

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED

How can you come to know God in a personal way? The Bible gives the following instruction:

"BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:31) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever BELIEVES in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* (John 3:16) The Bible teaches that you must believe. This does not mean that you just believe that God and Jesus exists, or that the stories of Christmas and Easter are true. Believe means to put your faith in God for what Christ did for you personally when He died on the cross. **"For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast"** (Ephesians 2:8,9) Believe means that you will trust Christ as Savior to save you from your sins. Believe means that you will trust Christ to be your Lord, the ruler of your life. Isn't it wonderful that God based His plan of salvation on faith and trust rather than a person's ability, money, good deeds, physical appearance, heritage, race, culture, etc.

"REPENT and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." (Acts 2:38a) Jesus told people that they should **"...repent and believe in the gospel."** (Mark 1:15b) The word repent means to turn away from sin and the way you are going; to stop doing it. In other words, if you are going to go God's way and put your trust in Christ, you will have to stop going your own sinful way. You will have to stop being the god of your own life and let God be God of your life. You can't go God's way and your way at the same time.

"CONFESS with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved, for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:8,9,13) *You make the choice to confess Christ as your Lord and Savior. To confess Christ means to accept what Christ did for you as God's free gift of salvation. To confess Christ means to receive Him for who He is, God's very own Son and the Lord of your life. "But as many as received Him, to them He(God) gave the right to become children of God..."* (John 1:12a)

TELL GOD YOU WANT TO BECOME HIS CHILD

Through prayer (talking with God) you can make that decision now and become a child of God. Tell God you want to become His child. The following prayer may be used to help you make this important decision.

Dear God, I thank you for loving me and for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sin. Forgive me for my sin and rebellion against You. I choose to repent, to turn away from my sin and to stop going my own way. By faith, I put my trust in You to be my Lord and Savior. I surrender my life to You so that You can make me what

You want me to be. Come into my life through Your Holy Spirit and make me Your child. I want to know You and experience the life You have planned for me. Thank you, in Jesus name, Amen!

WHAT GOD WILL DO FOR YOU

If you prayed that prayer sincerely, then God will cause a spiritual "re-birth" to take place in you. Jesus called it, being "born-again." You have been made spiritually alive to God and can know God in a personal way. As you read the Bible (God's word), God will speak to you about His plan and purpose for your life. As you talk with God in prayer about your own concerns and needs for change, you will discover God's subtle voice speaking to your heart and mind. This will begin a process of change in your life and you will experience the new life God promised you. **"If anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is a new creation; old things are passed away and new things have come."** (11 Corinthians 5:17)

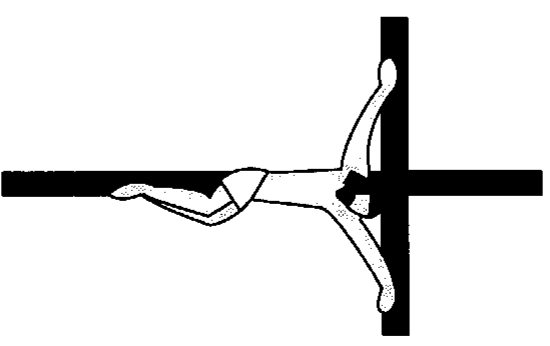
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

God seeks your cooperation. You need to read your Bible so that God can speak to you. You need to talk to God in prayer so you can develop a close relationship with God. You need to go to a church that teaches God's word and get to know other Christians in the family of God. **"...for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek Him."** (Hebrews 11:6b)

How Much

Does God

Love You?



(This Much!)

Discover God's Wonderful Plan of Salvation

How You Can Become A Child of God

KNOW THE TRUTH



"...AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE."

Pastor Lynn Kern

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

You are invited to discover God's wonderful plan of salvation. Salvation is God's way for you to come to know Him and to experience the life He wants you to have as His child. No matter how religious you are, how good you may be, or how bad you have been, God invites you to come to Him and discover His plan for your life. His plan of salvation is explained in the Bible, which is God's written word to you. Will you receive His message of salvation and be saved?

GOD LOVES YOU!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16) The first thing that God wants you to know is that He loves you. You were created in God's image. You are special to God. You have value and worth. With so much hurt, rejection, hatred, and suffering in the world, it may be hard to accept the idea that God loves you. But, He does! He showed His love for you by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to show you what God is like in human flesh and then die on the cross for you. God is love! His desire is for you to know the love He has for you.

GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Jesus said, "I am come that you might have life, life in all its fullness." (John 10:10b) Jesus Christ came so that God's plan for your life could become a reality. God's plan for you is to know Him and have a meaningful relationship with Him. God's plan for you is to have a new life, a new beginning, with His values, direction and purpose. God's plan for you is to experience His supernatural life-giving power, have the privilege of working with Him in His kingdom on this earth, and spending eternity with Him in Heaven. God won't force His plan on you. He gives you a choice to trust Him with your life or to go your own way. Remember, Jesus said, "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy..." (John 10:10a) Satan (the Devil) is that thief and he has his own plan for your life. Which plan will you choose?

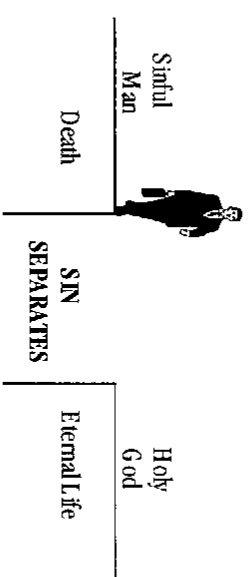
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

Why aren't you experiencing God's love and plan for your life? Many people think they are because they are religious or because they believe in God. They fail to see that they have a problem that keeps them from experiencing God's love and plan for their life. What is their problem? What's your problem?

SIN AND REBELLION!

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Sin is breaking God's law and going against what God intended for you to do. When you do what you want, rather than what God wants, you rebel against God. Rebellion against God leads you to commit sin(s), which results in destructive thoughts and behavior, as well as guilt and shame. Your sin and rebellion have separated you

from God and left you spiritually dead. "Your sin has made a separation between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:2) "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

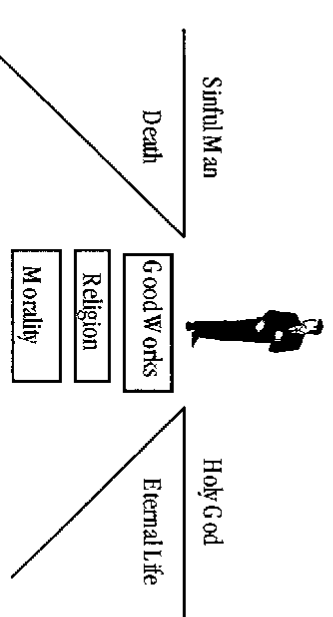


WHOS FAULT IS IT?

You have a free choice. God didn't make you rebel and sin. You chose to rebel and sin against God and go your own way. No one can be held accountable for your sin but you. "The person who sins will die. The son will not be punished for the father's sin, nor will the father be punished for the son's sin..." (Ezekiel 18:20a) You must take personal responsibility for your own rebellion and sin.

WRONG SOLUTIONS

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is death." You may have tried some of the many ways that people have used to reach God. These ways include: religion, good works, being a moral person, or living by a good philosophy of life. These ways may make you a better person and a benefit to the community, but they will not make you a child of God. These are man-made attempts to earn your way to God, rather than doing it God's way. These are wrong solutions that lead to a dead-end. God does not accept these ways and they will leave your life spiritually empty.

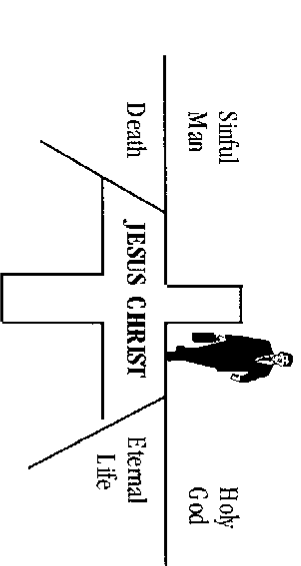


GOD'S ONLY SOLUTION: JESUS CHRIST

God provided only one way, a very special way, for you to know Him and become His child - through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." (John 14:6) Jesus came to show you what God is like and to provide you with a living example of the life you can have as a Christian. Jesus lived what the Bible teaches. "If you want to know what God is like, take a long look at Jesus." (Billy Graham)

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SIN

"...and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross..." (1 Peter 2:24a) "All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity (sin) of us all to fall on Him (Jesus)." (Isaiah 53:6) God condemned and punished Jesus for your sin. In other words, God through Jesus paid for your sin so that you may be forgiven, free from guilt, and be put in right relationship with God. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just or the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18a)



JESUS IS THE BRIDGE TO GOD

When Jesus said He was the "way" to God, He was giving a picture of Himself as a bridge to God. Because of the great price Jesus paid in His death for your sins, God has provided no other way for you to come to Him. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) That name is Jesus!