

WOULD YOU LIKE TO

KNOW GOD

PERSONALLY?

THE FOLLOWING
4 PRINCIPLES WILL HELP
YOU DISCOVER HOW TO
KNOW GOD PERSONALLY AND
EXPERIENCE...

THE ABUNDANT

LIFE

HE PROMISED.



1

GOD LOVES YOU

AND CREATED YOU TO KNOW HIM
PERSONALLY.

HE HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR
YOUR LIFE.

GOD'S LOVE

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NIV)

GOD'S PLAN

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

*...What prevents us from
knowing God personally?*

2

PEOPLE ARE SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD, SO WE CANNOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY OR EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE AND PLAN.

PEOPLE ARE SINFUL

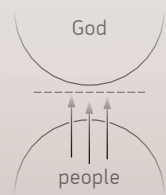
"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

People were created to have fellowship with God; but, because of our 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 evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

PEOPLE ARE SEPARATED

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

This diagram illustrates that God is holy and people are sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that people are continually trying to reach God and establish a personal relationship with Him through their own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion, but we inevitably fail.



The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

3

JESUS CHRIST IS
GOD'S ONLY PROVISION
FOR OUR SIN. THROUGH HIM ALONE
WE CAN KNOW GOD PERSONALLY AND
EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN.

HE DIED IN OUR PLACE

"But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

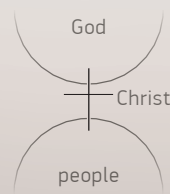
HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

"...Christ died for our sins...He was buried, He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'" (John 14:6)

This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.



It is not enough just to know these truths...