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John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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Receiving Christ is like receiving a \_\_\_\_\_. We can open it or reject it.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## How we receive.

1. Repent (\_\_\_\_\_) from your sin (anything that displeases God).

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## **The Test**

Does this make sense to you?

Do you understand that we can't get to heaven by doing good works?

Do you understand that trusting Christ is the only way to have a relationship with God?

Would you like to receive Christ as your Savior and Lord?

## **Prayer**

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## **Assurance**

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