

1 We must realize we have a sinful nature and that God cannot accept us as we are.

Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal... because the old sinful nature within us is against God. It never did obey God's laws and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their old sinful selves, bent on following their old evil desires, can never please God.

2 God's plan to save us involves Jesus Christ.

We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God, because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful — and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. He died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, filling us with God's goodness. For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us. When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

3 Our part is to accept Jesus; this involves faith, repentance, trusting and acknowledgment.

But to all who receive him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn! Not a physical rebirth resulting from human passion or plan, but from the will of God. He used Christ's blood and our faith as the means of saving us from his wrath. So it is that we are saved by faith in Christ and not by the good things we do.

For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith confirming his salvation.

And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life.

4 And Finally...

Because of his kindness you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even trusting is not of yourselves; it too is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it. Then what can we boast about doing, to earn our salvation? Nothing at all. Why? Because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds; it is based on what Christ has done and our faith in him.

Your own body does not belong to you. For God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of your body to give glory back to God, because he owns it.

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| <i>God</i> | The Father Jesus Christ His Son The Holy Spirit |
| Now all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, may come to God The Father with the Holy Spirit's help because of what Christ has done for us. Ephesians 2:18 | |

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| A PRAYER TO GOD |
| <i>Dear God — I here and now accept by faith what you have done in sending your Son to die, paying the penalty for my sins. I trust you God to bring me into a right relationship with you. I will tell others you are now Lord of my life.</i> |

Signed _____

Date _____ Place _____

If you desire to accept what Jesus has done for you, but feel you need to talk with someone,

Please call: _____

Phone Number: _____



STRIKE ONE



You were born with One Strike against you!

When the first man in creation, Adam, disobeyed God's command, he developed and passed on a sinful nature down through the ages to all human beings. That includes you and me.

And if that's not enough, there is another concern, there is a being called the Devil (Satan), the evil one. He apparently has extraordinary powers and is actively working against us, trying to lead us astray.

None of this is your fault, you didn't cause it and it's not fair, but that's the way it is.



STRIKE TWO 2

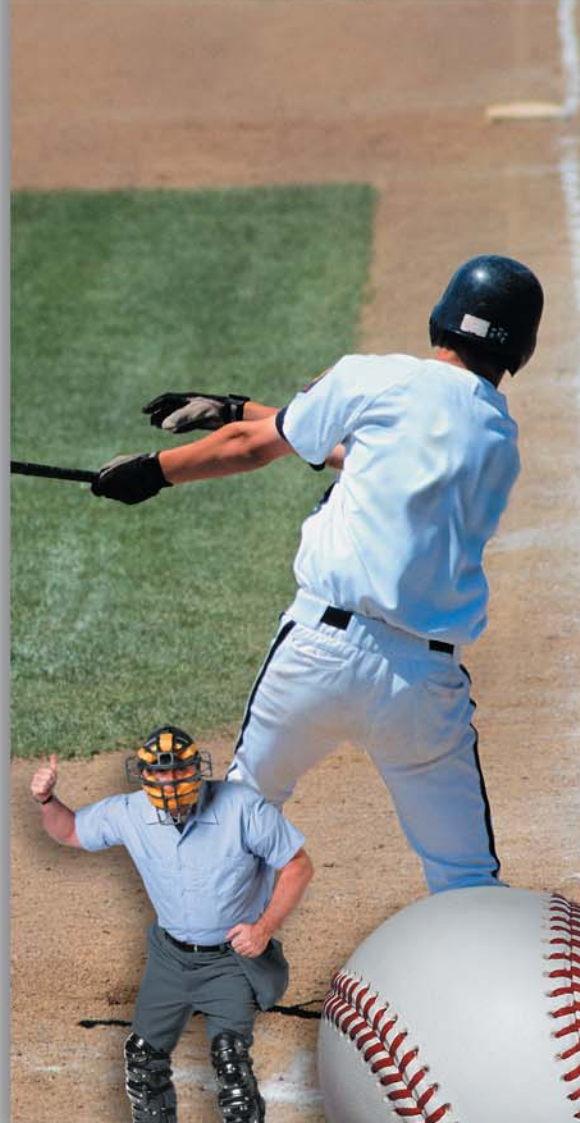
You might have been born with defects, a deformity or disease, maybe addictions caused by your parent's behavior (AIDS, drugs, alcohol, etc.), — there are 1,001 possibilities. Here again it is not something you did or caused. Yes, it is distressing and debilitating and it is not fair.

AND

If you were **not** born in a Christian family as a child you probably never heard of the need to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. How were you to know? No, it's not fair, but that's the way it can sometimes be.

While all of this might seem like Strike Two, it is **NOT!**

STRIKE TWO is when you have heard the message that you need to be Born Again, that you need to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and then you reject Him either outright or you let it pass without taking action.



STRIKE THREE 3

Strike Three is when you stay in this condition, rejecting or ignoring the call of God to accept Jesus and a sudden deadly illness or accident takes you out. **STRIKE THREE**, you are out, cold dead and you now have no ability to appeal to God. Too late, too late! There are terrible, eternal consequences if this happens. You definitely don't want to Strike Out.



HOME RUN

How do you make a Home Run? By being Born Again, by being Saved. Our part is to accept the Lord Jesus; this involves faith, repentance, trusting and acknowledgement.

Focus on the 4 paragraphs on the next pages. They are words directly from the Bible. Say a prayer in your own words or use the Prayer to God that is printed. Tell others or us that you have turned your life over to the Lord Jesus. Remember a Home Run will take you to be with our Lord and Savior for eternity.