





### It is possible to know God personally...

In fact, the very reason God created you is for you to know Him personally. But, to many people, God seems distant and impersonal.

Is that how God seems to you?

The Bible was written to teach man about God, and it says that God loves you—

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

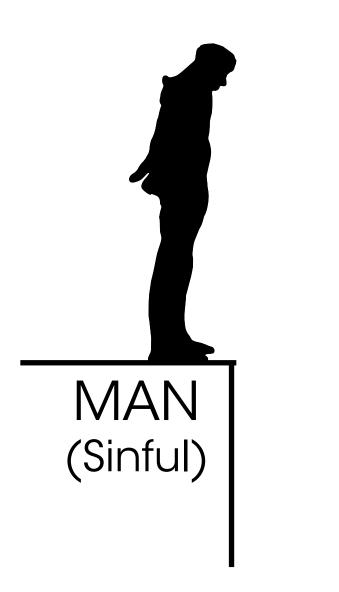
and...God wants you to know Him personally—

John 17:3, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

#### but...there is a problem:

# The Problem

### Mankind is separated from God because of sin.

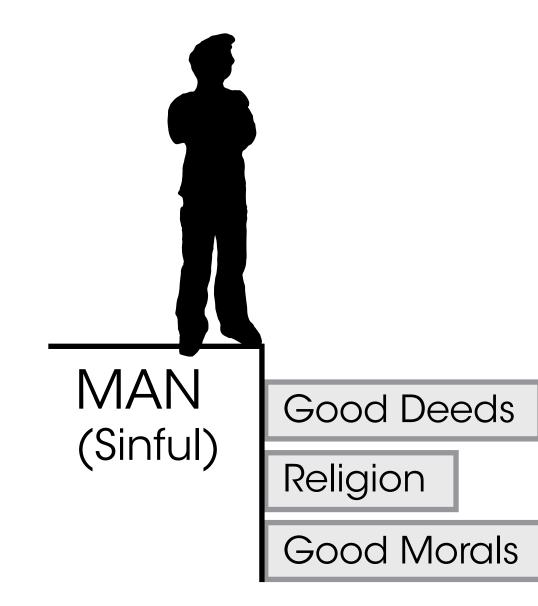




Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

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Good works won't solve the problem, because even our best efforts fall short of God's perfect standard.

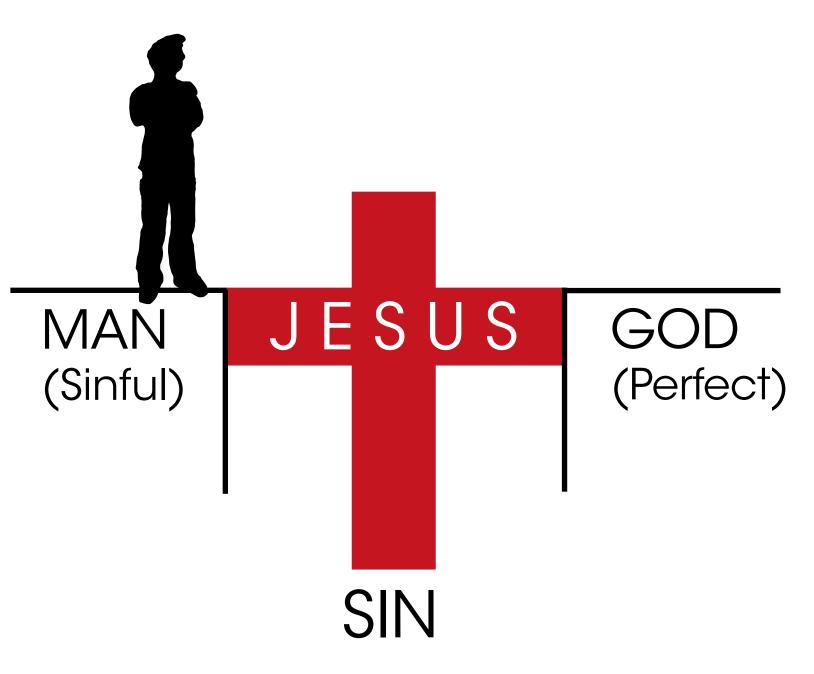




#### Isaiah 64:6, "... And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment..."

## The Solution

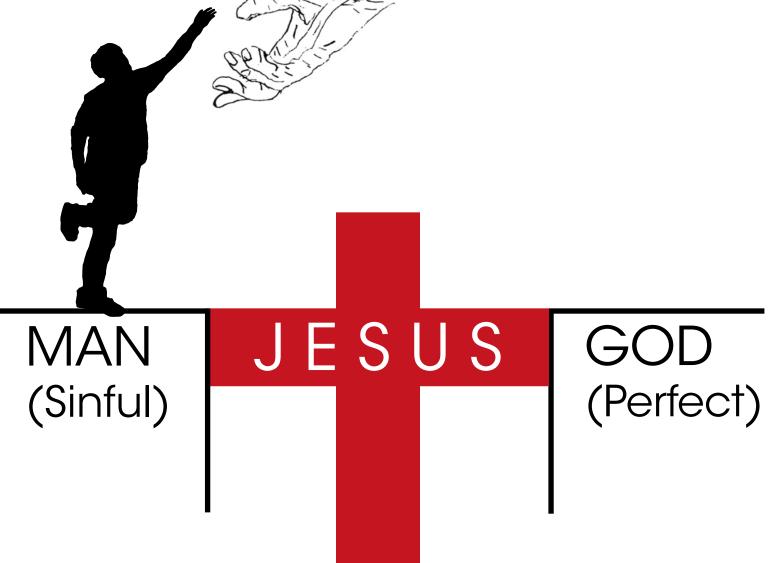
# Out of love, God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our sins.



Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."



To know God personally, you must receive Jesus Christ.



John 1:12, "But 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 14:6, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

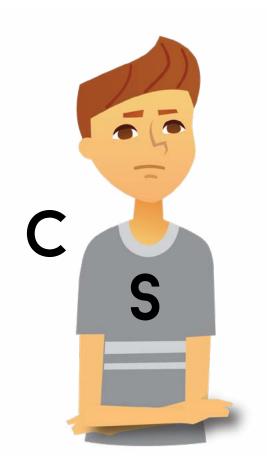
# Receiving Jesus Christ

## BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU and accept His forgiveness of your sins.

I Corinthians 15:3, "....Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."

Acts 16:31, "....Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...."

These diagrams represent two types of lives:







S – self controls your life C – Christ is outside your life

S – self need not control your life C – Christ is in your life

This person does not have a personal relationship with God. He will face the eternal consequences of his sins. This person has a personal relationship with God and has received Christ's forgiveness of his sins.

- Which diagram best represents your life right now?
- Which diagram would you like to have represent

## your life?

# Inviting Christ into Your Life

Is this sample prayer for you?

"Dear Lord, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross, was buried, and rose again that I might have forgiveness of my sins and know Him personally. I receive Jesus as my personal Savior. Amen."

If this prayer expresses your desire, you can pray right now and place your faith in Jesus Christ.

You are responsible before God to make a decision.

John 3:18, "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

# Growing Closer to God

Once you have believed, you are a new creation and have a new purpose for living. To help you grow closer to God:

Listen to God by reading the Bible (I Peter 2:2).

Talk to God about all things—pray (Philippians 4:6-7).

Meet regularly with others who have received Jesus (Hebrews 10:25).

#### Trust God; submit all areas of your life to His control (Luke 9:23–24).

## "NEW BIRTH" Certificate

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross, was buried, and rose again that I might have forgiveness of my sins and know Him personally.

Today I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and desire to obey Him as my Lord.

Meet others who know God personally at:

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