

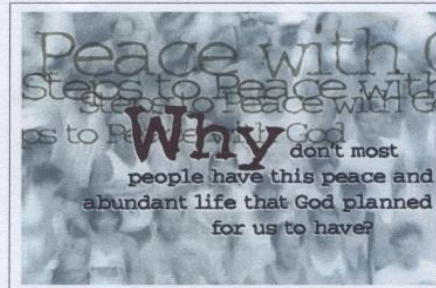
Billy Graham's "Steps to Peace with God"

Step 1

God's Purpose:

Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life – abundant and eternal.



The Bible says...

"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

"For 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

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Step 2

The Problem:

Our Separation

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and freedom of choice.



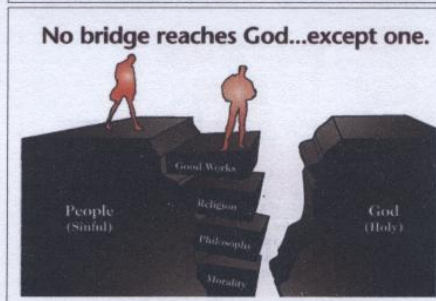
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romas 6:23

We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. The result is separation from God.

Our attempts to reach God

People have tried in many ways to bridge the gap between themselves and God... ...Good works, religion, philosophy, morality...



"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

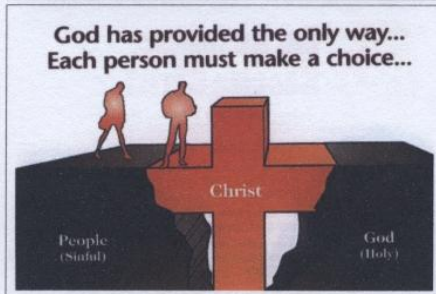
"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

Step 3

God's Bridge:

The Cross

Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.



"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

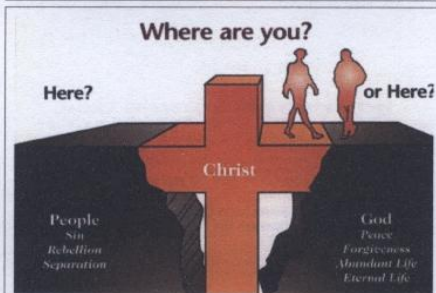
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Step 4

Our Response:

Receive Christ

We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.



"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

The Magic Formula

When that Resident at your table turns to you and asks the “million dollar question,” here is what you can say...

Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Be willing to repent – turn from you sin.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.
4. Say a prayer inviting Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit – that is, receive Him as Lord and Savior.

Here is a sample prayer that WILL work

Dear Lord Jesus,

**I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness.
I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins.
I now invite You to come into my heart and life.
I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior.**

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, the Bible says...

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:12-13