

A person is standing on a grassy hill next to a bare tree. The sky is blue with white clouds. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. The tree is without leaves. The overall scene is peaceful and open.

You can know God,

PERSONALLY.

Knowing **God** Personally ▶

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

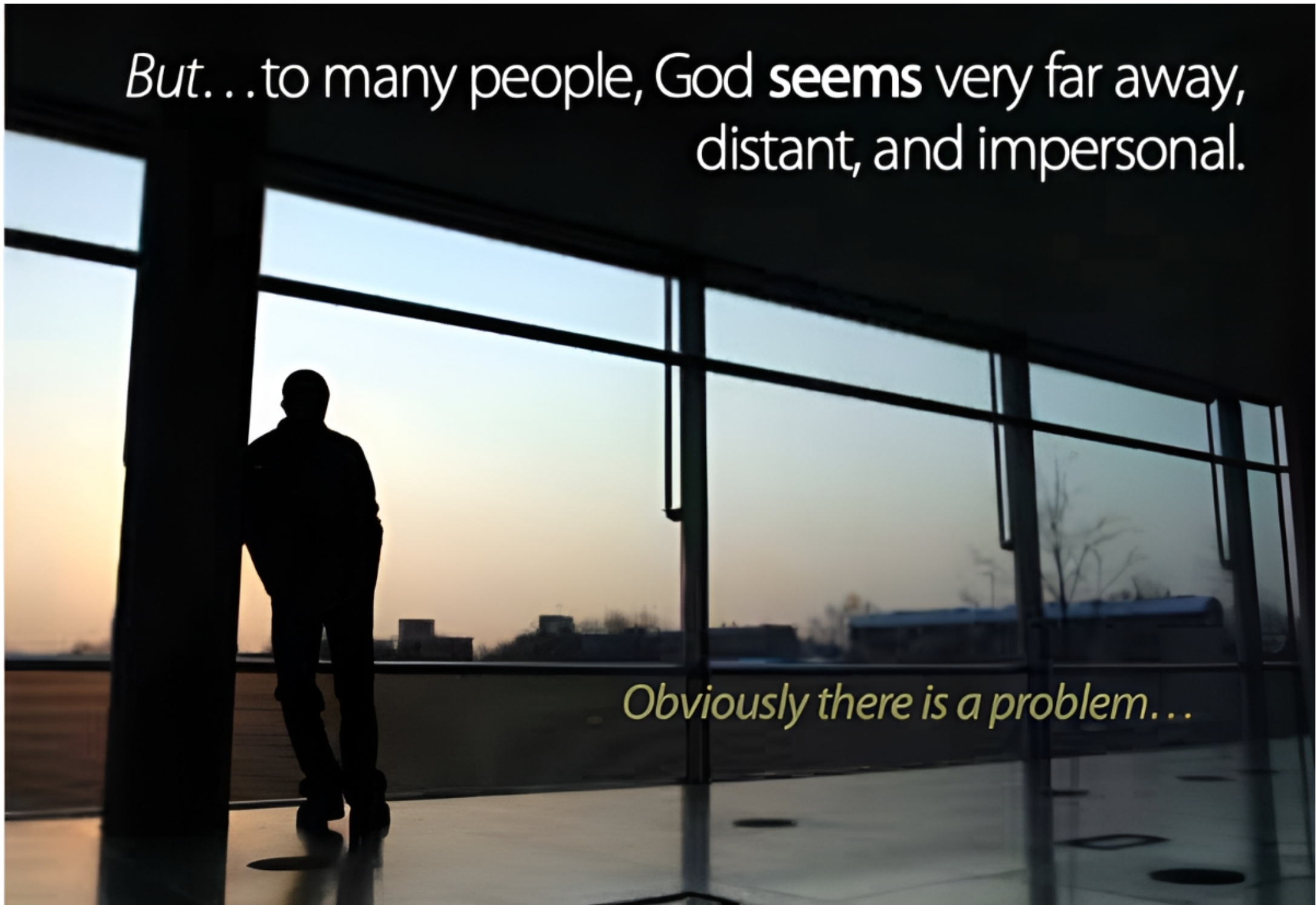
In fact,

the very reason God **created us**
is so that we might know Him
personally.

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But... to many people, God **seems** very far away,
distant, and impersonal.

Obviously there is a problem...



POINT 1

God's love and our need

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT GOD LOVES YOU

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

AND...GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY

“Now this is eternal life, that men may know Him, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.” John 17:3

BUT...PEOPLE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD AND HIS LOVE

“God is on one side and all the people on the other side...”
1 Timothy 2:5a

Why do you think people are separated from God?

People



GOD



The reality of our sinfulness

THE BIBLE SAYS OUR SINS HAVE SEPARATED US FROM GOD...

“...your sins have made a separation between you and your God...” Isaiah 59:2

“All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

God created us to know and love Him. But people chose to go their own way and that relationship with God was broken (Romans 1:19-21).

This attitude and its results are what the Bible calls **sin**.

This separation caused by sin creates some severe problems.

Sin
separates us
from God

People



GOD



POINT 3

Sin causes us to...

- ▶ Miss God's very best for our life:

“Jesus said... ‘I came that you might have life and have it to the full.’” John 10:10

- ▶ Face death and judgement:

“For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23

“...those who do not know God...will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord.”
II Thessalonians 1:8-9

BUT... there is a solution.

People



Sin
brings
Death
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GOD



POINT 4

Jesus Christ died and conquered death for you

We deserve death and judgment, but Jesus took upon Himself the punishment for our sins, so that we could have a personal relationship with God.

“God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Jesus Christ is between them to bring them together by giving His life for all mankind.” 1 Timothy 2:5

JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD

“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me.’” John 14:6

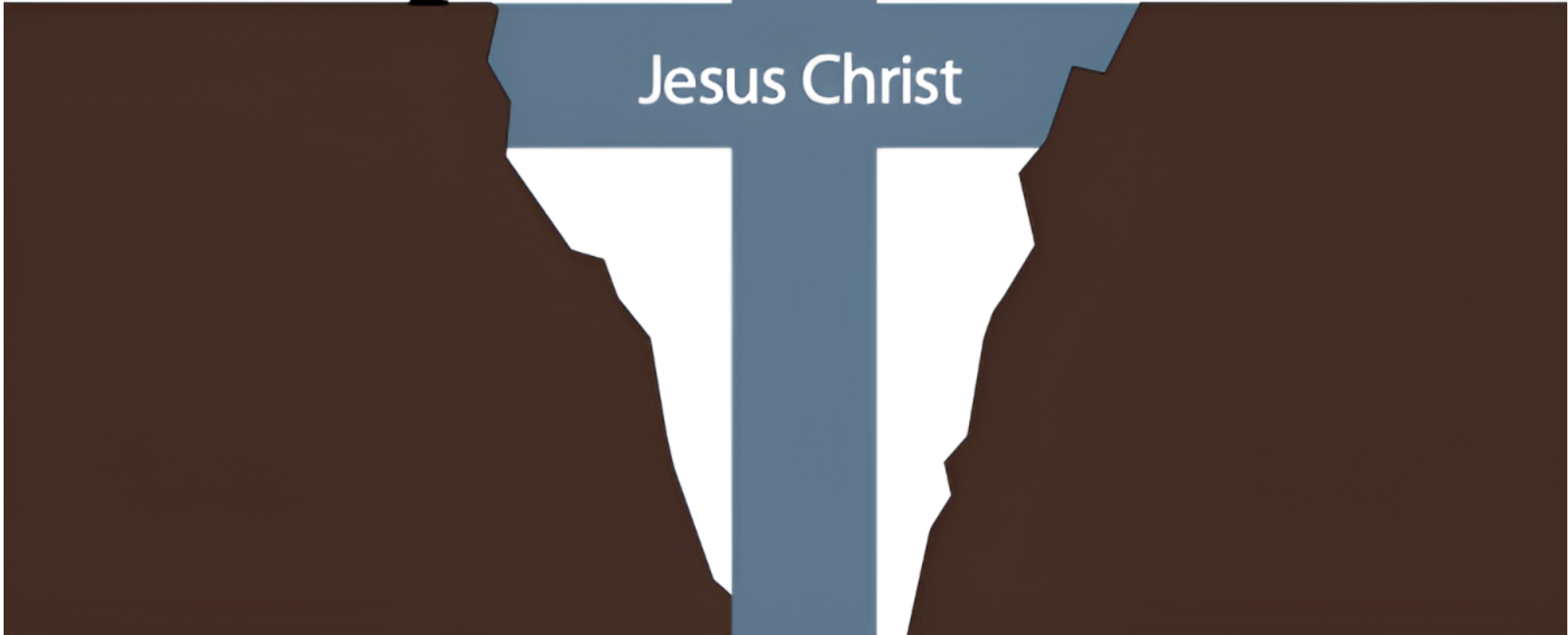
Does this make sense to you? Still, it's not enough just to know this...

People



GOD

Jesus Christ



POINT 5

Each of us by faith must receive Jesus Christ if we want to know God

“To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

THE “ABCs” OF FAITH INVOLVE:

- ▶ Acknowledging your need—**admitting** you have **sinned** and desiring to turn from that sin (I John 1:8-9).
- ▶ Believing Jesus Christ died in your place and rose again to be your Savior—providing **forgiveness** for your sins (I Corinthians 15:3-4:17).
- ▶ Choosing to **invite** Christ to direct your life.

You can evaluate your current relationship with God by asking...

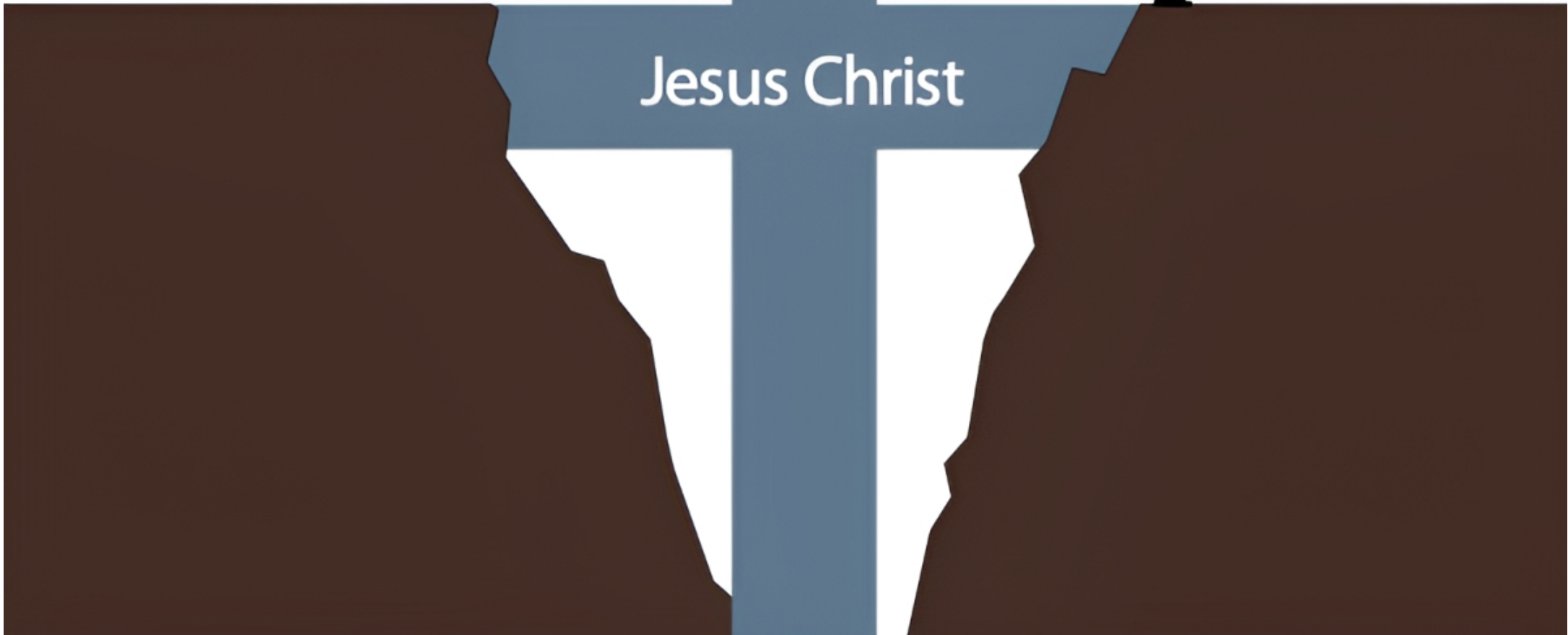
Receive

People

Jesus Christ



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YOUR
CHOICE

Which life best represents your current
relationship with God?

Are you here?

Self-Centered Life



Or here?

God-Centered Life

Jesus Christ

- ▶ Separated from God
- ▶ Self-directed life
- ▶ Guilty
- ▶ Eternal life in hell
II Thessalonians 1:8-9

- ▶ Knowing God Personally
- ▶ God-directed life
- ▶ Forgiven
- ▶ Eternal life in heaven
John 17:3

Which life would you like to have?

Your desire to have a personal relationship with God, can be expressed through a **simple prayer** like this...

“Dear Lord, I want to know You personally. I am willing, with your help, to turn from my sins. Thank you for sending Jesus who died in my place and rose again to be my Savior. Come into my life and lead me. **Amen.**”

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

- ▶ If it does, you can pray right now and begin your personal relationship with God.
- ▶ If you are unsure, what is keeping you from receiving Christ right now?

What's Next?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RECEIVE CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE?

If you have begun a relationship with God, knowing Him personally, the Bible promises:

- ▶ Christ comes into your life. Revelation 3:20
- ▶ You become a child of God. John 1:12
- ▶ Your sins are forgiven. Colossians 1:14
- ▶ You have eternal life. I John 5:11-13
- ▶ You begin the adventure of knowing God personally. Philippians 3:8

Am I to *feel* different?

It is important to remember that we rely upon God's Word, not our feelings, as proof of our having Christ "within us."

“...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

“To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

Regularly **thank Christ** for coming into your **life**...
and be sure to tell someone else about what you have done.

“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 (I Corinthians 15:3-4; John 17:3).

Today I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and desire to obey Him as my Lord (John 1:12).

Date

Signature

How to **grow** in your **RELATIONSHIP** with God!

Talk to God about everything This is **PRAYER**
Philippians 4:6-7

Listen to God by reading the Bible This is **BIBLE STUDY**
Hebrews 4:12

Spend time with others who know God personally ... This is **FELLOWSHIP**
Hebrews 10:25

Help others to know God personally This is **DISCIPLE-MAKING**
Matthew 28:19-20

Let God daily direct your life This is **OBEDIENCE**
John 14:15

Does God seem very far away and impersonal?

This booklet can help you know Him in a very personal way... **He really cares for you.**

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