

PEACE WITH GOD

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Part One: The Problem

1. The Quest - "All mankind is crying out for guidance, for comfort, for peace."
2. The Bible - The codebook for where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going.
3. God - Creator: A Spirit – infinite, eternal, unchangeable
A Person – feels, thinks, wishes, desires
A Holy and Righteous Being – perfect, pure, just
Love – redemption, forgiveness, grace
4. Sin - "Lawlessness, iniquity, missing the mark, trespass, unbelief; the cause of all trouble, the root of all sorrow, the dread of every man"
5. The Devil - Lucifer – fallen angel Deceiver – father of lies
Satan – the accuser Enemy – the evil one
6. After Death – What? - "There are two deaths – one is physical, the other eternal."
It is far better to die once and live twice, than to live once and die twice.

Part Two: The Solution

7. Why Jesus Came - To bring the solution to the problem: to die on the cross for our sins, to make the way for our salvation, to rise to life to overcome death and make the way for eternal life
8. How And Where To Begin - "Conversion: love what you once hated, and hate what you once loved"
9. Repent - To turn away from sin, to change involving our intellect, emotion and will
10. Faith - Knowledge of what God has said (mind); believing God and loving Jesus as our Savior (heart); surrendering and committing to Christ (will); faith is evident in what we believe, in how we worship and in the way we live
11. The New Birth - Different attitude toward sin; want to obey God; separate from the world; new love for other people; do not engage in sinful practices
12. How To Be Sure - The work of Christ is a fact; Christ is the object of our faith, that we live out; we experience our faith by trusting Christ and receiving the fruit of the Spirit

Part Three: The Results

- 13. Enemies Of The Christian - The devil, the world and our flesh: need to be renounced by the Christian who is empowered by the Holy Spirit**
- 14. Rules Of The Christian Life - Read your Bible daily; learn the secret of prayer; rely constantly on the Holy Spirit; attend church regularly; be a witnessing Christian; let love be the ruling principle of your life; be an obedient Christian; learn how to meet temptation; be a wholesome Christian; live above your circumstances**
- 15. The Christian And The Church - The purpose of the church is to glorify God by our worship; for fellowship; for strengthening of faith; for a medium of service; a means of channeling funds for Christian work; for spreading the gospel; for humanitarianism**
- 16. Social Obligations Of The Christian - To be a good citizen; given to hospitality; have Christian attitude toward sex; have Christian view of marriage; have Christian view in labor-management relations; have Christian view on race relations; have Christian attitude in matters of economics; be concerned for suffering humanity; have a special obligation to fellow Christians**
- 17. The Future Of The Christian - "A Christian should live his life, in the constant anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ! We should live our lives in such a way as to be ready for it at any moment! Thy Kingdom come – this is the hope of the Christian!"**
- 18. Peace – At Last - "In Christ, we are relaxed and at peace in the midst of the confusions, bewilderments, and perplexities of this life. The storm rages, but our hearts are at rest. We have found peace – at last!"**