

STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD



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STEP 1

Discovering God's Plan

Good News! God loves you and wants you to experience peace and a purposeful, abundant and eternal life.

John 10:10 NKJV

"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 3:16 NIV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Romans 5:1 NIV

"... We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Since God planned for us to have peace and abundant life right now...

why are most people not having this experience?



DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN

STEP 2

Acknowledging Man's Problem

God created man in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us like robots to automatically love and obey Him, but gave us a will and freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. The Bible calls this *sin*, which results in separation from God.

Romans 3:23 NKJV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23 NKJV

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

SEPARATION FROM GOD

MAN
(Sinful)

GOD
(Holy)



Through the ages individuals have tried to bridge this separation in many ways without success. The only way our relationship with God can be restored is for our sins to be forgiven.


Isaiah 59:2 NLT

“It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.”

Proverbs 14:12 NKJV

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

There is only ONE remedy for this separation.

A person stands on the edge of a dark, rocky cliff on the left, looking across a vast, deep chasm. On the right, another steep cliff rises from the sea. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The ocean is visible in the distance between the cliffs.

MAN
(Sinful)

Man tries to
span the gap with

GOOD WORKS
RELIGION
PHILOSOPHY
MORALITY

GOD
(Holy)

STEP 3

Recognizing God's Remedy

When Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave He paid the penalty for our sins and bridged the gap from God to man. Jesus Christ is the ONLY answer to the problem of separation.

1 Timothy 2:5
The Living Bible

"God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Jesus Christ, Himself man, is between them to bring them together."

Romans 5:8 NLT

"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

John 14:6 NKJV

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

God has provided the ONLY way. We must make the choice.



MAN

(Sinful)

THE WAY

GOD

(Holy)

STEP 4

Receiving Christ

You must admit that you need forgiveness from your sins and believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Acts 3:19 NIV

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out...”

John 1:12 NIV

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Romans 10:9 NIV

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

By receiving Christ you will receive God’s gift of eternal life.

Are you here...

or here?

MAN

THE WAY

GOD

**SIN
GUILT
REBELLION**

**PEACE
FORGIVENESS
PURPOSE**

Is there any good reason why you would not consider receiving Jesus Christ right now?

How to receive Christ:

1. Admit you are a sinner and need salvation.
2. Be willing to turn from your sins. (Repent)
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 Him as Savior and Lord

THE PRAYER

Dear Lord,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness.

I believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for my sins. I want to turn from my sins and ask You to forgive me for my sins. I now receive Your gift of eternal life, and I am willing to trust and follow You as my Savior and Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



If you prayed this prayer, the Bible says...

Romans 10:13 NIV

"...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

John 1:12 NIV

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

1 John 5:11-13 NIV

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

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

MEMORIALIZE YOUR DECISION

Your Name: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____



This is just the beginning of your new life in Jesus Christ.
To grow in your faith we recommend that you:

HOW
TO
GROW

1. Obtain a Bible and read it every day.
2. Talk to God by praying to Him in your own words.
3. Meet, worship and get connected with other Christians in a church where the Bible is believed and taught.
4. Tell others about Jesus and what he has done for you.
5. Give of your time, talents and money as you are able.
6. Meet with another believer in *First Steps* or *Operation Timothy*, CBMC's personal Bible discussion workbooks.



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