

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE CHRISTIANITY?

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This is a conversation Donna Rotsch had with a young woman in Taiwan.

Karen: Many religions beckon me to join them. Why should I choose Christianity? How can I know when I have found truth?

Donna: According to the Bible, which is where I look for truth, the truth is a person. In John 14:6 Jesus says of himself, “I am the way, the *truth*, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.”

Karen: How can truth be a person?

Donna: In John 1:14 it says “The Word became a human being and full of grace and *truth*, lived among us.” We saw the glory which h
He received as the Father’s only son.” The word of God is truth and it took on flesh and became a person when Jesus was born.

Karen: You are saying that words can become flesh and blood?

Donna: Yes. That is what I’m saying.

Karen: But how?

Donna: The words that God speaks have power in them and so do the words that we speak. God spoke the world into being. It says so in the first chapter of Genesis. Again and again it states, “And God *said*...” and what He said came into being, day and night, heaven, and earth, seas, and the life in them, plants and animals.

Karen: And he spoke Jesus into being?

Donna: Jesus has always existed with God, but his life as a man on earth came into existence when Mary accepted what the angel sent to her “said” and she herself “said” in Luke 1:18 “...let it be done unto me according to your *word*.”

Karen: Did she have any choice in the matter?

Donna: Oh, yes. God never forces His will upon us.

Karen: Do my words have power too?

Donna: Yes, they do, Karen. You see in Romans 10:9-10 that we become Christians by words that we speak. Let's look at them. "If you confess (say in agreement with God) that Jesus is Lord and believe that God has raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved." The words in the Bible are God's words, and they are truth. They will act in our lives whether or not we know them or believe them. Denying truth doesn't make it false. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse in courtrooms and it is not an excuse that God will accept. He has provided us with the truth in written form in the Bible and living form in his son Jesus Christ. We each must decide what we will do with Jesus. Will we deny his deity or receive him as our savior? We cannot avoid making a choice. Failure to say yes is saying no. Will you say yes to Jesus and truth, Karen?

Karen: Yes, I must. God has spoken to my heart that what you have said is the truth. Please help me to confess Jesus as my savior.

Donna: Repeat this prayer after me.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

"God, I believe Jesus Christ is your son and that He is the truth personified. I also believe that He died for my sins on the cross. Please forgive my sins, come into my heart and save my soul. Guide my steps as I turn from my ways to your ways. Renew my mind as I read the Bible and make me whole, body, soul, and spirit. Reveal your plan for my life and show me how to prepare for it, in Jesus name. Amen"

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