### I. GOD LOVES YOU and desires that you:

**1. Have eternal life with Him.**

“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

**2. Have an abundant and meaningful life.**

“Jesus said, ‘… I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.’” John 10:10

But most people aren’t experiencing a meaningful life and aren’t sure that they have eternal life because…

### II. Man has a SIN problem that SEPARATES him from GOD.

**1. Everyone has sinned. “**… For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God….” Romans 3:23

**2. The penalty for sin is DEATH. “**For the wages of sin is death….” Romans 6:23 (also ESV, NIV)

The Bible talks about two kinds of death. The first death is **physical**. The second death is **spiritual** or eternal separation from God.

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **Second Death**.” Revelation 21:8

**Since sin separates man from God, what is the solution to his problem?**

### III. JESUS CHRIST is God’s ONLY way to heaven.

**1. He is the ONLY way. “**Jesus said… ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” John 14:6

**2. He COMPLETELY PAID the penalty of your sins.**

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all your sins.” Colossians 2:13For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God….” 1 Peter 3:18

**IV. The RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST assures us of Eternal Life.**

**1.Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He was raised on the third day**

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” I Corinthians 15:3-4,

**2. His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior.**

“… Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord….” Romans 1:3-4

**3. Jesus promises Eternal Life.**

“Jesus said … ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die….’” John 11:25-26

**However, merely knowing what Jesus Christ has done for us is not enough.**

### IV. We must place our FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST to save us.

**1. You are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

To be saved by faith means to **TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE** to save you. Good works are not the means to salvation; rather, they are the byproducts or evidence of your salvation.

**2. Prove the sincerity of your faith by turning away from a life of sin.**

“I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. A person who genuinely asks for forgiveness will seek to change his ways.” Acts 26:20 (NIV)

God knows we are not perfect, but the sincerity of our faith will move us to live lives that show our gratitude to God for His free gift of heaven.

**You can pray this simple prayer to express your faith in Jesus Christ and to receive Him into your heart as your Lord and Savior. You only have to pray this prayer once, but with sincerity, because when He enters your life, he will never leave you.**

**PRAYER:** ***Lord, Jesus Christ… I admit I am sinner, I confess and I repent of all my sins. I believe by faith that You, Jesus, died for my sins, You were buried and You rose again from the dead. I claim Your promise of forgiveness and accept Your gift of eternal life. I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, I thank You for forgiving my sins and I thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.***



God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Love is action. God first loved us. God loves us unconditionally and meets our deepest needs. If we are to be Christ-like, we have to learn to love like Jesus does. How does Jesus show His love for us?

**Jesus’ love is Pro-Active.** A long history of rifts and social prejudice separated the Jews and Samaritans, so much so that Jews going up to Galilee from Judea avoided passing through Samaria. Also, Jewish men would never even speak to a Samaritan woman. Jesus is different. He cares for the lost. Jesus took the initiative and broke the racial barrier. He went to Samaria and started a conversation with a Samaritan woman.

It so happened that the woman He spoke with ha a bad reputation. She had had 5 husbands, and the man she was living with now was not even married to her. Why did Jesus spend time with her? Because God’s love does not discriminate. Whatever you’ve done in your past — your background, race, color, riches — these do not matter to Him. God will always take the initiative to speak with us. He first loved us. That’s how we are saved.

**Jesus’ love is Sensitive.** Jesus’ approach to the woman was very different from the way He approached Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a religious teacher and He was direct with him. This woman’s background was very different, so He used a gentler approach.

The Bible tells us to love both friends and enemies. Jesus teaches us to grow in love — not to judge others! We need to be sensitive to others’ needs. Parents love their children. Husbands love their wives. Sometimes, though, they don’t feel it. This happens when we don’t speak in our loved ones’ individual love language. We have to learn to be sensitive. We need to grow in love. We have to show love in action just like Jesus.

Many times, people cannot see their own sinfulness. To help the Samaritan woman see her sinfulness and need for Christ, Jesus talked to her about water. He knew she was thirsty and that’s why she went to the well. Jesus was thirsty, too. For the people living in the Middle East people, water is symbolic of life. If the stream is polluted, people go to the water source to solve it. It is the same with our lives. The solution is at the root. Jesus knows this. We are the product of our past. That is why people behave the way they do. We have to be sensitive and understand people. We all experience pain. The truth is, God uses pain to change us. It is during points of crises in our lives when we most realize our need for God.

Jesus knew the Samaritan woman had problems. He broke social barriers. He initiated a conversation. He spoke to her gently. But He didn't stop there.

**Jesus Speaks the truth in love.** Jesus did not tell the Samaritan woman, “Your problem is that you are immoral. You have been stealing husbands, you adulteress!” Jesus chose to be gentle.

Jesus knows about that deep hunger in your heart the same way He knew about the Samaritan woman’s. She was longing for something, and when she couldn’t find it in her husband, she went for another. And another. And another. She was trying to fill her need with relationships. But only Jesus could meet her need.

We have a thirst deep inside us and we went to other things to fill that need. Money, career, food, relationships, position, power, fame, etc. These are idols in life. It’s like quenching our thirst with sea water. We only get thirstier and more miserable. Jeremiah 2:13 says, *“For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me — the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”* Nothing can take God’s place.

Jesus said, *"If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water. Anyone who drinks water from this well will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life" (John 4:10, 13-14). The Samaritan woman wanted this water, and Jesus asked her to call her husband. The woman responded, “I have no husband.” Jesus replied, “You're right! You don't have a husband — for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth” (John 4:15-18)!*

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**Romans 5:8**

**God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

*At this point, the woman tried to change the topic. The topic got too close to her heart and exposed her sinfulness. So she talked about religion. The Samaritans only had the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. They did not have the rest of it. Jesus told the woman the truth: God is spirit. If you want to change your life you have got to know who God is and come to Him in spirit and truth. If you want to come to God, be sincere from the heart and be honest. You were made for God, created for the Creator. Only He can satisfy you. Come to Him.*

*Jesus said, “I AM the Messiah.”*

*You cannot come to God unless you are willing to sincerely come to Him, honestly confess your idolatries, and acknowledge Him to be your Messiah. This is God’s promise: “There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). That’s exactly what the Samaritan woman experienced. She met the Savior. She ran off and began telling people about the amazing thing He has done for her.*

*If you have Christ, you will be just as excited to tell others about Him. You will P.A.S.S. on His love to others by being pro-active, sensitive, and by speaking the truth in love.*

*If you don’t have Christ yet, realize that He loves you. He loved you first, and He loves you unconditionally. It is no accident you are reading this Chronicle today. Jesus has been reaching out to you all your life. Will you respond to Him in Spirit and in truth? If you do, He will become for you a fountain of living water. He will satisfy your deep thirst. He will give you eternal life. Come to Jesus.*

## *John 4:1-42*

*4:1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

*7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”*

*16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”*

*27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.*

*31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”*

*39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” (*[*ESV*](http://www.esv.org)*)*

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