

# The Four Spiritual Laws

Many of you have heard of the Four Spiritual Laws of Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ:

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life (John 3:16; 10:10).
2. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life (Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3 - 6; John 14:6).
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives (John 1:12; 3:1 - 8; Eph. 2:8 - 9; Rev. 3:20).

Here, I humbly submit my own alternate version:

1. God loves you and everything that happens is part of God's plan for your life. According to Prov. 16:9, "*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*" Even our bad choices are part of God's plan.
2. Man thinks he is separated from God. Therefore, he doesn't always know and experience God's love and plan for his life. According to Romans 6:23, "*the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is age-abiding life.*" This verse has nothing to do with life after the death of the physical body. It refers to our awareness of and relationship with the God within all of us, our true spiritual selves. To be alive spiritually is to be connected with God in our conscious awareness.
3. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, showed us how we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. He demonstrated to us that although God's plan for us includes suffering and physical death, God never leaves us nor forsakes us. In order for us to be born again spiritually, we must first experience death. According to John 12:24, "*unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*"
4. If we obey Christ and follow his teachings and example, we can experience spiritual life in the here and now, not just after we die physically. According to 1 John 5:12, "*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*" Just as separation from God is an illusion, so it is with God's wrath. The experience of rejection by God, or spiritual death, may be replaced with the abundant life for those who believe in Christ and follow his teachings.