



Presentation of the Gospel

GOD'S PURPOSE To Restore Broken Relationship and Give Eternal Life. God loves you and He wants you to have an intimate, personal relationship with Him and to receive eternal life.

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"
(John 3:16, TLB)

Since God created us for relationship with Him and to have eternal life, why are many not enjoying this experience?

Our Problem: Sin and Separation

God did not make us robots to mindlessly love and obey Him. Instead He gave us a will and freedom of choice. But, we often choose to disobey God and go our own selfish ways. This side of our nature is called sin, and it separates us from God.

"Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us 'not guilty' of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His kindness freely takes away our sins. . . For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"
(Romans 3:23, 24; 6:23, TLB).

Our sin separates us from God.

GOD'S PROVISION: THE CROSS Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sins and completely bridging the gap between God and us.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."
(Romans 5:8, TLB).

God has provided the only way... and we must make the choice.



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OUR Response: Receive Christ

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in who He is and what He has done and trust in Him alone to save us.

"For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man become right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation."

(Romans 10:9, 10, TLB)

How to 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. (Trust Jesus)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as your Savior).

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I am sinful and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my sin nature and follow You instead. I invite You to come into my heart and life. In Jesus' name.
Amen