

Discover a Personal Relationship with God

The following principles will explain how you can personally begin a relationship with God, right now, through Jesus Christ...

PRINCIPLE 1

God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life

God's Love

"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." (John 3:16)

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful].(John 10:10)

Why is it that people are not experiencing the abundant life? Because...

PRINCIPLE 2

All of us sin and our sin separates us from God.

We Are Sinful

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

We were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

We Are Separated

"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God]. (Romans 6:23)

This image illustrates that God is holy and people are sinful. A great gulf separates us. We are continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through our own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion – but we inevitably fail.

The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

PRINCIPLE 3

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin. Through Him we can know and experience God's love and plan for our life.

He Died in Our Place

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

He Rose from The Dead

“Christ rose from the dead...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred...” (I Corinthians 15:4)

He Is the Only Way to God

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; ni one comes to the Father but through Me.” (John 14:6)

God has bridged the gulf which separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

It is not enough to know these three principles...

PRINCIPLE 4

We must individually receive Jesus as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God’s love and plan for our lives

We Must Receive Christ

“As many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe His name.” (John 1:10)

We Receive Christ Through Faith

“By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; nor as a result od works, that no one should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8)

When we receive Christ, we experience a new birth.

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and open the door, I will come in to him.” (Revelations 3:20)

Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for your sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We can’t earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior:

"Dear God,
I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.
I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died
for my sin and that you raised Him to life.
I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord,
from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will.
I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."