

### Step 3

Jesus Christ died on the cross and then rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin to bridge the gap between God and people.

#### The Bible Says...

*"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*

-1 Timothy 2:5

*"For Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."*

-1 Peter 3:18

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

-Romans 5:8

### Step 4

We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

#### The Bible Says...

*"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."*

-John 1:12

*"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

-Romans 10:9

### Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior). It's just that simple.

*"Repent and believe the Good News!"*

-Mark 1:15

### A Suggested Prayer

*"Lord Jesus Christ, I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But, I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. Lord Jesus, come into my life; take control of my life; forgive my sins and save me. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my salvation. I accept Your free gift of eternal life. Amen."*

If this prayer is the sincere desire of your heart, look at what Jesus promises to those who believe in Him:

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life."*

John 6:47

*"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

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:

1. Read your Bible every day to know Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached.
5. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.

If you have appropriated the GOOD NEWS you have just read, please let us know. We want to rejoice in what God has done in your life and help you to grow spiritually.

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## Have You Heard

# The Good News?

## The “Good News” Company

At Macy’s, we love to share good news with our customers. Since 1989, Macy’s has provided termite inspections for real estate transactions (WDO reports) with excellence. Although many pest control companies avoid WDO’s because of perceived liability, inherent hassles, and a low return on investment, Macy’s considers a WDO inspection as an opportunity to share Good News. Our news is good whether or not the inspection reveals termites in your home. If we find termites, we have Good News! The seller will usually pay for treatment and the buyer remains protected through an ongoing warranty. If we don’t find termites, that’s Good News, and we offer to protect your home from potential future termite damage.

In 2006, Macy’s became the leader in green pest management in Florida. More Good News: we can solve all of your pest problems with Organic, natural solutions to protect your environment. Children, pets, anyone with allergies and expectant mothers are all safe using our Eco-Superior methods. But, the Good News doesn’t stop there. In a time where there isn’t nearly enough good news reported, we have news that is much better than protection from pests.

## Dean’s “Good News” Story

I was born into a Christian family where I watched 3 generations of ancestry lead the musical worship at church by singing into a microphone on the platform. At an early age, I chose to accept the forgiveness offered by Jesus Christ and follow Him, and I made good life choices accordingly. However, in my late teens, I intentionally put God on a shelf with a promise to return after I had experienced many of the things I was told to never do.

During my senior year in college, two events caused me to reevaluate my life and my decision to shelve God. First, the girl I hoped to marry broke up with me because she saw no future for her with a man who was not living what he said he believed. Second, I was at fault in a head on collision that totaled both vehicles and could have ended my life. During my recovery, as I was reading the Bible, God reminded me in James 4:14 that it is presumptuous of me to put Him on a shelf, because I don’t even know where I’ll be tomorrow.

The realization that I’d been given a second chance at life and knowing that Terri was the one for me drove me to my knees in repentance to receive God’s forgiveness. As promised in His Word, He forgave me and I returned to following Him with a fresh start. I’ve never gotten over it or looked back – Good News indeed!

Terri and I married in 1982 and have two sons, Adam and Kyle. I began my career in pest control in 1990 and became a partner with John Macy in 1996. John retired in 1998 and I became the sole owner of Macy’s Termite & Pest Control Company. At that same time, I was leading worship at our church as a volunteer with many people encouraging me to do so full time.

A close friend and mentor challenged me to operate the business as a “platform for ministry.” I had a vivid mental image of doing ministry from a church platform, but had no idea how to translate that to my business. I couldn’t get the idea out of my mind and began to explore what ministry through business might look like.

During a time of prayer and asking God for direction, He revealed to me that I would reach more people with the Good News of His love and forgiveness through the business than I ever would by singing in a microphone on a platform. This thought inspires me every morning. While serving our customers, we often get the chance to share the Good News of God’s love and grace as described in Acts 20:24. Doing so fulfills our purpose and eternal mission.

Through Macy’s Pest Control, I work to fulfill God’s invitation to spend my life for a purpose that has eternal significance, sharing His Good News. What is His Good News? Read on and I hope that you too will be forever changed by it!



## Step 1

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life - abundant and eternal.

### The Bible Says...

*“We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
-Romans 5:1

*“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

-John 3:16

*“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” - Jesus*

-John 10:10

## Step 2

God created us in His own image to have abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today, resulting in separation from God.

### The Bible Says...

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*  
-Romans 3:23

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

-Romans 6:23