Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?

Just as there are physical laws that govern the universe so there are spiritual laws that govern your relationship with God.

1. **LAW ONE**
   **GOD LOVES YOU AND HE HAS CREATED YOU TO HAVE PERSONAL FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.**

   **God loves you**
   “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)

   **God wants to have personal fellowship with you**
   [Jesus said]: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

   "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

   Then why is it that so many people do not experience this personal relationship? Because...

2. **LAW TWO**
   **MAN IS SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD. SIN HAS DESTROYED FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN. THEREFORE, MAN CANNOT EXPERIENCE GOD’S LOVE.**

   **What is sin?**
   Man was created to live in fellowship with God; but, by his own choice, he decided what he should with his own life. Some live in open rebellion to God, others remain indifferent to His love. This is what the Bible calls sin.

   **Who has sinned?**
   “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
**What are the consequences of sin?**

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

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God.” (Isaiah 59:2)

God is holy and man in sinful. A great gulf separates the two. Man tries to build a bridge to get across it through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, religion, or by loving others. But all these attempts will not solve the original problem.

The third law gives us the solution …

**LAW THREE**

**JESUS IS THE ONLY SOLUTION PROVIDED BY GOD TO DEAL WITH THE SIN OF MAN. ONLY THROUGH HIM CAN YOU HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

**He died in your place**

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

**He rose from the dead**

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.” (Acts 2:32)

**Jesus is the only way**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

God sent his Son to die in your place for your sins. Jesus became the bridge to get across the gulf separating you from God and through Him you can go back to God and be forgiven for your sin. In this way God re-establishes his friendship with you again and so your new life begins.

It is not enough just to know these three laws…

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4 LAW FOUR
You can only have fellowship with God only if you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

“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)

You must receive Christ through faith
“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)

This fellowship is personal
Jesus said: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.” (Revelation 3:20)

To let Christ come into our lives means to stop living a life centered on self and direct our lives towards God, accepting in faith his forgiveness in Christ. It is not enough, however, to acknowledge intellectually this truth, or even react emotionally towards it. A decision that involves our will is needed.

Here are two different kinds of lives:
Life controlled by "me"
This person is in charge of his own life and Christ is left out of it. The dots in the circle represent different interests in his life. There is no personal relationship with God. This situation often results in lack of fulfillment, disappointment, no aim in life or frustration.

Life controlled by Christ
Christ is in charge of the person who, by trusting in God, has received forgiveness for sin. This person has submitted every aspect of his life to Christ. In this intimate relationship with God this person fulfills more and more the purpose of his life.

Which of these two circles represents your life?
What kind of life would you like?
The following explains how you can receive Christ.

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**You can give your life to Jesus Christ**

God knows you. He doesn’t mind how you express yourself. What matters to Him is how sincere your attitude is. You can put your trust in Him with these words:

“Lord Jesus, I am aware that up till now in my life I wanted to do things my own way. I have sinned against you. Thank you that you died for my sins. I ask you to come into my life as Saviour and Lord and to make me what You want me to be. Thank you that you have come into my life.”

Does this prayer express what you want to do?

If so, pray it right now and, according to His promise, Christ will come into your life.

Do you want to do it now?

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**How can you be sure that Christ is in your life?**

In Revelation 3:20, Christ Himself promises to enter if you open your heart to Him. You have done it. Where is Jesus now?

**Assurance of eternal life**

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son... He who has the Son has life... you who believe in the name of the Son of God... you... know that you have eternal life.”

(1 John 5:11-13)

On what can you rest your assurance that Jesus is in your life and that all this has happened to you?

On the promises of God that are to be found in His Word.

What part do your feelings play in all this?

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**It does not depend on feelings**

Feelings are part of our lives. They vary all the time and we cannot trust them. If we base our faith on our feelings, it will not be a sound faith. If we base it on the promises of God, which never change, our faith will be very sound.

The drawing that follows illustrates the relationship between Fact (God and His promises), Faith (our trust in God and in His word), Feelings (our emotional reaction to God’s promises).

The load cannot move the tractor nor its trailer. The tractor, however, can move and make the trailer follow it. In the same way, faith is working when it rests on the promises of God. Let us put our trust in His promises and not in our emotional reaction to these promises.

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**Hai la possibilità di affidare la tua vita a Gesù Cristo**

Dio ti conosce. Non gli importa come formuli le parole, conta solo la sincerità del tuo atteggiamento. Puoi esprimergli la tua fiducia con queste parole:

«Signore Gesù, mi rendo conto che finora nella mia vita ho voluto fare di testa mia, ho peccato contro di te. Grazie per essere morto per i miei peccati. Ti prego di venire nella mia vita come Salvatore e Signore e rendermi come Tu vuoi che io sia. Grazie per essere entrato nella mia vita».

Questa preghiera esprime il tuo desiderio?

Se sì, prega in questo momento e, secondo la Sua promessa, Cristo entrerà nella tua vita.

Vuoi farlo ora?

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**Come puoi essere certo che Cristo è nella tua vita?**

Nel brano di Apocalisse 3:20; Cristo stesso promette di entrare se uno gli apre il suo cuore. Tu l’hai fatto. Dov’è Gesù ora?

**Certezza della vita eterna**

«Dio ci ha dato la vita eterna, ce l’ha data mediante ilFiglio Suo, Gesù. Chi è unito al Figlio ha la vita.... Voi credete nel figlio di Dio: perciò.... avete la vita eterna».

(1 Giovanni 5:11-13)

Su che cosa si fonda la certezza che Gesù è nella tua vita e che tutto questo ti è accaduto?

Sulle promesse di Dio come sono contenute nella Sua Parola.

Che parte hanno i sentimenti?

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**Non dipendere dai sentimenti**

I sentimenti sono parte della nostra vita, variano moltissimo, non ci si può fidare di loro. Se fondiamo la nostra fede sui sentimenti non sarà una fede solida. Se la fondiamo sulle promesse di Dio che sono immutabili, la nostra fede sarà ben salda.

La vignetta illustra il rapporto fra fatto (Dio e le Sue promesse), fede (la nostra fiducia in Dio e nella Sua Parola), sentimento (la nostra reazione emotiva alle promesse di Dio).

Il carico non può far nulla per muovere il trattore o il rimorchio. Il trattore può muoversi e spostare il rimorchio col suo carico. Così la fede è operante quando è poggiate sulle promesse di Dio. Abbiamo fiducia delle Sue promesse e non delle nostre reazioni emotive a queste promesse.
What happens when you accept Jesus?

The moment you received Jesus, through an act of faith, this is what happened:

1. Through His Spirit, Jesus came into your life and He will never leave you. (Revelation 3:20; Hebrews 13:5c; 1 Corinthians 12:13)
2. Your sins have been forgiven. (Colossians 1:13-14)
3. You became a child of God and now you belong to His family. He is your Father and all those who received Jesus, like you, are your brothers. (John 1:12; Galatians 3:26)
4. You have started to fulfil yourself in your personal fellowship with God. (John 10:10; 2 Cor. 5:15-17)
5. You have received eternal life. (John 5:24)

What now?

Some practical advice for your life with Christ

Christian life is one of continual growth. Spiritual growth is a result of faith in Jesus Christ: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

Here is some advice as to what to do and how to do it:

- Read a passage from the Bible every day. You can start with the Gospel of John. (Acts 7:11)
- Speak with God every day in prayer. (John 15:5-7)
- Put into practice what you read from the Bible. (John 14:21)
- Live every day in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:16-17)
- Don’t keep your faith to yourself. Tell others what Jesus means for you now. Talk to others about your new life in Christ. (John 15:7; Mark 5:19)

The importance of Christian fellowship

The Bible describes the Christian community as the “Body of Christ”. Individual believers are members of this Body, the head is Christ. All members of the community are different from one another, each has his own gifts and all gifts mingle together. In Hebrews 10:25 the importance of fellowship with other believers is strongly stressed. An example may help you to understand this better. In a fireplace, different bits of coal all together produce a good flame, but if one of them is taken out and put aside it soon dies out. So it is of your relationship with other Christians. If you are not part of a Church where Christ is worshipped and His Word is preached clearly, don’t wait for someone to come and take you there, take the initiative yourself. Start meeting regularly with other people who have accepted Christ as their Saviour and are experiencing His love.

If this article has been helpful to you, please give it or read it to someone else. This way you might help another person come to know God personally.

Che cosa succede accettando Gesù?

Nel momento in cui, con un atto di fede, hai ricevuto Gesù, è successo che:

1. Per mezzo del Suo Spirito, Gesù è venuto nella tua vita e non ti lascerà più. (Apocalisse 3:20; Ebrei 13:5c; 1 Corinzi 12:13)
2. I tuoi peccati ti sono stati perdonati. (Colossesi 1:13-14)
3. Sei diventato figlio di Dio e appartieni alla Sua famiglia. È tuo Padre e tutti quelli che hanno ricevuto Gesù ti sono fratelli. (Giovanni 1:12; Galati 3:26)
4. Hai cominciato a realizzarti nel tuo rapporto personale con Dio. (Giovanni 10:10; 2 Corinzi 5:15-17)
5. Hai ricevuto la vita eterna. (Giovanni 5:24)

Ed ora?

Consigli pratici per una vita con Cristo

La vita cristiana è un crescere continuo. La crescita spirituale è una conseguenza della fede in Gesù Cristo: «Il giusto vivrà per fede». (Romani 1:17)

Eccoti alcuni consigli pratici sul come e cosa fare:

- Parla giornalmente con Dio in preghiera. (Giovanni 15:5-7)
- Metti in pratica quello che hai letto nella Bibbia. (Giovanni 14:21)
- Vivi tutti i giorni nella potenza dello Spirito Santo. (Galati 5:16-17)
- Non tenere la tua fede per te stesso. Di’ ad altri quale significafo Gesù ha ora per te. Parla con altri della tua vita nuova in Cristo. (Giovanni 15:7; Marco 5:19)

L'importanza della comunione cristiana

La Bibbia definisce la comunità cristiana «Corpo di Cristo». I singoli credenti sono le membra di questo Corpo, il capo è Cristo. I membri della comunità sono diversi uno dall’altro, ognuno ha i propri doni che si integrano a vicenda. In Ebrei 10:25 viene messo in risalto l’importanza della comunione con altri credenti. Un esempio può aiutare a capirla meglio. In una stufa più pezzi di carbone accesi formano un bel fuoco ma se un pezzo viene portato fuori e messo da parte, presto si spegne. Così è del tuo rapporto con altri cristiani. Se non fai parte di una chiesa nella quale Cristo è onorato e la Sua Parola predicata con chiarezza, non aspettare che qualcuno ti venga a cercare, prendi l’iniziativa di incontrarti regolarmente con altre persone che hanno accettato Cristo come Salvatore e stanno sperimentando il Suo amore.
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