Have You Heard of the FOUR Spiritual Laws?

There are physical laws that govern the physical universe,

and there are Spiritual Laws that govern your relationship with God.



God **LOVES** you and offers a wonderful **PLAN** for your life.

God's Love
"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" (John 3:16).

God's Plan
[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful] (John 10:10).

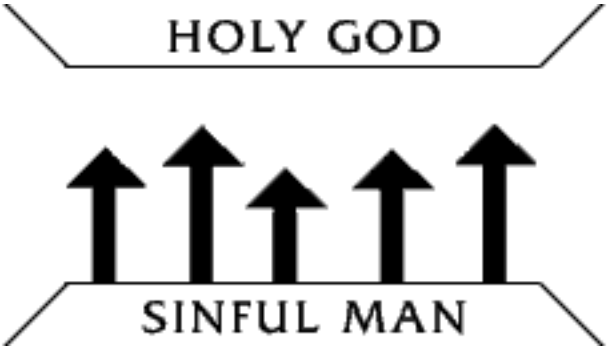
Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life?
Because...



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 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 from God
"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23). Heaven and Hell are real destinations and the ultimate choice is ours. "... those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus ... will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord ..." (2 Thessalonians. 1:8,9)



This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but he inevitably fails.

The third law explains the only way to bridge this gulf...



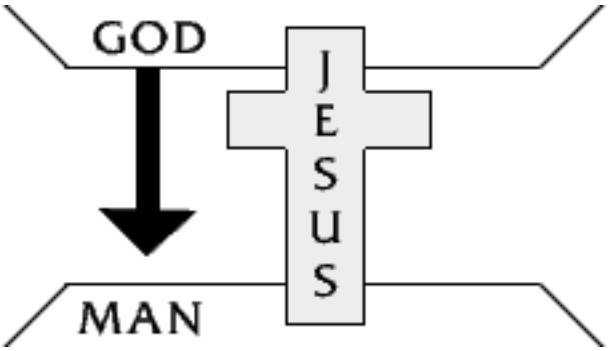
Jesus Christ is God's **ONLY** provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.

Jesus Died for Sin in Our Place
"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus Rose From the Dead in the Resurrection
"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).

Jesus 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 which 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.

It is not enough just to know these three laws...



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 Jesus Christ into our life.

This is a spiritual reception and life transformation
"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 Jesus Christ Through Faith in Him and God's plan.
"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 Jesus Christ into our spirit, we Experience a New Birth

> John 3:1 There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader.
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> 2 One night he went to Jesus and said, "Sir, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."
>
> 3 Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!"

4 Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?"

5 Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit.

6 Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God.

7 Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above.

8 Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

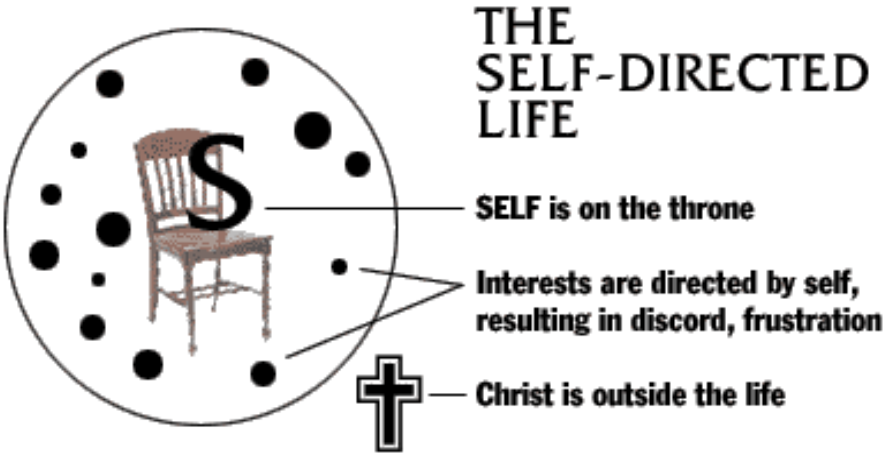
We Receive Jesus Christ by a Personal Invitation
[Jesus speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20).

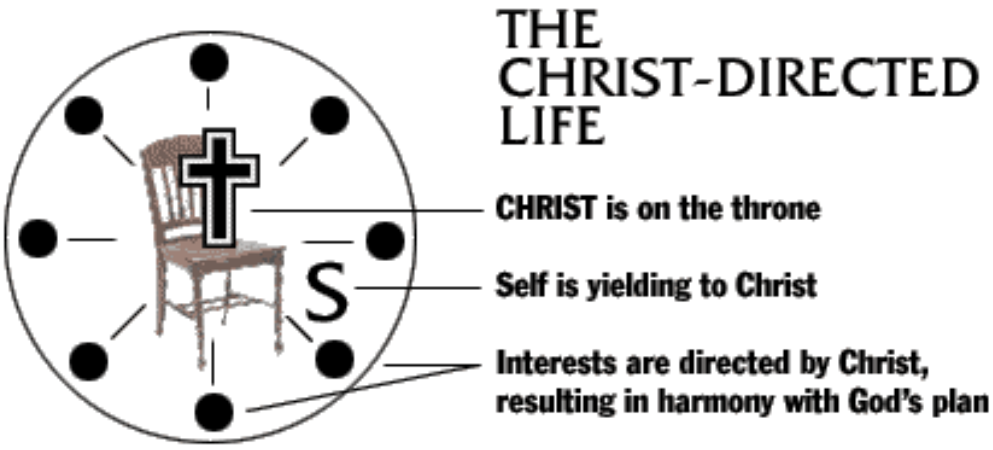
Receiving Jesus Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Jesus to

come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be.

Just to agree **intellectually** that Jesus Christ 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 Christ by **faith**, as an act of the **will**.

These Two Circles Represent Two Kinds of Lifestyles:





Which circle best describes your life?
Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The following explains how you can receive Jesus Christ into your life:

You Can Receive Jesus Christ Right Now in Faith by Talking To 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 realize I need You. Thank You for dying on the Cross for my sins. I open the door of my heart and life and receive You as my personal Savior and Lord. Thank You for Forgiving my Sins and giving me Eternal Life. Take control of the throne of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be."*

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

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