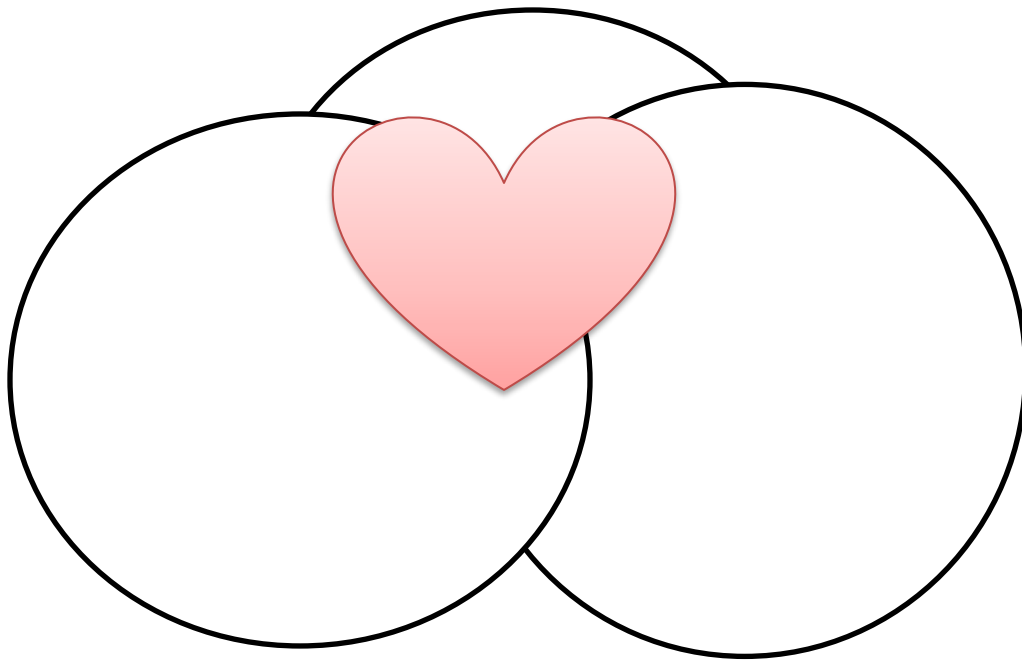


# SPRINGFIELD GARDENS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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### **HOW TO \_\_\_\_\_ THAT CHRIST IS IN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_**

Did you receive Christ into your life? According to His promise in Revelation 3: 20, where is Christ right now in relation to you? Christ said that He would come into your life. Would He mislead you? On what authority do you know that God has answered your prayer? (The trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word.)

### **THE BIBLE PROMISES \_\_\_\_\_ TO ALL WHO RECEIVE CHRIST**

***'And the witness is this that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He, who has the Son, has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you that believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you know that you have eternal life'*** ( I John 5: 1-13).

Thank God often that Christ is in your life and that He will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5). You can know on the basis of His promise that Christ lives in you and that you have eternal life, for, the very moment you invite Him in. He will not deceive you.

### **NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST**

The moment that you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

1. Christ came into your \_\_\_\_\_ ( Revelation 3:20 and Colossians 1:27)
2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 1: 14)

3. You became a child of God (John 1:12)
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life (John 5:24)
5. You began the great \_\_\_\_\_ for which God created you (John 10:10; 2 Corinthians 5: 17 and I Thessalonians 5: 18).

Can you think of anything more wonderful that could happen to you than receiving Christ? Would you like to thank God in prayer right now for what He has done for you? By thanking God, you demonstrate your faith.

### **To enjoy your new life to the fullest:**

- G. \_\_\_\_\_ to God in \_\_\_\_\_ daily (John 15: 7)
- R. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ daily (Acts 17: 11) – begin with the Gospel of John
- O. \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ (John 114: 210)
- W. \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ by your life and word (Matthew 4: 19; John 15:8)
- T. \_\_\_\_\_ God for every detail of your life ( I Peter 5:7)
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ – allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5: 1617; Acts 1:8).



[The Four Spiritual Laws booklet](#) and techniques listed here on how to use it are designed to enable Christians to be more effective in their witness for Christ. We do not claim that this particular presentation is the only way to introduce others to Christ, nor even the best way. It should be remembered that it is the Holy Spirit who draws individuals to Christ by using men, methods and materials to communicate His truths. Millions of men and women in most countries of the world have prayed to receive Christ through the direct, simple presentation of the gospel contained in this booklet. Approximately one billion copies have been distributed in all of [the major languages of the world](#).

## Why Witness?

1. It brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God -- [John 15:8](#).
2. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us to witness -- [Matthew 4:19](#); [John 15:16](#).
3. Men are \_\_\_\_\_ without Christ -- [1 John 5:11,12](#).
4. Men are receptive to the \_\_\_\_\_ in most countries. Hundreds of thousands of surveys taken throughout the world indicate that an average of one out of two to one out of four, depending on the country, will receive Christ the first time they hear the good news of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and forgiveness -- [Colossians 1:6](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:5](#).

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## **1. Recognizing the advantages of the Four Spiritual Laws presentation.**

Realize that the Four Spiritual Laws represent the basic truths of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These Four Laws contain the Word of God, which He has promised will never return void.

- a. Realize that as those who have ----- to receive Christ have learned how to live in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit and to present the good news of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ shown in the Four Spiritual Laws, many thousands have become consistently fruitful in their witness for our Savior.
- b. Realize the benefits of using the Four Spiritual Laws presentation.

1. It can be used to open the \_\_\_\_\_. You can simply say, "Have you heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_?"
2. It begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ note: "God loves you."
3. It presents the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ clearly.
4. It includes an \_\_\_\_\_ to receive Christ.
5. It offers \_\_\_\_\_ for growth.
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7. It gives you \_\_\_\_\_ because you know what are going to \_\_\_\_\_ and how you are \_\_\_\_\_ to say it.
8. It \_\_\_\_\_ you to stay on the ----- -- to control the conversation.
9. It makes it \_\_\_\_\_ for you to be brief.
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## 2. Introducing the Four Spiritual Laws Booklet.

Following are several statements that have been used effectively in introducing the Four Spiritual Laws:

1. "Have you \_\_\_\_\_ of the Four Spiritual Laws?"
2. "Would you \_\_\_\_\_ me by giving me your \_\_\_\_\_ of the Four Spiritual Laws?"
3. When you believe someone may be a \_\_\_\_\_ but are not really sure, you could say, "I have been a Christian for years but I have just recently found a way to express my faith that really makes sense. I would like to share it with you. Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?"

### 3. Presenting the Four Spiritual Laws.

- a. **Breathe spiritually.** Exhale the impure (confess your sin, [1 John 1:9](#)) and inhale the pure (surrender the control of your life to Christ, [Ephesians 5:18](#), and appropriate the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith, [1 John 5:14,15](#)).
- b. **Be sensitive** to an individual's interest and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The simplest way to explain the Four Spiritual Laws is to read the booklet aloud. However, be careful not to allow the presentation to become mechanical. Remember, you are not just sharing principles -- you are introducing the person to Christ. The Four Spiritual Laws are simply a tool to help you effectively communicate the gospel. Pray for God's love to be expressed through you.

- c. When questions **arise** that would change the subject, explain that most questions are answered as you go through the Four Spiritual Laws. Or say, "That's a good question. Let's talk about it after we have completed reading the Four Spiritual Laws."
- d. Be **sensitive** to the individual. If there seems to be no response, stop and ask, "*Is this making sense?*"
- e. Hold the booklet so that it can be **seen** clearly. Use a **pen** to **focus** on key points. This will help hold attention.
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  - 1. Make another **appointment** if he is interested.
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#### **4. Encouraging a person to pray to receive Christ.**

After presenting the Four Spiritual Laws, you will want to encourage the one with whom you have shared the "good news" to receive Christ. Do not hesitate to provide a specific opportunity to do so. Many times one who has previously appeared to be rather indifferent will want to pray when he is confronted with the definite opportunity to ask Jesus Christ to be Savior and Lord of his life.

Therefore:

- a. After presenting Law Four, be sure to ask the questions.
- b. Explain how one can receive Christ through prayer.
- c. Read the prayer aloud.
- d. Ask, "Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?"
- e. Say, "If it does, you may wish to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as he promised." (Pause at this time for prayer. Make sure that people with whom you are sharing can see the prayer to read it.)
- f. If the person hesitates to pray aloud, ask, "Would you like to repeat the prayer after me as I read it?"
- g. Pray

- h. If the person wishes to pray silently, you may suggest that he close his prayer with an audible "Amen" so that you know when to begin your prayer.
- i. If the person is not yet ready to pray, simply tell him that one day you believe he will want to receive Christ and you would like him to know how to do so. Then ask if he understands how to receive Christ.

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- a. Ask the questions.
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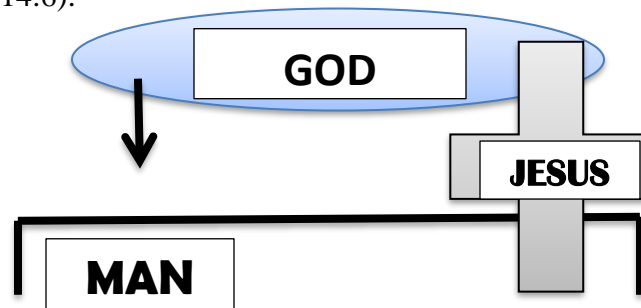
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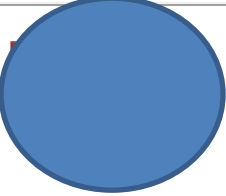
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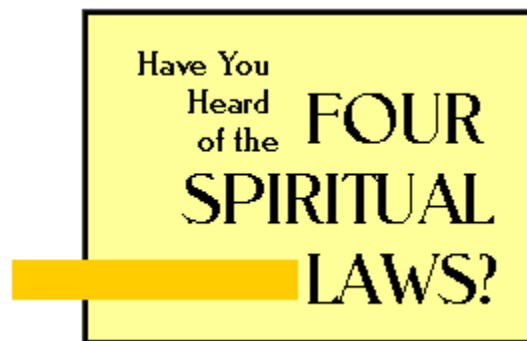
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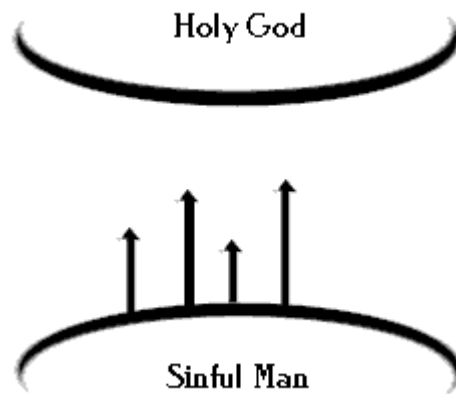
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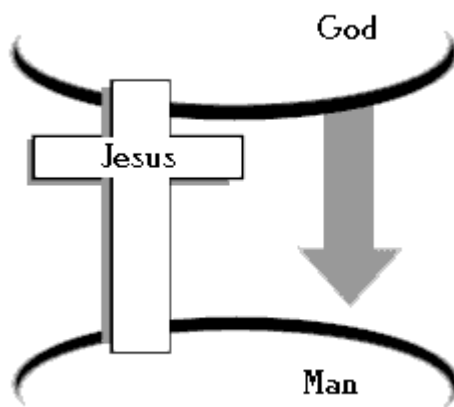
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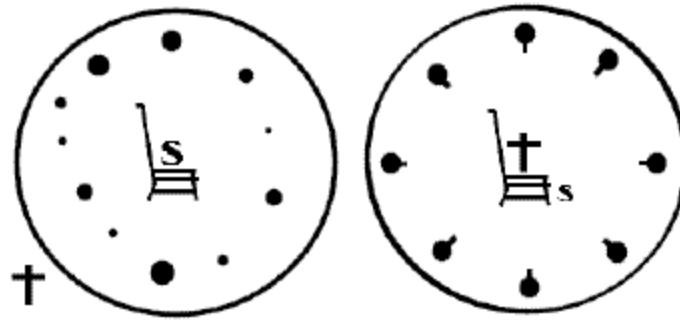
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