

PEACE WITH GOD

God is love

It's not what He does, but what He is. It is His nature, His very being. Because of His great love for mankind, He has offered the shed blood of his only begotten Son as payment for the sin of every man, woman, and child from Adam to eternity. *The Bible clearly tells us that God is not willing that any should perish. If He does not want any to be lost, He obviously provided a way for all to be saved.* It is not God who prohibits us from coming to Him, but it is *our* own misguided thinking, our arrogance, and our pride that keep us from living in eternity with our Father and Creator.

God's purpose for you is peace and 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 has planned for us to have?

The problem is our separation from Him

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 a 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

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 in the end it leads to death."*

Proverbs 14:12

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

No Bridge reaches God...except one.

God's Bridge to Him is 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 Jesus Christ"* 1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

1 Peter 3:18 *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

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God has provided the only way but each person must make a choice.

Joy In Life

The only logical thing to do is receive Christ

We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

The Bible says... *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."* Revelation 3:20

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Where are you? 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).
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 Lord and Savior.)

What to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I fall woefully short of perfection and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for all of my iniquities and now I want to turn away from them. I now invite you to come into my heart and trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.

God's Assurance is His Word so If you prayed this prayer, the Bible says. ***"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*** Romans 10:13

If you sincerely asked Jesus Christ to come into your life, then He is with you right now. Receiving Christ, you are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who lives inside of every believer. This is called regeneration, or the "new birth." This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:

1. Read your Bible and to know 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 Christ is preached.
5. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.