#### Did you sincerely ask Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ to come into your life? If so, He has promised to do so.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son, does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life."

—1 John 5:12. 13

#### WALKING WITH GOD

This is the beginning of a wonderful new relationship with Christ. To deepen this walk with Christ:

- Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.
- Talk to God in prayer every day.
- Be guided by the Holy Spirit
- Tell others about Christ.
- Share your new life by your love and concern for others.
- Find another Christian or two with whom you can pray and share regularly your successes and failures.
- Worship and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached.

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# Knowing GOD Personally





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## GOD is

the ultimate source of everything.
God is the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." —Genesis 1:1, 27

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

—John 1:3

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."—Romans 1:20

# GOD's desire

KNOWING HIM FOREVER.

God loves you, and wants you to know Him forever.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

—I Timothy 2:3, 4

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son, His one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life."

—John 3:16

God wants us to know Him personally, now and forever.

But we have a problem...

### Our problem

#### **BROKEN RELATIONSHIP.**

God created us to enjoy life and a friendship with him.

He did not force us to love and obey Him, but gave us a will and freedom of choice. The first man and woman chose to disobey God and to go their own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in our relationship with God being broken.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." —Romans 3:23

"But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God." —Isaiah 59:2

Throughout history, individuals have tried many ways to make themselves acceptable to God...without success.

But God has provided a way to restore your relationship with Him...

## GOD's solution

#### JESUS CHRIST.

Jesus Christ is the only solution to this problem.

The final result of our disobedience—sin—is the penalty of death.

-Romans 6:23

By dying on the cross, Jesus took our punishment on Himself. He rose from the dead and made the way for us to have a relationship with God now, and eternal life forever.

#### THE BIBLE SAYS:

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

-Romans 5:8

"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, ...he was buried, ...he was raised on the third day..."

-1 Corinthians 15:3.4

God has provided the way. Will you accept this new relationship with Him and His promise of new life?



### Our response CHRIST.

We must place our trust in Jesus by accepting the payment for our sins that Jesus paid for us on the cross. If we give our lives to Him, then we can have a right relationship with God.

"Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you." —Revelation 3:20

#### STEPS TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

- Admit your condition. (I disobeyed God and broke my relationship with Him.
   This is called "sin.") "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be sayed." —Romans 10:9
- 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. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" —John 14:6
- 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior.) By this, you establish a lifelong relationship with God. "But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them." John 1:12

#### **EXAMPLE OF WHAT TO PRAY**

(make it your prayer)

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite you to come into my life. I trust You as Savior and follow You as Lord. Thank you, Lord, for saving me. Amen.

#### GOD'S ASSURANCE IS HIS WORD:

"For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." —Romans 10:13

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." —Ephesians 2:8. 9

