

THE JOURNEY THAT LEADS TO THE MESSIAH (read this before you look at the Spiritual Journey Chart)

Religion is man's search for God. Christianity is God's search for man. Christianity is not a philosophy or a set of dos and don'ts. Christianity is a relationship; a very personal relationship, one-on-one, with God Himself. And, just like a human relationship, when you're in it you know it.

This page is designed to walk you through your own personal spiritual journey to help you see where you've been, where you are, where you would like to be, and how to get there.

There are two charts below. Print them out so that you can mark them. Both charts are diagnostic in nature to help you understand about where you are in your life regarding spiritual matters. It is amazing how most of us go through life without rigorously evaluating ourselves in a brutally honest manner. These two charts will help.

1. The first chart is the "Spiritual Journey Self-Evaluation Chart." Through the years of your own life, there may be times when you felt particularly close, particularly distant, or particularly neutral toward God. Think back over the years and do a graph to reflect, year by year as best as you can recall, your feelings toward God. Think through specific instances and occurrences that lie behind your evaluation. Do this slowly, considering memories and feelings as best as you can remember them. Notice the connection between things that happened to you and your feelings toward God. What brought you closer and what took you farther away? After you get to the current year, look back over the ups and downs reflected in your graph. Consider your life thus far. Where do you stand with God? Do you know Him? Have you ever really experienced Him personally?
2. The second chart is entitled the "Change Chart." It does not look to the past, but only to the present. What are your current short-comings? Where are you missing the mark? Go through each item and check off the areas in which you miss the mark. At the end, look back over the list and note the nature of various ways that you have gone off target. Ask yourself, "Is it right that I do these things and think this way"?

After filling out both charts, take a look back over them and ask, "Is this where I want to be; is this where I want to stay"? If your answer is "yes," then read no further. If your answer is "no," then you may find help in going to the next step, "The Roman Road" that immediately follows the two charts. This is your life: