

FACT 1

God **LOVES** you. He wants you to enjoy His love now and eternally.

The Bible says . . .

God's Peace — "...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1).

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" [life with joy and meaning] (John 10:10).

God planned for us to have the "abundant life." Why is it most people do not have this experience?

FACT 2

Sin **SEPARATES** people from God.

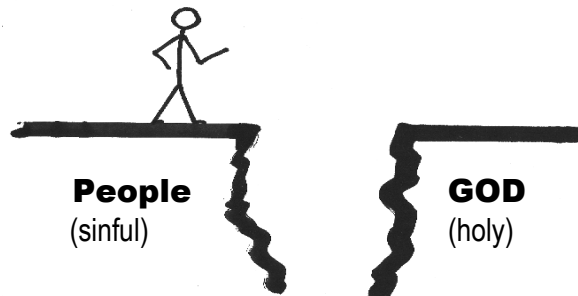
God created us in His image. He wants us to enjoy a special relationship with Him. He does not force us to follow His orders. He gave us a will and freedom of choice.

Unfortunately, there are times when every person uses this freedom to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin and tells us it separates us from God.

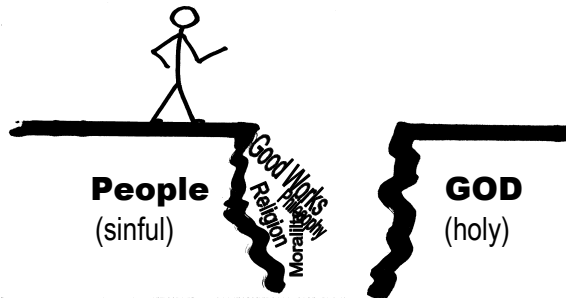
The Bible says . . .

People are Sinful — "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Sin Separates us from God — "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

**FACT 3**

Our **BEST EFFORTS** to reach God fall short of the goal. We can't reach God by human effort.

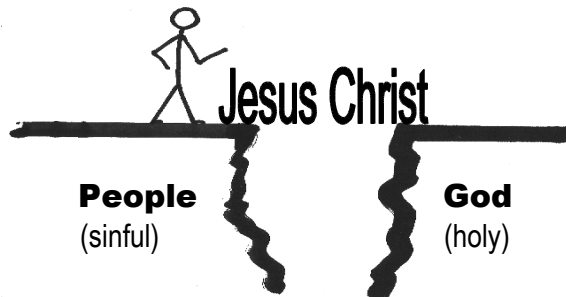


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Our Efforts — "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12).

FACT 4

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.



The Bible says . . .

He Died in Our Place — "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet 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, 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).

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, but through Me'" (John 14:6).

It is not enough just to know these facts...

FACT 5

Each of us must make a personal decision to **RECEIVE** Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The Bible says . . .

Receive Christ — "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).

Receive Christ Through Faith — "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).

Receive Christ by Personal Invitation — [Christ 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 Christ includes turning to God from self-reliance (repentance) and trusting Christ to forgive our sins. Receiving Christ includes being available for service. Knowing the facts is not enough. You must make a decision.

Christ will enter your life right now if you invite him in.

Prayer is talking to God. God knows your heart and is more concerned with your sincerity than with the words you use. If you are not comfortable with prayer, here is one way to express your desire to have Christ as your Saviour.

Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. Thank You for sending your Son to die on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and welcome Him as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

You can pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

You can trust God to keep His promises.

He has offered you eternal life.

It is now your personal possession.

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You can count on God to keep his promises.

God is reliable. His Word (the Bible) is reliable. God will do what He has promised. We can rely on God and His Word.

The Bible says . . .

You now have Eternal Life — “The witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may **know** that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:11-13).

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You must rely on God’s Word (the Bible), not your feelings.

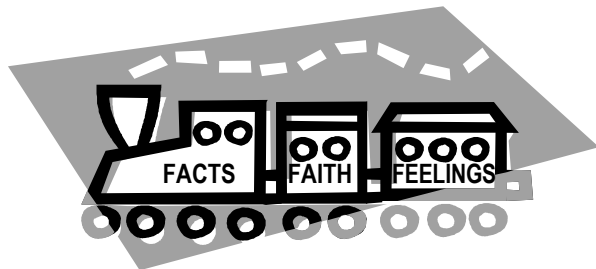
Do Not Depend on Feelings!

The promise of God’s Word, the Bible - not our feelings - is our authority. The Christian trusts God and “lives by faith.” One way to illustrate this truth is with this little train diagram.

God has revealed important **FACTS** in His Word (*the engine that gives power*). Facts are true no matter how we feel about them.

Our **FAITH** fuels these facts in our own lives (*just like the coal car fuels the engine*).

FEELINGS are like the caboose. They do not power or control the train. The caboose (*and our feelings*) are “just along for the ride.”



The train illustrates the relationship among **facts** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (our emotional condition at any particular time).

Now that you have received Christ . . .

The moment that you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

- Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
- Christ came into your life (Colossians 1:27).
- You became a child of God (John 1:12).
- You received eternal life (John 5:24).
- You began the great adventure God created you to enjoy (John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

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 enables you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life. Here are some things that will help you grow:

G	Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
R	Read God’s Word daily (Acts 17:11).
O	Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
W	Witness about your faith in Christ with your life and your words (Matthew 4:19; John 15:8).

Experience Baptism

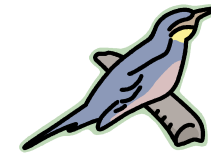
Baptism by immersion (being completely covered in the water) is a witness to your new faith in Christ (Romans 6:1-7). It is important to understand that baptism is a result of salvation, not a cause.

Become involved in a Bible-teaching church

God’s Word instructs us not to forsake “the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25). Your friends at a nearby **Seventh Day Baptist** church invite you to become a part of their congregation.

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**Do You
Really
Know
the
Facts of
Life?**



*Worries can keep us from enjoying life.
Here are some basic facts of life
that can help you
be confident about your life.*