower of Isa Al Masih - Jesus the Messiah?

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1. **The Call of Isa Al Masih/Jesus the Messiah** - "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls**. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30). "Jesus said to them, '**Follow Me,**'" (Mark 1:17).
2. **Why be a follower of Isa/Jesus? Because He is the Way.** - "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Isa/Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). "... this is indeed the Christ (*Messiah*), **the Savior of the world**" (John 4:42).
3. **What does it mean to be a follower of Isa/Jesus?** - It means to believe what He said and to live according to His commandments. Isa/Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) This means to obey Him, submit to Him, trust Him.
4. **What did Isa/Jesus command?** - We turn to the injil/gospel, written by God, through Isa/Jesus' disciples (who were eye-witnesses). We can trust the injil (Qur'an 5:68-69).
 - a) **Love God and others.** - "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40).
 - b) **Love your enemies.** - "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you" (Luke 6:27-28).
 - c) **Forgive others.** - "... if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:25).
 - d) **Repent and believe.** - "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 14:16). "I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Luke 5:32).
 - e) **Confess the Lord.** - "Also I say to you, whoever **confesses** Me (*Isa Al Masih/Jesus the Messiah*) before men, him the Son of Man (*the Messiah*) also will confess before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8).
 - f) **Be baptized with water.** - "He who **believes and is baptized** will be saved; but he who does not believe **will be condemned**" (Mark 16:16).
 - g) **Worship and serve the Lord.** - "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve" (Luke 4:8).
 - h) **Give to the poor.** - "... give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me (*Isa/Jesus*)" (Matthew 19:21).
 - i) **Pray and believe.** - "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, (Mark 11:24). "If you **ask anything in My name (*Isa/Jesus*)**, I will do it" (John 14:14).
 - j) **Fast.** - "But you, when you fast . . ." (Matthew 6:17).
 - k) **Make disciples among all peoples.** - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).
5. **What will happen to us if we choose to follow Isa/Jesus? We will receive:**
 - a) **Our sins being paid or atoned for** - God said, "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). "You have committed a great sin. So now I (*Musa/Moses*) will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make **atonement for your sin**" (Exodus 32:20). "And He Himself (*Isa/Jesus*) is the propitiation (**atonement, sacrifice, payment**) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2).
 - b) **Forgiveness for bad deeds/sins** - "having wiped out (*erased*) the handwriting of requirements **that was against us**,... And He (*Isa Al Masih/Jesus the Messiah*) has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Colossians 2:14).
 - c) **Rewards for our good deeds** - Isa/Jesus said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matthew 25:21).
 - d) **Reconciliation with God** - "Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ (*Isa Al Masih*), and has given us the ministry of reconciliation," (2 Corinthians 5:18).



- e) **Spiritual thirst satisfied.** “Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:37-38).
- f) **Experiences of God’s love and presence** - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,”(John 3:16) “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11).
- g) **Everlasting life** - “that whoever believes in Him (*Isa/Jesus*) should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:17). **Salvation is not because of good works** - “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast”(Ephesians 2:8-9).
- h) **Peace** - Isa/Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**,” (Romans 5:1).
- i) **No condemnation at the judgement** - Isa/Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him (*God*) who sent Me has everlasting life, and **shall not come into judgment**, but has passed from death into life” (John 5:24).
- j) **Assurance of heaven** - Isa/Jesus said, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also” (John 14:3).
- k) **Joy even during persecution** - Isa/Jesus said, “Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s (*the Messiah’s*) sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets” (Luke 6:22-23).
- l) **Christ living inside of you** - “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**” (Colossians 1:27). “ ... **I am with you always, even** to the end of the age.” Amen.” (Matthew 28:20).



6. **Want to read more about Isa/Jesus in the Bible? Read the gospel of Luke.**

7. **God’s standard is high, none have met it.** “but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, “**Be holy, for I am holy**” (1 Peter 1:15). “For there is no difference; for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:22-23). We all need Isa’s/Jesus’ atonement for our sins. “Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and **provide atonement for our sins**,” (Zabyl/Psalms 79:9) God provided Isa/Jesus as the propitiation (*atonement*) for our sins (1 John 2:2).

8. **Are you considering becoming a follower of Isa/Jesus, but are not sure?**

Here is a suggested prayer: God of Heaven, the Creator of everything, please show me if what I am learning is true. Should I ask Isa/Jesus to be my Savior, my atonement for my sins? Should I become a follower of Him? I trust that You will show me the way. Thank you. Amen.

9. **If you have decided, then here is a suggested prayer:** Isa/Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and that You died to make atonement for my sins, then rose again. I know that you are calling me and I want to become a follower of You. Please, continue to teach me Your way. I will obey You as You lead me. I now accept you as my Lord and Savior. Name _____ Date _____



Now that you have asked Jesus into your heart, He will start revealing Himself to you. But to steadily improve your relationship with Isa/Jesus, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other believers. We learn much about God from each other.

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