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**STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD**

**1 GOD'S PURPOSE: PEACE & LIFE**

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life—abundant and eternal!

*The Bible says:*  
 "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." ROMANS 5:1  
 "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  
 "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." JOHN 10:10

**WHY DON'T MOST PEOPLE HAVE THIS PEACE AND ABUNDANT LIFE THAT GOD PLANNED FOR US TO HAVE?**



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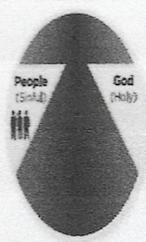
**2 THE PROBLEM: SIN SEPARATES US**

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and freedom of choice.

We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation 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, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." ROMANS 6:23

**OUR CHOICE RESULTS IN SEPARATION FROM GOD.**



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## OUR ATTEMPTS TO REACH GOD



People have tried in many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God ...

**The Bible says:**  
 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." **PROVERBS 14:12**  
 "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." **ISAIAH 59:2**

**NO BRIDGE REACHES GOD ... EXCEPT ONE.**

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## 3 GOD'S REMEDY: THE CROSS



Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

**The Bible says:**  
 "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." **1 TIMOTHY 2:5**  
 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." **1 PETER 3:18**  
 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **ROMANS 5:8**

**GOD HAS PROVIDED THE ONLY WAY ... EACH PERSON MUST MAKE A CHOICE ...**

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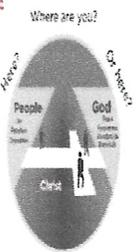
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## 4 OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

**WE MUST TRUST JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR AND RECEIVE HIM BY PERSONAL INVITATION.**

**The Bible says:**  
 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." **REVELATION 3:20**  
 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." **JOHN 1:12**  
 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." **ROMANS 10:9**



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**WILL YOU RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST RIGHT NOW?**

**HERE IS HOW YOU CAN RECEIVE CHRIST:**

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins, repent, and ask for God's forgiveness.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.)

**HOW YOU CAN PRAY:**

Dear God

I know that I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins and look for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

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**GOD'S ASSURANCE: HIS WORD**

*If you prayed this prayer, the Bible says:*

**"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."** ROMANS 10:13

Did you sincerely ask Jesus Christ to come into your life? Where is He right now? What has He given you?

**"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."** EPHESIANS 2:8-9

**The Bible says:**

**"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."** 1 JOHN 5:12-13

Receiving Christ, we are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. This is called regeneration, or the "new birth."

**TO DEEPEN THIS RELATIONSHIP YOU SHOULD:**

1. Read your Bible every day to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where God's Word is preached.
5. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A WONDERFUL NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.

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