

# Is Your "Passport" in Order?

(FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS - BILL BRIGHT)

## LAW 1:

**GOD LOVES YOU AND OFFERS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.**

### GOD'S LOVE

"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" JOHN 3:16.

### GOD'S PLAN

[Christ speaking] "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful] JOHN 10:10 NKJV.

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

## 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

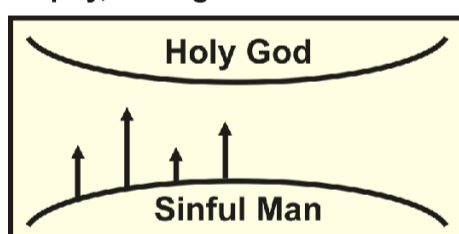
"Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard" ROMANS 3:23.

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his own 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.

### MAN IS SEPARATED

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

The diagram below 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...*

## 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.**

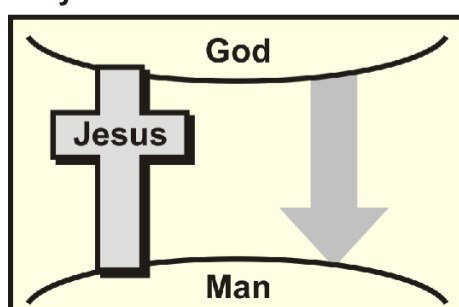
### HE DIED IN OUR PLACE

"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners" ROMANS 5:8.

### HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me'" JOHN 14:6.

This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf that 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...*

## LAW 4:

**WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD; THEN WE CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.**

### WE MUST RECEIVE CHRIST

"To all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God" JOHN 1:12.

### WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH FAITH

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it" EPHESIANS 2:8,9.

### WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST, WE EXPERIENCE NEW BIRTH

(READ JOHN 3:1-8.)

### WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH PERSONAL INVITATION

[Christ speaking] "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My Voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends" 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.

*It is not enough just to know these four laws...*

**YOU CAN RECEIVE CHRIST RIGHT NOW BY FAITH THROUGH PRAYER (PRAYER IS TALKING TO GOD)**

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart.

The following is a suggested prayer:

*Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my heart and life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.*

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He has promised.

**THE BIBLE PROMISES ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO RECEIVE CHRIST**

"He has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life"

1 JOHN 5:11-12.

Thank God often that Christ is in your life and that He will never leave you. Read HEBREWS 13:5.

You can know on the basis of His promise that Christ lives in you and that you have eternal life from the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

*An important reminder...*

### DO NOT DEPEND ON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible - not our feelings - is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. The following train diagram illustrates the relationship among fact (God and His Word), faith (our trust in God and His Word), and feeling (the result of our faith and obedience).

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." JOHN 14:21.

The train will run with or without the cabin cars. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by a cabin car. In the same way, as Christians, we should not depend on feelings or emotions, but should place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

