There are four spiritual laws that govern your relationship with God.

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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 Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."- John 3:16

GOD'S PLAN

"I (Jesus) came that they may have life and have it abundantly."– John 10:10

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

Because...

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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 own 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, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." – **Romans 6:23**

God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. 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...

LAWTHREE

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.

HE DIED IN OUR PLACE

"God shows his love for us in that while we were still 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 in accordance with the Scriptures..."- **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 except through me."- John 14:6

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.

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

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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 CHRIST

"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."- John 1:12

WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH FAITH "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so no one may boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

PERSONAL INVITATION

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him."- **Revelation 3:20**

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be.

We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.

The following explains how you can receive Christ:

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. 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.

An important reminder...

DO NOT DEPEND ON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible — not our feelings — is our authority. As Christians we do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

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.

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- **OBEY** God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- W WITNESS for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).
 - **TRUST** God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7).
 - HOLY SPIRIT—allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8).

FELLOWSHIP IN A GOOD CHURCH

If you do not belong to a church, do not wait to be invited. Take the initiative; call the pastor of a nearby church where Christ is honored and His Word is preached. Start this week, and make plans to attend regularly.

Now with Christ you can enjoy the abundant and freer life!

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."- Galatians 5:1



"For you were called to freedom, brothers... through love, serve one another."- Galatians 5:13

"...proclaim freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants."– Leviticus 25:10

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Is your life abundant with meaning and purpose? Do you have hope and joy?

Is your life free of fear, pain, doubt, guilt, shame, regret, anxiety, depression, or addiction?

> Do you want set free to live a more abundant life?

> > You can be set free!

"...the truth will set you free." John 8:32