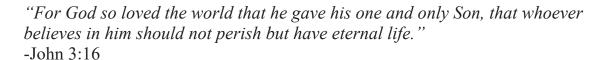
# Steps to Peace with God

# STEP 1: GOD'S PURPOSE: PEACE AND LIFE

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and eternal life.

# The Bible says:

- "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- -Romans 5:1



What keeps us from having the life God planned for us?

# STEP 2: THE PROBLEM: OUR SEPARATION FROM GOD

God created us in His image. He gave us a will and the freedom of choice; we choose to disobey Him and go our own way. This separates us from God.

## The Bible says:

- "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- -Romans 3:23
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- -Romans 6:23

People have tried to bridge this gap between themselves and God.

# The Bible says:

- "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."
- -Proverbs 14:12
- "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."
- -Isaiah 59:2

No bridge reaches God ... except one.



Our choice results in separation from God.

# STEP 3: GOD'S BRIDGE: THE CROSS

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between us and God.

# The Bible says:

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus."

-1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

-1 Peter 3:18



God has provided the only way back to Him. You must make a choice.

### STEP 4: OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

We must trust and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

## The Bible says:

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
-John 1:12

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." -Romans 10:9

Which side are you on? The side with Christ or without Him?

#### Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:

- Admit your need. (I am a sinner)
- Be willing to turn from your sins. (Repent)
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
- Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive him as Lord and Savior)

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