



"I Am Ryan"

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By now, you've seen the "Do You Agree With Ryan?" stuff everywhere. Whatever your opinion, I hope these past few days have caused you to stop and think about what you really believe and where you stand with God. My goal isn't to have everyone rally around me - I'm just a regular student like you - but to cause people to take a look at the things I've stated and to explore whether or not they're true. College is a great time to determine what your faith will be. In fact it was coming here to school that really enabled me to figure out my own relationship with God.

**"There is a God
shaped vacuum
inside of every
person that can
only be filled by
Him"**

~ Pascal ~

The quote in the box is by the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal. His words perfectly describe the feeling I had as I entered the U of O. High School for me was a great time. I had good friends, did well academically, and excelled in sports. Everything seemed to be going great - and it was. Ironically it was this success that showed me my real need for God. I wasn't satisfied with my life and knew there must be more than what I was experiencing. I had a "head knowledge" that there was a God, but I didn't really follow

When I showed up for school my freshman year, I was definitely facing the biggest challenges of my life. Classes and football pushed me mentally and physically in ways I had not been pushed before! For the first time in my life, I wasn't confident I could handle things on my own. Together with my roommate, Tim, I began to understand that faith in God isn't just a mental exercise or religious ritual, but a real relationship with God that effects everything we do. I began to trust in God to help me - I even blew the dust off the Bible on my shelf and began reading it.

There's a Bible verse that says, whatever you do, do for the Lord". As I began to live this out - in class, on the field, in every area of my life - God really gave me peace and happiness. The more I got to know God - His character and attributes - the more joy I found in my life. One thing I really struggled with was really believing God had forgiven me for every one of my sins - especially some bad memories from High School. But His word makes it clear that all my sins are paid for by Jesus death on the cross. Knowing that has helped me understand how much God loves me and how He sees me in Christ. My identity now isn't in being a student or football player or anything but Him. My desire now is to live for Him and show my gratitude.

**Talk with Ryan today!
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How To Become A Christian

God loves us. So how do we follow him? You don't become a Christian by some magic formula. The desire of your heart is what matters most. We enter into a relationship with God through *faith* in Jesus Christ.

Ask a Christian friend to help you or look up the following verses in the Bible and you can begin your life in Christ today. This is just the start - the fundamentals of faith!

First, understand that God created you to know Him and to live for Him. (John 3:16 & 17:3)

Second, we have all sinned and our sin has separated us from God. (Romans 3:23 & 6:23)

Third, Jesus Christ is God's answer for our sin. It's through Him alone we can know God. (Romans 5:8, 1 John 5:11-12)

Finally, when we individually receive Christ, we begin the walk with God for which we were meant. (John 1:12, Rev. 3:20) Your faith can be expressed in a simple prayer, such as "Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. I yield control of my life to you and ask you to help me become the person you desire me to be. Amen."

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