

F A Q 'S

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope that this series of informational brochures about the Almont Vineyard Church enriches your knowledge about us and deepens your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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It's not what you've done in the past, but what you're going to do in the future.

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How do I have a relationship
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Many people go to church because they are looking for God. Perhaps this is why you have come to the Almont Vineyard. You feel there is something missing from your life. The famous French mathematician Pascal said that inside every person is a God-shaped void meant only for Him. God desires to have a relationship with you and to fill the emptiness you feel inside. In this brochure you will find out how you can begin a relationship with Him today.

...admit that you sin and need a Savior

According to the bible, it is sin (the things that we do that break God's law) that has separated us from God in the first place and caused us to feel so empty. Our natural desire as human beings is to logically justify sin, ignore God and do what we want. God gave us the Ten Commandments not to make Him happy, but to make us holy, which brings contentment.

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." (Romans 3:20)

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;" (Isaiah 53:6a)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

...believe that Jesus died on the cross

to save you from your sin, that He rose from the dead and is alive today. Instead of making us pay, God allowed Jesus to pay the price for our sin—a penalty that was rightfully ours. Because he loves us, Jesus willingly shed His blood, died and took our guilt upon himself. On the third day He was raised to life, so that we may have life thru belief in Him. "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25)

"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." (John 3:16)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. (Ephesians 1:7-8)

...confess Jesus is Lord

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." (Romans 10:9-10)

...accept God's gift of salvation

God's offer of forgiveness for sin is free and always available, but it is not yours until you personally accept His grace. Don't try to earn it- you can't. Nothing you do will ever make you good enough for God. Just accept what He has done for you.

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

...surrender your life to Jesus

by inviting Him into your life to be your Lord and Savior. To surrender to Jesus means you relinquish control of your life over to Him. Inviting Him into your heart means you welcome His presence into your life. When you do, He will come into you, through the Holy Spirit, and fill the emptiness inside. This is what Jesus called being "born again." Becoming a Christian is a lot like birth. It is the start of a whole new life—Jesus will make you new from the inside out.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

"...I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." (John 3:3)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

...here is a prayer that you can follow

Dear Lord, I admit that I am a sinner. I don't do what I should, and I do a lot of things that I shouldn't. I'm sorry for my sins and for generally going my own way. Thank you for loving me and for sending Jesus to die and shed his blood for me. I believe He took my place, suffered the punishment that I deserved, rose from the dead and is alive today. I accept your free gift of forgiveness right now. Jesus, I give you my life and ask you to come into my heart to live in me forever—to be my Lord and Savior. I want to follow you from now on. Amen.

If you have given your life to Christ, please tell our pastor or a leader. We would like to help you grow in your new relationship with God.

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God." (1 John 4:15)

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Please contact the Almont Vineyard if you have any other questions or concerns about your new Christian walk.

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