
ETERNAL LIFE

**A FOUR POINT OUTLINE TAKEN
FROM THE BIBLE**

This four point outline briefly explains what the Bible teaches regarding eternal life.

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ONE **GOD LOVES YOU AND CREATED YOU TO HAVE
AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

Much of the content in this outline is credited to the Four Spiritual Laws booklet published by Campus Crusade for Christ.

God has demonstrated His love for you.

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

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins.” (I John 4:10)

Why is it that most people do not experience God's love?

point GOD IS HOLY AND MAN IS SINFUL.

TWO

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
(Sin is either active rebellion or passive indifference toward God.)

“And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”
(II Thessalonians 1:9)

“For the wages of sin is death” (separation from God). (Romans 6:23)



This separation is not necessary.

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THREE

**GOD SENT JESUS CHRIST TO DIE ON THE
CROSS IN OUR PLACE TO PAY THE PENALTY
FOR OUR SINS.**

He Died For Us.

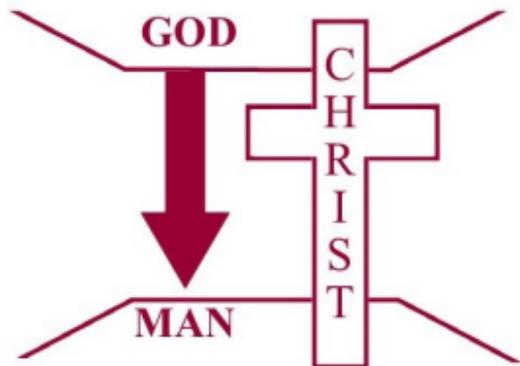
“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18)

He Rose From The Dead.

“God furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”
(Acts 17:31)

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)



“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

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FOUR

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT IF WE BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS WE WILL BE SAVED. (Acts 16:31)

Believing in Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins. 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 place our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord as an act of our will.

The Bible speaks of this as receiving a gift.

“For 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)

Two different people are pictured below.



- This person has never responded to Christ's offer of eternal life.

- If this person were to die today, he would pay the penalty for his sin.

- His destiny would be eternal separation from God.

- This person has responded to Christ's offer of eternal life.

- If this person were to die today, Christ has paid for his sins.

- His destiny would be eternal life with God.

Which person best represents your life?

Which person would you like to represent your life?

YOU CAN PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD RIGHT NOW. YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR FAITH THROUGH PRAYER. (Prayer is simply 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 realize that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. Thank You for dying for my sins. I want to turn from my sins and trust You as my Savior and Lord.”

Could you say this to God and mean it?

If so, pray this prayer now, and Christ will forgive you of all your sins and give you eternal life.

THE BIBLE SAYS YOU CAN KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

1 John 5:11-13 “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.”

John 5:24 (Christ speaking) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

(Also see Romans 8:38, 39; John 10:27-30; Hebrews 10:10-18; Hebrews 13:5)

What if I don't feel any different?

DO NOT DEPEND UPON FEELINGS

God wants us to rely on His Word, not our feelings. As Christians we are to live by faith (trust) in the reliability of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the connection between **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feelings**.



A train is pulled by the engine, not the caboose. In the same way we are to put our faith (trust) in God's Word, the Bible, rather than the uncertainty of our emotional feelings. Do not allow your faith to depend upon your feelings. "We walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7)

What happens when you put your trust in Christ?

When you ask Christ into your life as Savior and Lord, many things happen, including these:

- Jesus Christ has come into your life and He will never leave you. (Revelation 3:20; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Hebrews 13:5)
- Your sins have been fully forgiven. (Colossians 2:13,14)
- You have been born into God's family. He is your Father and other believers are your brothers and sisters. (Galatians 3:26; John 1:12,13)
- You have begun the eternal relationship for which God created you. (John 17:2,3; John 10:10)

HOW TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

This diagram of a table illustrates four key elements to growing in your new relationship with Christ. Just as the table needs four legs, so there are four elements that provide stability and consistency in the life of a Christian.



BIBLE I Peter 1:23-2:3; Romans 10:17; II Timothy 3:16,17

PRAYER Philippians 4:6,7; I Thessalonians 5:16-18

CHURCH Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42

OBEDIENCE John 14:21; Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 2:10

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Knowing Jesus Christ personally is the most important issue in life. When you trust Him as your Savior you not only receive eternal life, but you begin the great adventure for which God created you.

At Southwest Bible Church we come together every Sunday to worship Him and encourage one another in our Christian lives. We come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but have a common denominator in Jesus Christ. You are always welcome at our worship services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Gilchrist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being more prominent than the last name "Gilchrist".

Scott Gilchrist, Senior Pastor