

Article of English Corner Discussion

1. Article 4 - 6: Have you heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?

Just as there are physical laws that govern the physical universe (for example, the universal gravitation and the three laws of motion discovered by Isaac Newton), so are the spiritual laws which govern our relationship with God. Briefly, we can conclude that there are four laws.

LAW ONE: GOD LOVES YOU, AND OFFERS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

We can tell how much God loves us from the Bible: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish (死亡) but have eternal life” (永生) (John 3:16). God not only loves us, He also has a wonderful plan (奇妙的计划) for everyone’s life. Jesus says: “I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly (美满) (John 10:10)” Most of the people may not feel God’s love and not experiencing (经历) the abundant life as Jesus mentioned, why? Let’s look at law two.

LAW TWO: MAN IS SINFUL AND HAVE SEPARATED FROM GOD

Man was created (被创造) to have fellowship (友情) with God, but because of his stubborn self-will (顽固任性), he chose to go his own independent way (偏行己路). This attitude of rebellion (任性的态度) is what the Bible calls sin (圣经所说的罪, 道德离开神的罪). Sin is different from crime (刑事的罪). A person may not commit any crime, but can have many sins in his life. They have become filled with every kind of evil (邪恶), wickedness (罪恶), greed (贪心) and depravity (坠落), full of envy (忌妒), murder (谋杀), strife (分争), deceit (欺骗) and malice (怨恨).

Although they know God’s righteous decree (公义的命令) that those who do such things deserve death (该从), but they not only continue to do these very things but also approve (赞成) of those who practice them.” According to the Bible, that all the people have sinned against God (世人都犯了罪).

Because of sin, man is separated from God spiritually (灵性与神隔绝), which is called spiritual death (灵性的死). Man is continually trying to reach God (到达神) and through his own efforts (自己努力), such as a good deeds (好行为), philosophy (哲学) or religion (宗教), but they can not reach God by their own efforts because of their sins. Then how can people do with their sins?

LAW THREE: JESUS CHRIST IS GOD’S ONLY PROVISION FOR MAN’S SIN.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (被圣灵怀孕) and came to this world, he never sinned (无罪的), yet he died on the cross (十字架) to pay the penalty (刑罚) for our sins. He was buried for three days, and resurrected (复活) from the dead. After that he appeared (显现) to many people at different occasions (场合). Jesus said “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me (John 14:6)**”. God has bridged (连结) the gulf (鸿沟) which separated us from God by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place (替代你我) to pay the penalty for our sins. Through this only bridge we can come to know and experience God’s love (经历神的爱) and his plan for us. A person may understand the first three laws very easily on the knowledge basis (知识方面), but this is not enough if you want to experience God’s love and plan for you.

LAW FOUR: WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD

We receive Christ through faith (信心). The Bible says again, “For by grace (恩典) you have been saved (得救) through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works (行为), that no one should boast (以弗所书 2:8-9)”. Receiving Christ involves turning from self to God (repentance) and trusting (信靠) Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and to make us the kind of person he wants us to be.

Conclusion: If you want to receive Christ, you can open your heart, and pray to Him. The following is a suggested prayer: “Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I receive you as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be. Amen”. If you prayed with this prayer, congratulations. You are having a new life and experiencing the love and plan God prepared for you.

2. Discussions:

1. Have you heard the “four spiritual laws” before? What do you think?
2. Why do we have to believe in Jesus?
3. Is “Do good and shun (避开) evil” good enough to enter the kingdom of God?