

Handout on Four Spiritual Laws-Principles

(from Campus Crusade for Christ)

Have you ever asked what does it take to begin a relationship with God? Devote yourself to unselfish deeds? Become the person God wants me to be? These four laws-principles listed below will explain how you can personally begin a relationship with God, right now, through Jesus Christ.

PRINCIPAL #1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.

God's Loves You:

"God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God's Plan for You:

(Christ speaking): "I came that they (you) might have life, and might have it more abundantly" (that it may be full and meaningful) (John 10:10)

Question: Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life? _____

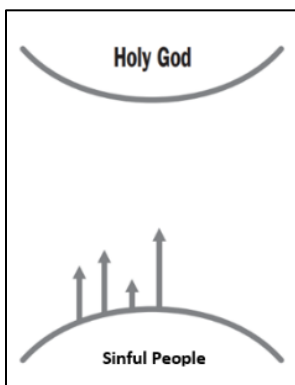
PRINCIPAL #2. People are sinful and separated from God, therefore we cannot know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

People are Sinful:

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

People were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of their own stubborn self-will, they chose to go their 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.

Because of Sin People are Separated from God:



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

This diagram illustrates that God is holy and people are sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that people are continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through their own efforts, such as living a good life, philosophy, or being religious - but it inevitably fails since the gap is too large.

PRINCIPAL #3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for people's sin. Through Him alone you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

He Died in Our Place:

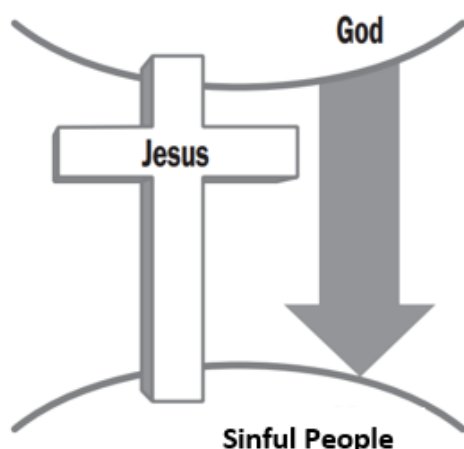
"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners (and separated from God), Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

He Rose from the Dead (and is alive):

"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 Cor. 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).



This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf that 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.

But, It is not enough just to know about these 3 truths...

PRINCIPAL #4. We must individually turn to Jesus from our old ways of doing things and 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)

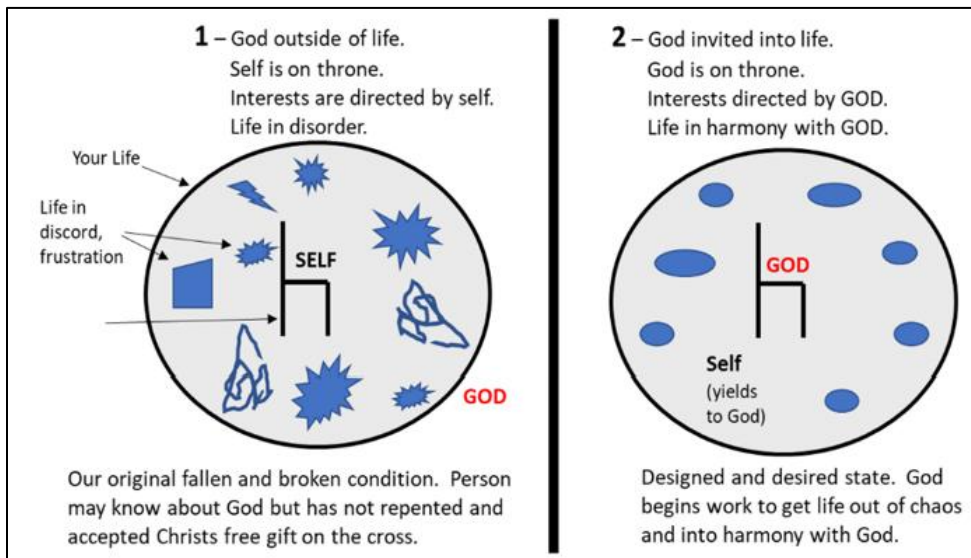
We Receive Christ Through Faith: "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works (being good) that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth (Read John 3:1-8.)

We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation: [Christ 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 choosing to turn to God from self (repentance) and your old ways of living and obeying God with God's help.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:



Which circle best represents your life? Which circle would you like to represent your life?

You Can Receive Christ 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. Below is a suggested prayer. Will you pray for this now?

"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 me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. I choose to no longer do the things I used to do but choose now to follow and obey you. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

If you prayed this prayer, please let your Christian friend(s) know so they can support you and answer your questions.

Here are a couple of more things to help you in your New Walk With Jesus

Do Not Depend on Your 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.

This train diagram illustrates the relationship among **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word) and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we as Christians do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

Now That You Have Received Christ

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

1. Christ 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). You will now be able to turn from your old ways of living and begin living obediently to God.

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.

Below are Suggestions for Christian Growth

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. "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). Turn away from your old ways and now obey God.

W Witness for Christ 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)

If you decided to receive Christ and give your life over to Him, then please tell someone and look for a church to attend to learn more about Jesus.
