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Just as there are physical laws, like gravity, that govern our universe, there are also basic Biblical principles that show us how we can relate to God.

### God Loves You and Offers a Wonderful Plan for Your Life.

God's Love -

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

How has God shown His love to us?

God's Plan -

John 10:10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

What did Jesus come to give us?

# We Are Sinful and Separated From God. Therefore, We Cannot Know and Experience God's Love and His Plan for Our Lives.



We are sinful -

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

What do you think sin is?

We are separated -

Read Romans 6:23, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

#### Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NIV)

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

How and why are we separated from God?

What other things do we try to use to fill this gap between us and God?

Jesus Christ Is God's Only Solution to Our Sin. Through Him We Can Know and Experience God's Love and His Plan for Our Lives.



Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What did Jesus do for us?

#### 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

What happened after Jesus died?

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

How can we get to the Father in heaven?

We must receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

Then we can know and experience God's love and His plan for our lives.

## Ask a Friend

When and why did you start to believe in Jesus? What difference has He made to your life?

## **Application**

We need to receive Christ

John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

We can receive Christ through faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

When we receive Christ, we experience a new birth

John 3:1-8 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.

He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

These decisions are personal decisions

Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

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 that person, and they with me.

If you have not yet received Jesus in your life, would you like to receive him?

## **Prayer Model**

Lord Jesus, I thank You that You love me and You died for me to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive my sins and come into my heart. Thank You, Jesus.

## **Key Verse**

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