

4 Simple Steps

1. God's Plan

God loves you and has a plan for your life. *Verses...*
Jeremiah 29:11, John 3:17, John 10:10, John 17:3

2. Our Problem

Our problem is we are separated from God. Peace with God is not automatic. We are like sheep who are always getting lost, going astray, honestly... we are too dumb to know what is good for us... *Verses...*

Isaiah 53:6a, Isaiah 59:2, Ephesians 2:12

3. God's Remedy

How did God bridge the gap of separation between you and Him? Remember... The gap of separation is sin. So God has to deal with our sin. How does he do that? *Verses...*

2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18, Hebrews 9:22

Why is it necessary for blood to be shed? Why doesn't God simply forgive us? Because God is holy, He must judge sin.

Would a just and righteous judge let evil go unpunished?

At the cross, God poured out His judgment on His Son, satisfying His wrath and making it possible for Him to forgive us. That's why Jesus shed His blood for your sins, my sins, and the sins of the whole world.

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4. Our Response

How to respond to God's invitation to accept Christ.

(1) Respond by believing Christ is who he said he is (Messiah, Son of God). **John 1:12**

(2) You must confess or proclaim what is in your heart.

Matthew 10:32

(3) You must admit your need to be forgiven and you must turn from your sin... In this way you are trading our sin and punishment for Christ's righteousness and life. Genuine repentance is a complete 180 - "change of mind" and remorse.

Acts 3:19

(4) You must be baptized into Christ.

Romans 6:3-5

Those who believe in Christ, who openly proclaim him, who turn to him and away from self and are joined with Christ in his death through baptism are saved, are adopted into God's family, are a new creation (Gal 2:20), and will live with in Heaven.

Are ready to take the next step... Start with this prayer...

“Dear Lord Jesus, I know you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross for my sin. I know that I was born a sinner and I need forgiveness. I repent of my sins and turn my life over to you. I trust you to save me and make me one of your children. Guide my steps and protect me as prepare for baptism into your holy name. Amen!