

GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

APPENDIX

GOD'S LOVE: HIS PURPOSE

God wants to live in relationship with us eternally. God loves you, and He wants you to have an intimate, personal relationship with Him and to walk eternally with Him. His desire is for you to “have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10), and to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5: 22-23). Since God created us for relationship with Him and to have eternal life, why are many not enjoying this experience?

OUR PROBLEM: SIN AND SEPARATION

Everyone sins. Everyone does things that assumably makes them happy when in the end it is something that leaves them feeling empty. As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”(Romans 3:10-12, 23 NIV). Our sin separates us from God. The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

GOD'S PROVISION: THE CROSS

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sins, to completely bridge the gap between God and us. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8 NIV). God has provided the only way, and we must follow that way. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us not guilty of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His grace freely takes away our sins. “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in who He is and what He has done and trust in Him alone to save us. “For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man become right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation” (Romans 10:9-10, NIV).

HOW TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF CHRIST:

1. Admit your need. (I am a sinner)
2. Be willing to turn (repent) from your sins and lifestyle to begin to understand that by living differently, your life will bring John 10:10 and Gal 5:22 to life for you.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave before you began to understand it; It is not what you do but what He has done.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as your Savior.) This isn't a one-time and done thing; it is a daily process to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner, and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my false belief about who I am (sinful nature) and fill my life with You instead. My way of living has left me empty. I invite You to come into my heart and live. In Jesus' name, Amen.