This portion of our website is by far the most important. This page represents the purpose of this ministry and my life and in just a few minutes, it could be your purpose in life too. Take a little time to read this and you will see that God has a plan for your life.

This page doesn't give you all the answers to life, I don't have all the answers, pastors don't have all the answers, nobody on the face of this earth has all the answers, but all of your questions will be answered in a relationship with Jesus Christ. And what this web page will do, is get you started in that relationship.

Follow these four easy steps and you will be forgiven of everything you have ever done wrong, and your name will be written in the book of life, which guarantees you a place in heaven for all eternity.

Step one:

GOD LOVES YOU AND OFFERS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

God's Love

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should 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)

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

Step two:

MAN IS **SINFUL** AND **SEPARATED** FROM GOD, THUS HE CANNOT KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR HIS LIFE.

Man Is Sinful

"For all have sinned and fall 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 an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Man Is Separated

"For the wages of sin is death" (spiritual separation from God) (Romans 6:23)

The Third step explains the only way to bridge this gap...

Step three:

JESUS IS GOD'S **ONLY** PROVISION FOR MAN'S SIN. THROUGH HIM YOU CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

He Died In Our Place

"But God demonstrated 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 died for our sins...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..." (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)

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

Step four:

WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY **RECEIVE** JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD; THEN WE CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.

We Receive Jesus Through Faith

"For 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)

We Receive Jesus by Personal Invitation

(Jesus speaking) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20) Receiving Jesus involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Jesus to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us the kind of people He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus by faith, as an act of the will.

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS RIGHT NOW BY FAITH THROUGH PRAYER

(Prayer is talking with God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. 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 the desire of your heart?

If it does, pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

The Bible Promises Eternal Life to all who Receive Jesus

"And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-13)

Thank God often that Jesus is in your life and that He will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5). You can know on the basis of His promise that Jesus lives in you and that you have eternal life, from the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

An important reminder...

DO NOT DEPEND UPON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible—not our feelings—is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST

The moment that you received Jesus by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

- Jesus came into your life (Revelation 3:20 and Colossians 1:27)
- 2. Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
- 3. You became a child of God (John 1:12).
- 4. You received eternal life (John 5:24).
- 5. You began the great adventure for which God created you (John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Can you think of anything more wonderful that could happen to you than receiving Christ? Would you like to thank God in prayer right now for what He has done for you? By thanking God, you demonstrate your faith.

To enjoy your new life to the fullest...

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus. "The righteous man shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

- **G** Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
- R Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11) begin with the Gospel of John.
- O Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- W Witness for Jesus by your life and words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).
- T Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
- H Holy Spirit—allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).

Now that you have all of this information, it's up to you what you do with it. Ask for help. Ask a pastor. Ask us. If you stop now, you'll never develop a relationship with Jesus. Let Jesus be your Friend, your Savior, your All.

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