

## STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

### God's Purpose - Peace and Life

God loves you! He wants you to experience His peace and life - abundant and eternal.

Jesus said, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"** (John 3:16).

### Our Problem - Separation

Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God.

The BIBLE says:

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

**"For the wages of sin is death..."** (Romans 6:23a)

The result of sin causes a chasm between us and God that we cannot cross – no matter what we try or how hard we try.

There is only one way...

Jesus said, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."** (John 14:6)

The BIBLE says, **"He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."** (1 John 5:12)

### God's Remedy - The Cross

God's love bridges the chasm separating you from Him. When Jesus Christ died on the cross He paid the penalty for your sins. When he rose from the grave, He gave us the ASSURANCE of resurrection to eternal life.

The BIBLE says:

**"...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 6:23b)

**"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."** (1 Peter 2:24)

### Our Response - Receive Christ

You cross the bridge into God's family and eternal life when you personally invite Christ into your heart.

**"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name"** (John 1:12).

**"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved"** (Romans 10:13)

To receive Christ you need to do four things:

1. ADMIT your spiritual need. **"I am a sinner."**
2. REPENT and be willing to turn from your sin.
3. BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.
4. RECEIVE, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.

CHRIST says, **"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with me."** (Revelation 3:20) Won't you answer the door?

**What to Pray:** Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. I pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

### Welcome to God's Family! He has been waiting for you, and He has assurances for you!

**"He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."**

(1 John 5:12-13)

**"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."** (Ephesians 2:8-9)

