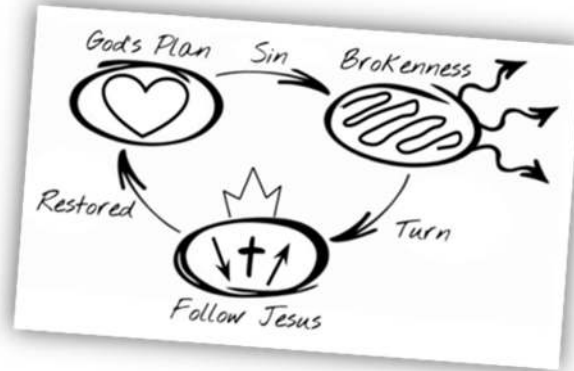


3 Circles that Explain How to Know God Personally



God's original plan was a perfect world with no suffering or death where everyone lives in harmony with one another and with God.

- God made each of us with a purpose – to worship Him and walk with Him.
- The Bible says, “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31)

Every person has lived selfishly and pushed our Creator away. This separation causes the brokenness we see in the world.

- Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. The Bible calls this rebellion against God *sin*.
- When we realize life is not working, we begin to look for a way out. People go in many directions trying different things to figure it out on their own. Some turn to relationships, sex, greed, addiction, pride, empty religion, and more. Brokenness can lead us to realize a need for something greater.
- The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)
- “For the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

God did not abandon us. He came to earth as Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a perfect human life and then died for our brokenness. After three days, he was raised from the dead to prove his victory over our brokenness and sin.

- Jesus said that any person who turns from brokenness and follows him would be restored to harmony with God.
- The Bible says, “For God love the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son” (John 3:16a)
- “He erased the certificate of debt... and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross” (Colossians 2:14)

Every person must make a personal decision whether they will TURN from living in sin and brokenness and FOLLOW Jesus instead.

- Simply hearing this Good News is not enough.
- We must ask God to forgive us – turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe.
- The Bible says, “Repent and believe the good news.” (Mark 1:15)
- “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)
- “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Your response

- Would you like to start following Jesus today?
- Would you like to learn more about Jesus by reading the Bible together?
- If your already following Jesus, would you like to join a Christian community where we live out Jesus' ways together?

