

"Say these things"
Write these things
Follow these instructions

Just as there are physical laws that govern
the physical universe, so are there spiritual laws
that govern your relationship with God.

LAW 1

God *loves* you and offers a
wonderful *plan* for your life.

(References contained in this booklet should be read
in context from the Bible wherever possible.)

Reread: "God so loved Barbara that he gave
his one and only son..."

God's Love *Barbara*

"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 NIV).

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it
abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful] (John 10:10).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life?

Because...

greed, selfishness, poverty

"You know, that's a great point. I see alot of that myself.
Let me show you what the Bible says is the root cause of
things like that."

LAW 2

Man is *sinful* and *separated* from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.

Man Is Sinful

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

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

"When the Bible says that everyone sins, I promise you that it's referring to me, and I'd say it's a good bet that it's talking about you, too."

"We know from life that everything has a consequence. According to the Bible sin has a consequence, too."

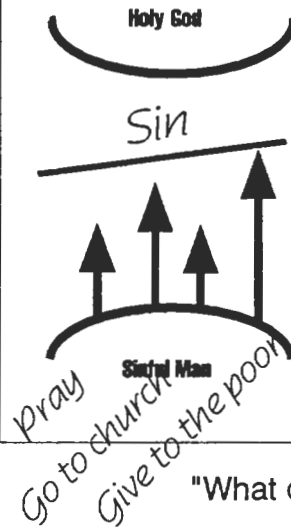
"Do you know what a wage is?"

"It's what you earn, like in minimum wage--You earn \$4.25 an hour."

Man Is Separated

Sin earns a death penalty

"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God] (Romans 6:23).



This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but he inevitably fails.

The third law explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

"What do these arrows have in common?"

"None of them make it to God. There is a barrier, called sin."

Use the illustration of swimming to England

"In our culture the idea that Jesus is the only way to God, is not very popular. Let me show you three reasons why I think it's true, nevertheless."

LAW 3

*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.*

① 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).

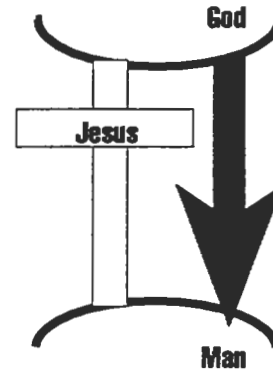
② He Rose From the Dead

"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).

"No one else has died to pay the penalty for our sins. Not Mohammed, or your pastor, or priest. Jesus is the only who has done that."

③ 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).



This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf which separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

It is not enough just to know these three laws...

"Why did Jesus have to die?"

"The penalty for sin (death) has to be paid, either by us, or by Jesus." (Refer back to Law 2.)

Use the Judge illustration

"A lot of people think that everyone is already a child of God. But according to the Bible, that's not true. But everyone can become a child of God. It's like he adopts us into his family."

LAW 4

We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

We Must 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).

We 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).

Grace-undeserved gift

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth

(Read John 3:1-8.)

"Do you know what grace is?" (Give example of grace period)

"Forget about Christianity for a minute. What does it mean to save someone?" "Rescue them from danger."

"In the context what are we being rescued from?" "Sin, Death Hell."

"Faith is another word for trust. What are we supposed to trust?" "That Jesus is who he said, and can forgive our sin."

Use Niagra Falls Illustration

Reread with definitions instead of grace, saved, faith.

Saved-rescued from death, hell

Faith-trust in Jesus

We 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 involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us what He wants us to be. Just to agree **intellectually** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an **emotional** experience. We receive Jesus Christ by **faith**, as an act of the **will**.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:

Self-Directed Life

Self is on the throne
Christ is outside the life
Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration

0%



100%



Christ-Directed Life

Christ is in the life and on the throne
Self is yielding to Christ
Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

Which circle best describes your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

"It all boils down to this question: Who is this person trusting to pay the penalty for their sin?"

"Themselves."

"So they have 0% of their sins forgiven."

"Who is this person trusting to pay the penalty for their sin?"

"Jesus."

"So they have 100% of their sins forgiven."

Which circle best describes your life?

The circle on the left

The circle in the middle

The circle on the right

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The circle on the left

The circle on the right

I appreciate your honesty. Someday you may want to invite Christ into your life. I'd like to show you how to receive Christ when that day comes.

How does a person move from the circle on the left to the circle on the right?

They don't understand

They do understand

Re-explain law 4.

Why would you like the circle on the right to represent your life?

They don't understand sin and their need for forgiveness

They do understand sin and their need for forgiveness

Re-explain laws 2 and 3.

Let me continue to read this booklet to clarify what it means to go from the left circle to the right circle.

