

FOUR FACTS

The Plan of Salvation

Four Facts: Discovering Meaning On Your Spiritual Journey

Fact 1: God has a _____

God has a plan and purpose
for our lives.

US

GOD

Life

John 10:10

Hope/Peace

Romans 5:1

Jesus said, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." — John 10:10

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

"Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ." — Romans 1:6

"God created man in his *own* image" Gen 1:27

"..for God is love" — 1 John 4:8

Key Points

- The Bible teaches that God loves us.
- God desires that we have a life full of peace, joy, fulfillment, and purpose.
- God has created man to enjoy His friendship and experience His love.
- God gave man the freedom to choose to accept His offer of friendship, love, and full life.

Bible Verses

If appropriate to the person you are talking to, these scriptures can be used to support Fact 1 that God has a plan for our lives. You can select one that you feel is most comfortable to you and mark it in your Bible.

Questions For Discussion

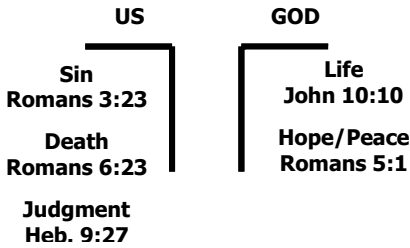
- What do you think it means to live an abundant or full life?
- Do you feel that most people are living a life that is abundant & full?
- When you think about God what characteristics or qualities come to mind?
- In your opinion in what ways are God and mankind different?

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Fact 2: We have a _____

We have a problem that keeps us from God's plan.



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

"For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." — Romans 6:23

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" - Heb. 9:27

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" — Romans 5:12

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." — John 3:3

"...your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear." — Isaiah 59:2

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Proverbs 14:12

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." — Isa. 53:6

Key Points

- The Bible is clear that ALL have sinned.
- We have chosen to live our own lives and do our own thing.
- Sin is essentially our will being contrary to God's will. Rebellion/indifference toward God is sin.
- The result of disobedience is separation from God. He is holy and perfect. We are sinful and imperfect.
- Separation from God means certain death. The Bible is plain that after we die we all will face judgment. If we die separated from God then the penalty is eternal spiritual death.

Bible Verses

If appropriate to the person you are talking to, these scriptures can be used to support Fact 2 that we have a problem. You can select one that you feel is most comfortable to you and mark it in your Bible.

Questions For Discussion

- Have you ever wanted to talk to God but He seemed so far away?
- How would you define sin?
- Can you identify with this?
- When you think of death, what comes to your mind?
- Can a dead person do anything to save themselves?
- Do you have any questions about what we have talked about or what you have heard so far?

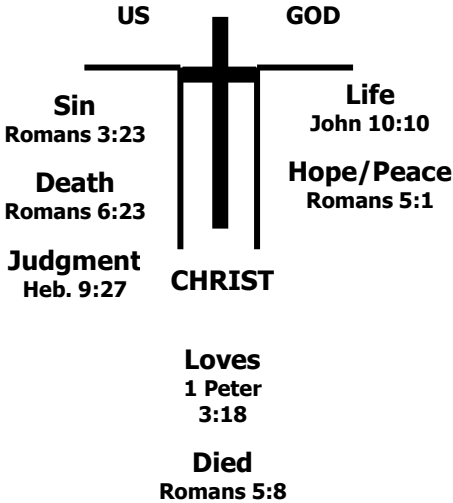
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Fact 3: God has the

_____.

God has the solution to our problem.



“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God....” — 1 Peter 3:18

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” — Romans 5:8

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” — John 3:16

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” — John 14:6

“For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” — 1 Timothy 2:5

Key Points

- God still loves us even though we have turned our backs on Him. He loves us and pursues us so that we can enjoy a relationship with Him.
- Regardless of how hard we try to do good it is never good enough to bridge the gap between God and ourselves.
- The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is both God and man. He came, lived in our world, then willingly died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin.
- Jesus' death made it possible for us to be forgiven by God.
- God is saying through Christ, “I love you and I want to know you.”
- Jesus Christ is the only bridge to God.
- Anything else that attempts to bridge the gap: good works, intellect, success, all fall short and fail.

Bible Verses

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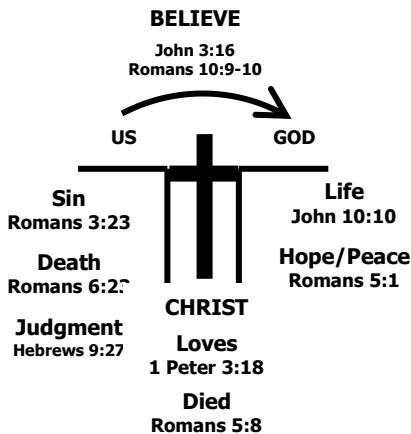
- If death is separation from God, what is life?
- Are you familiar with the account of Christ's death?
- What is your understanding of who Christ is?

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Fact 4: We have to _____.

The choice is ours to accept
God's solution.



Key Points

- Christ made it possible for us to cross over the bridge to God's side.
- The bridge exists, but we must choose to cross the bridge.
- We cross the bridge when we place our faith in what Christ has done for us. In prayer we:
Acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God for forgiveness.
Believe that Christ died for our sins and paid the penalty for our sins.
Commit our lives to Christ's leadership.
- To believe in Christ means that we "trust" in and "commit" ourselves to Christ.
- Salvation is a free gift. We only receive it when we reach out and take it. Eternal life is the gift that Christ gives to us.

Bible Verses

If appropriate to the person you are talking to, these scriptures can be used to support Fact 4 that the choice is ours to accept God's solution. You can select one that you feel is most comfortable to you and mark it in your Bible.

Questions For Discussion

- What is the difference between knowing about a person & knowing a person?
- Does the illustration of what Christ has done make sense to you?
- Is there anything you want to discuss further?
- Do you have any questions about the illustration?
- Where would you place yourself on this illustration right now?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." — Romans 10:9-10

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." — Romans 10:13

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." — John 1:12

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." — Ephesians 2:8-9

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." — Revelation 3:20