

## THE WAY OF SALVATION

### 1) GOD LOVES YOU AND OFFERS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

- **God's Love**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NRSV)***

- **God's Plan**

*[Christ] came that [you] may have life, and have it abundantly. **John 10:10 (NRSV)***

- **Why is it that most people are not experiencing that abundant (full and meaningful) life?**

### 2) HUMANS ARE SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR OUR LIFE.

- **Humanity is Sinful**

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23 (NRSV)***

*Humanity was created to have fellowship with God, but because of our own stubborn self-will, we chose to go our own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.*

- **Humanity is Separated from God**

*For the wages of sin is death [spiritual separation from God]. **Romans 6:23 (NRSV)***

### 3) JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION FOR THE SIN OF HUMANITY. THROUGH JESUS, YOU CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

- **Jesus Died in Our Place**

*But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 (NRSV)***

- **Jesus Rose from the Dead**

*Christ died for our sins...he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures...he appeared to [Peter], then to the twelve. Then he*

*appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters... 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (NRSV)*

- **Jesus is the Only Way to God**

*Jesus said... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NRSV)*

#### 4) WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD, THEN WE CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.

- **We Must Receive Christ**

*But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:12 (NRSV)*

- **We Receive Christ Through Faith**

*For by grace you have saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NRSV)*

- **When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth**

*Read John 3:1-8 (NRSV)*

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)*

- **We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation**

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Revelation 3:20 (NRSV)*