

# God loves you and offers a beautiful plan for your life.

#### **God's Love**

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

#### **God's Plan**

(Jesus speaking) "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (that it might be full and meaningful) - **John 10:10** 

Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.

#### Man Is Sinful

"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" - Romans 3:23

Man was created to have fellowship with God, but because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his 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.

### **Man Is Separated**

"The wages of sin is death" (spiritual separation from God)

- Romans 6:23

# Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. You can know and experience God's love and plan for your life through Him.

#### He Died in Our Place

"God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" - **Romans 5:8** 

#### He Rose From the Dead

"Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter and the twelve disciples. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred..."

### - 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

# He Is the Only Way to God

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me'" - John 14:6

# We must individually receive Jesus Christ 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 received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" - **John 1:12** 

## We Receive Christ Through Faith

"By grace, you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" - **Ephesians 2:8-9** 

## When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

Read **John 3:1-8** 

## We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation

(Jesus speaking) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him" - **Revelation 3:20**.

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. 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. You receive Jesus Christ by faith as an act of the will.

# You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer

Prayer is talking to God

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with your attitude. The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Does this prayer express your desire? If it does, I invite you to pray it right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

# Did you pray this prayer? Do you have questions?

Call the Prayer Center at <u>877-800-PRAY(7729)</u> to speak with someone.