

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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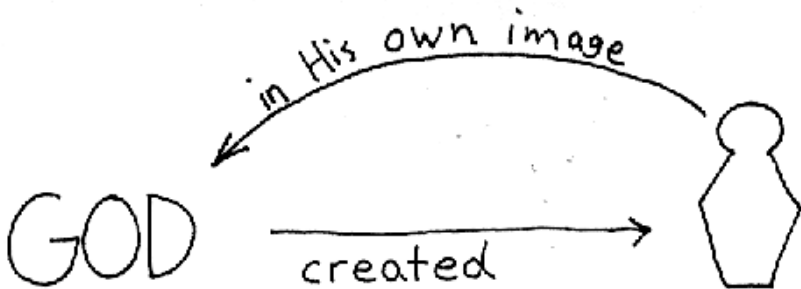
ALL HAVE SINNED

God created man...

**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
*Genesis 1:1***

**So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God created he him;
male and female created he them.
*Genesis 1:27***

In the beginning, God who made the heavens and the earth, made man in His own image. Earlier, God had made the planets, trees, fish, birds, and all land creatures, but only man was created in God's image.

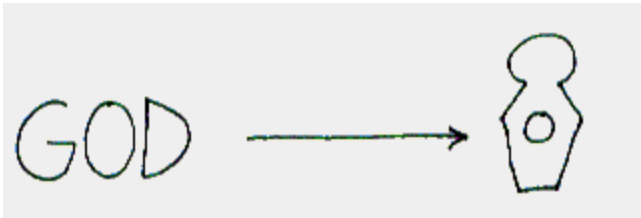


Man was a living soul...

**And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and man became a living soul.**

Genesis 2:7

Man was unique in all God's creation in that He breathed into man. God made man different from the animals in that He not only had a physical body, but he also had a living soul.



God's one command...

And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

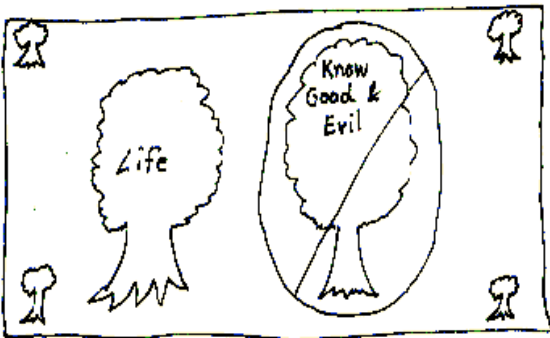
And the Lord God took the man and
put him into the garden of Eden
to dress it and to keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man,
saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou
shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:9, 15-17

God planted a garden in the land of Eden containing many different varieties of trees. In the middle of the garden there were two prominent trees called the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said that they could eat from all the beautiful fruit trees, with one exception. Concerning one of the two prominent trees in the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God said **"DO NOT EAT!"** Not only did God prohibit man from eating of the tree, but promised that in the very day that he ate of it, he would surely die.



eat = death

Man disobeyed God...

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:6

After being deceived and persuaded by the serpent, she ate the fruit. Seeing the beauty of the tree and its fruit, and believing that she would be wise, she ate of it and then gave some to her husband and he also ate.

But remember, God had said...

"in the day that you eat of it" => "you shall surely die"

Adam did eat => did he die?

what saith the scripture?

Romans 4:3a

Did he die?

**And the eyes of them both were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together,
and made themselves aprons.**

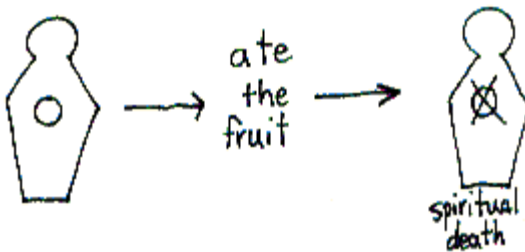
Genesis 3:7

So did they die? Their eyes were opened and they sewed themselves aprons. Physically they were alive and well. It is obvious from this passage that Adam and Eve did not die physically. However, God had said very clearly,

"in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"

Genesis 2:17

They did die!



Man's spiritual death...

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife **hid** themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

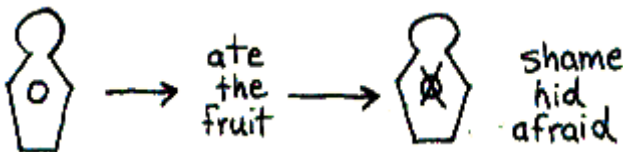
And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:8-10

Please notice that before they disobeyed God the scripture declares in Genesis 2:25 that

"they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed".

Now, after eating the forbidden fruit, they knew that they were naked and made aprons, they hid themselves from God's presence, and Adam was afraid when the Lord called. Something had definitely happened to them only it was not physical. The change was on the inside. Yes, they did die, just as God had promised; however, it was not a physical death, but rather a spiritual death (Ephesians 2:5, Colossians 2:13).



In another place the Bible says:

And you... who were dead...

Ephesians 2:1

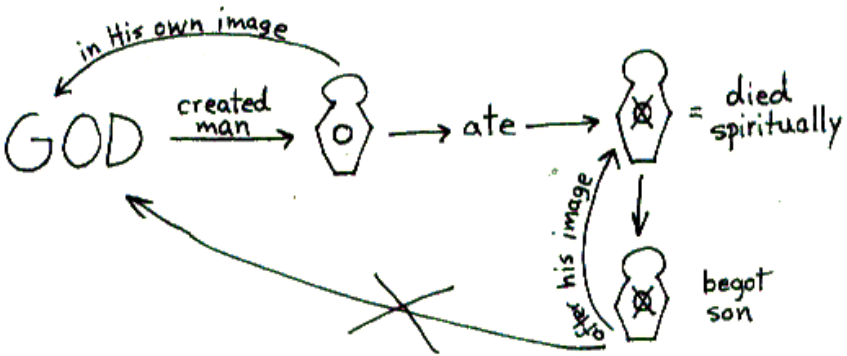
...you, being dead...

Colossians 2:13

What about Adam's son?

**And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years,
and begat a son in his own likeness,
after his image; and called his name Seth:
Genesis 5:3**

When Adam gave birth to his son, it is written that the child was born in the likeness and image of his father, Adam.



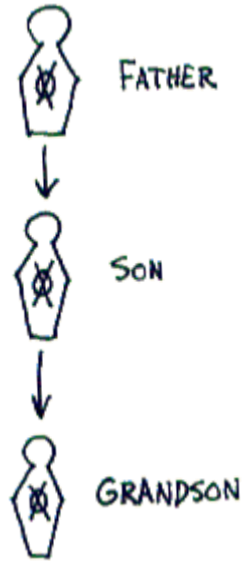
Adam was created in the image of God. Seth was born in the image and likeness of his father Adam, who had become spiritually dead. Therefore, Seth, too, was spiritually dead from birth.

The same is true of all men

In order to understand more about what happened, we must go to Romans 5:12:

**Wherefore, as by one man
sin entered into the world,
and death by sin;
and so death passed upon all men,
for that all have sinned:
*Romans 5:12***

Through one man, Adam, sin entered into the world. The result was spiritual death, and this spiritual death then passed to all men so that every human being, every descendant of Adam, comes into the world spiritually dead.



The same is true for you

Concerning Adam's descendants after he rebelled against God, please consider these three verses: offense

But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be DEAD, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
Romans 5:15

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to CONDEMNATION; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
Romans 5:18

For as by one man's disobedience many were made SINNERS, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
Romans 5:19

Not only are physical descendants of Adam spiritually DEAD, but they are also CONDEMNED and called by God in the scripture SINNERS. Please notice, however, that this condition did not come about by one's own disobedience. The scripture says:

through the offense of one we are dead
by the offense of one we are condemned
by one man's disobedience we are sinners

If our connection to Adam
makes us DEAD spiritually...

If our connection to Adam
makes us CONDEMNED...

If our connection to Adam
makes us a SINNER, then



When did we become tied to Adam?

The answer is AT CONCEPTION.

**Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
Psalm 51:5

At the very moment of conception, we are connected to Adam. We have two eyes, a nose, and according to the Scriptures -- a dead spirit. So every one of us, when we are conceived, become, at that moment, a member of the human race, a descendant of Adam, and a ...

... DEAD, CONDEMNED, SINNER.

It is written...

This is what God says about man, in his natural state, being born after Adam:

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are **all** gone aside, they are **all** together become filthy: there is **none** that doeth good, no, **not one**.

Psalm 14:2-3

For there is **not a just man** upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

All we like sheep have gone astray...

Isaiah 53:6a

But **we are all** as an unclean thing, and **all** our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and **we all** do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isaiah 64:6

As it is written, There is **none** righteous, no, **not one**: There is **none** that understandeth, there is **none** that seeketh after God. They are **all** gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is **none** that doeth good, no, **not one**.

Romans 3:10-12

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ.

Ephesians 2:2,3,5a

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh...

Colossians 2:13a

How then have we sinned?

1

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Exodus 20:2

Certainly, false religions would break this law, but consider a couple of other ways that it might be broken.

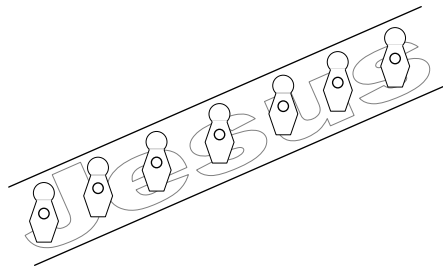
“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For, if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus...”

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

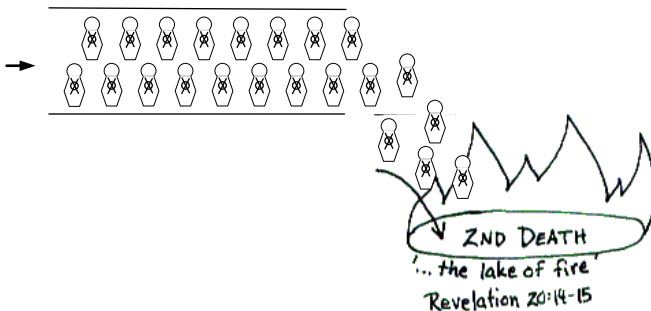
When we follow God according to our own understanding and not according to the Bible, we have another god (although called by the same name) before the true God of the Bible.

“Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and many there be which go in there at: because strait is the gate and narrow the way which leadeth unto life. and few there be that find it... Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’”
Matthew 7:13-14, 22-23

Jesus - The Way (Narrow) to Life

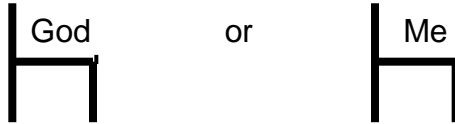


Broad Way – Wide Gate – False Christianity



The person that lives, their life for themselves?

**“In those days, there was no king
in Israel: every man did that which
was right in his own eyes.”
*Judges 21:15***



If one has lived doing what is right in his own eyes, he has put himself in the place of God.

2

**“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven
image or any likeness of anything that is
in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath
or that is in the water under the earth.”
*Exodus 20:4***

While this definitely pertains to idols, there are some other things that would fit here: Religious icons/relics ; Anything that I have honored/served before God (cars, golf, hunting, shopping, music, art, TV/movies, other people, American Idol etc.)

3

***“Thou shalt not take the Name of
the Lord thy God in vain.”
Exodus 20:7***

While swearing using God’s Name is included in this command, there are many more areas that it deals with.

The word “vain” means “in nothingness”; that is, not with honor or reverence. So, anytime God’s Name is used without honor and reverence, it is taken in vain. Have you ever been frustrated and said, “God!” or “Jesus!”?

4

***“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy...
In it thou shalt not do any work.”
Exodus 20:8, 10***

According to this commandment, one day each week should be set aside as holy to the Lord and we are to do no work.

5

***“Honor thy father and thy mother.”
Exodus 20:12***

This command is simple and clear. If I have cursed my mother or father even in my heart, I have broken this.

6

“Thou shalt not kill.”
Exodus 20:13

Jesus said, “Ye have heard that it was said, ‘Thou shalt not kill;’ and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of judgment: but I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.”
Matthews 5:21-22

So, hatred of my brother is equated to killing.

7

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”
Exodus 20:14

Jesus said “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”
Matthew 5:28

8

“Thou shalt not steal.”
Exodus 20:15

This would include little things also, like a pencil, piece of candy, or answers on a test.

9

**“Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbor.”**

Exodus 20:16

Don't lie.

10

**“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house,
his wife, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any
thing that is thy neighbor's. “**

Exodus 20:17

A selfish desire for things.

If a person is honest, he will see and admit to have broken every one of these in one way or another. However, if he is not convinced...

**“For whosoever shall keep the
whole law, and yet offend in
one point, he is guilty of all.”**

James 2:10

All have sinned...

In conclusion, all who are members of the human race are:

- **spiritually dead**
- **condemned**
- **sinner**

We are, indeed, in need of a Saviour!

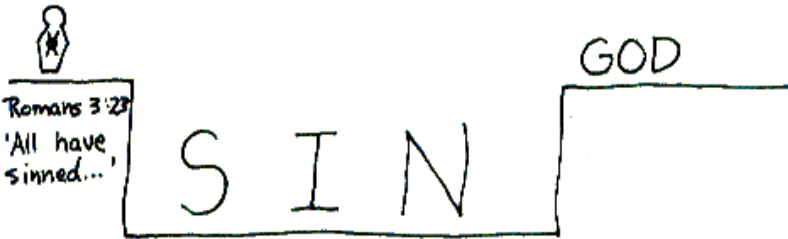
THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

Sin separates us from God

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Isaiah 59:2

Because man is a sinner by nature and sin separates God and man, we can illustrate separation from God like this:



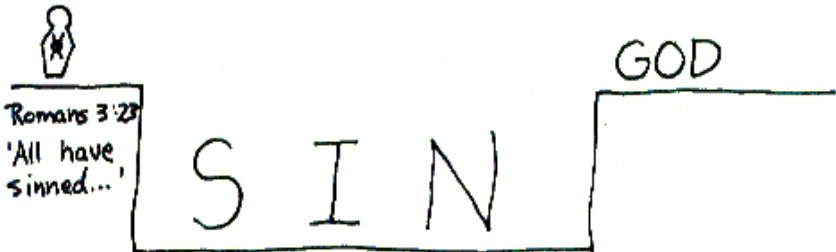
All have sinned

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
Romans 3:23

Since our dead, condemned condition is a result of Adam's disobedience, then this truth is universal. Regardless, of one's race, religion, or socioeconomic status, it is still true that

ALL HAVE SINNED...

The condition of the whole human race can be summed up like this:



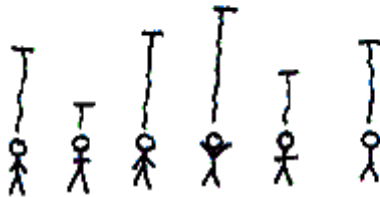
All fall short...

**"For all have sinned, and
come short of the glory of God;"
Romans 3:23**

Because EVERY human being is born a descendant of Adam and, thereby, a dead, condemned, sinner, they ALL, EVERYONE, fall short of God's expectation.

The Glory of GOD

'All... come short



The Judge of the Law

“God is a just judge and is angry with the wicked all every day.”

Psalm 7:11

“An unjust man is an abomination to the just ...”

Proverbs 29:27

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”

Proverbs 28:9

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity...”

Habakkuk 1:13

“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27

“... for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”

Ephesians 5:6b

“The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night ...”
Revelation 14:10-11a

If God is a just judge, and
if all men will face judgment, and
if we are guilty of breaking His laws, and
if the penalty of breaking these laws is death,
then what is our outcome?

In this world, if a convicted murderer stands before a just judge, will he be allowed to go free if he says, “I am sorry,” “I’ll never do it again,” “I repent,” etc.?

NO!

He is guilty and he will pay the requirement of the law. In the same way, we are guilty and must pay the requirement of God’s law. This being so, what is the penalty for breaking God’s law?

The wages of sin is death

**"For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord."
*Romans 6:23***

This verse tells us that the wages, or the consequences of sin, is death. At this point we need to identify just what "death" means. Death is used to describe our dead spiritual condition, as in

**"Even when we were dead in sins..."
*Ephesians 2:5***

However, here in Romans 6:23, death is used to describe an eternal death as in

**"...This is the second death..."
*Revelation 20:14-15***

The second death

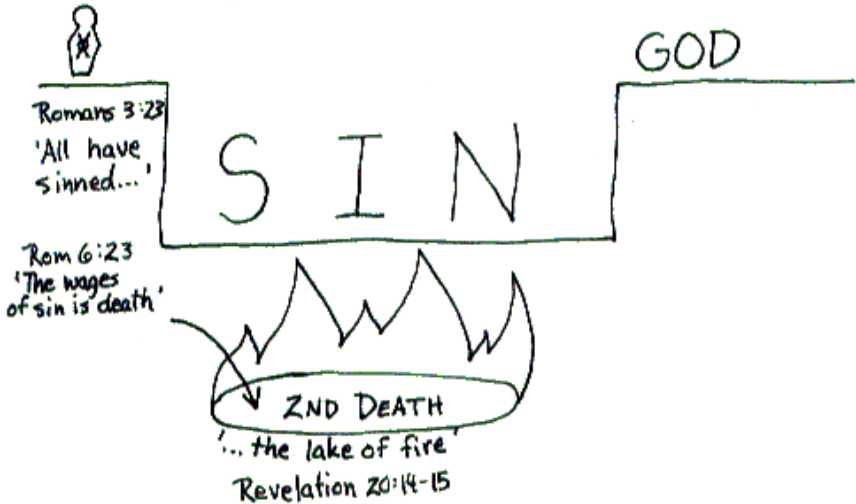
And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15

Everyone who is still dead spiritually when they die, everyone
not written in the book of life, will be cast into the lake of fire.



So, when the Scripture says

"... the wages of sin is death..."

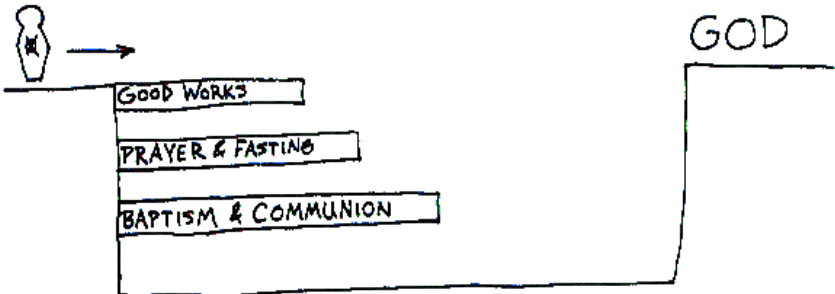
Romans 6:23

it is referring to this death, that is, THE SECOND DEATH, the
lake of fire.

Our Filthy Rags

Most people, sensing their need for God, try to "do something" to make themselves right with God. They try to build a bridge to eliminate the separation that they sense exists between them and God. Some try through good works such as helping others, giving to the poor, or doing kind things for people. Some try through religious practices such as attendance at religious meetings, prayer, or fasting. Some hope that through religious rituals such as baptism or taking communion that they will no longer be dead sinners under God's condemnation. When we approach God on the basis of these, our own works, God calls them "FILTHY RAGS", as in the following verse:

**"But we are all as an unclean thing,
and all our righteousnesses are as FILTHY RAGS;
and we all do fade as a leaf;
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away."
*Isaiah 64:6***



Not of Works

Can man, by some action, or actions, save himself from his sinful state? Can he make himself alive spiritually and remove the condemnation that exists in the sight of a Holy God? What does the scripture say?

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"NOT OF YOURSELVES"

"NOT BY WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;"

Titus 3:5-6

"NOT BY WORKS"

"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Romans 4:5

"WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH"

"And if by grace, then is it NO MORE OF WORKS: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

Romans 11:6

"NO MORE OF WORKS"

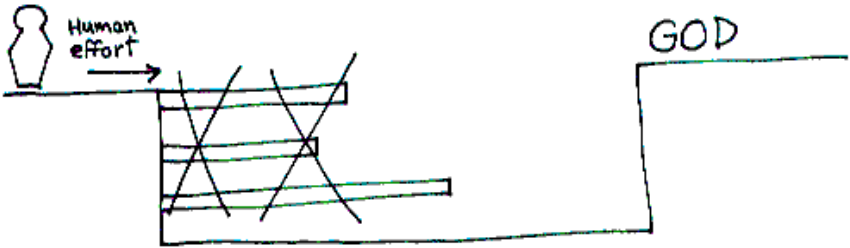
According to the scripture, man, left to himself, is totally incapable of doing ANY work, deed, or act of devotion that would be acceptable in God's sight, seeing that he is unclean by nature and all his righteous deeds are like filthy rags. He is, indeed, weak and helpless when it comes to saving himself, so, he is indeed doomed. He must look to God for help because every time he tries to do anything to please God, it is written...

"... not of yourselves..."

"...not of works..."

"... Not by works of righteousness that we have done..."

"... all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."



Death by sin

In conclusion, all who are members of the human race:

- **all are born spiritually dead and separated from God by sin, and thus fall short of His glory**
- **dying without Christ will face a "second death", which is the lake of fire**
- **totally unable to do anything to save themselves. All their righteous deeds to save themselves are, in God's sight, filthy rags.**

We are, indeed, in need of a Saviour!

CHRIST DIED FOR US

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

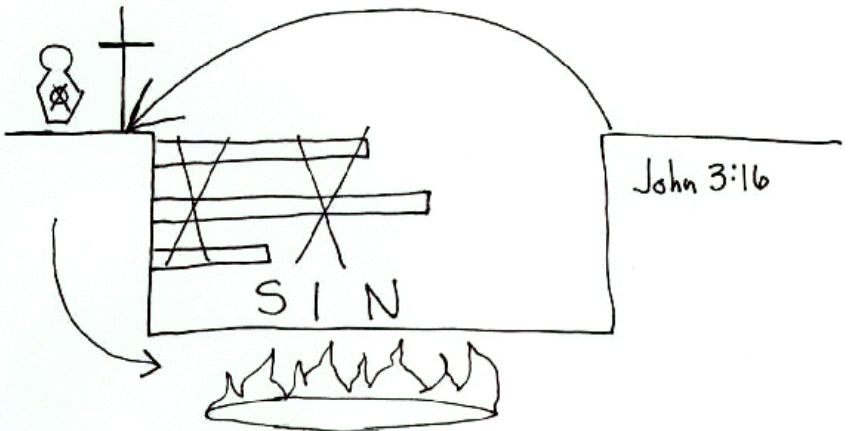
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ..."

John 1:1,14

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:16-18



Because God loves man and desires to reconcile sinners to Himself, He sent His Son into the world to die and pay the ransom price for sin.

**“... and without shedding of blood
is no remission.”
*Hebrews 9:22***

**“... he by the grace of God should taste
death for every man.”
*Hebrews 2:9***

**“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he
was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of
our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we
are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way; and
the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all
... He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall
be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous
servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
*Isaiah 53:5-6,11***

**“For we have ... an high priest ... touched with the
feeling of our infirmities ... all points tempted like as we
are, yet without sin.”
*Hebrews 4:15***

**“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who
knew no sin; that we might be made the
righteousness of God in him.”
*2 Corinthians 5:21***

Christ died, was buried, and rose again...

"For I delivered unto you, first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scripture; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Not only did Christ die for our sins, but He was buried, and then, 3 days later, He arose from the dead.

"...He is risen..."

Matthew 28:6

"Him God raised up..."

Acts 10:40

"...God raised Him from the dead."

Acts 13:30

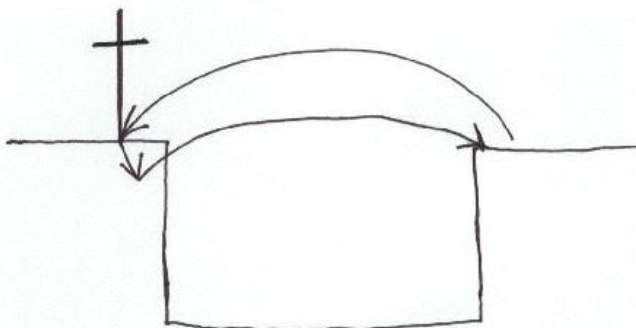
Then, after walking on the earth with His disciples for 40 days, He ascended into heaven.

"...while they beheld, He was taken up..."

Acts 1:9

**"This Jesus hath God raised up...
being by the right hand of God, exalted."**

Acts 2:32,33



Christ...the only way

**“ Jesus saith unto him,
‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
no man cometh unto the Father,
but by Me.’ ”
*John 14:6***

**"To wit, that God was in Christ
reconciling the world unto himself..."
*2 Corinthians 5:19***

**"Neither is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under heaven
given among men, whereby we must be saved.
*Acts 4:12***

Jesus Christ, through His death and shed blood, His burial, and His resurrection; has provided the way for dead, condemned sinners, to be forgiven and reconciled to God.

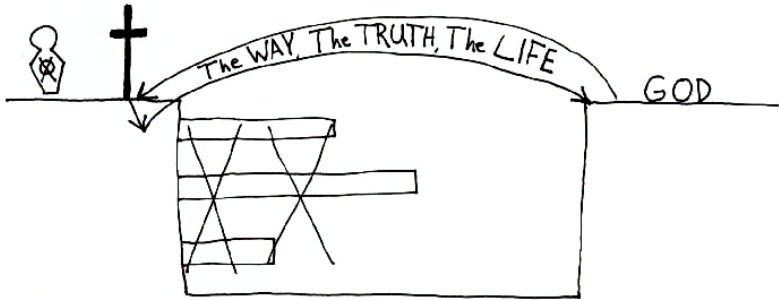
For centuries man has, and is still trying at this very moment, to remedy their sinful conditions by devotion to other gods.

Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure...

**"...Jesus saith...
I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE;
no man cometh unto the father but by Me."
*John 14:6***

**"There is no other name under heaven...
whereby we must be saved."**

Acts 4:12



The way from death to life

**Verily, verily I say unto you,
He that heareth my My Word,
and believeth on Him that sent me,
hath everlasting life,
and shall not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto life.**

John 5:24

In this passage of Scripture Jesus promised to all who would hear and believe, that they would receive these things.

1. Everlasting life This is life that goes on and on, without end, even into eternity. After we die physically, according to this promise, we still live on. What kind of life? Everlasting!

2. No Condemnation In Romans 5:18 God says:

“ ...as by the offence of one (Adam), judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus Christ) the free gift came upon all men unto the justification of life.”

Romans 5:18

So, the condemnation that we were born under can be taken away if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. "...is passed from death unto life." Remember, man is born dead spiritually, but according to this promise he can be made alive in the Spirit by faith in Christ.

**Even when we were dead in sins,
(God) hath quickened us together with Christ,
by grace ye are saved;"**

Ephesians 2:5

**And you, being dead in your sins
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
hath He quickened together with Him,
having forgiven you all trespasses;**

Colossians 2:13

In Conclusion

- **Jesus Christ died to pay for our sins.**
- **He was buried, rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven.**
- **He is the only way for dead, condemned, sinners to be saved.**
- **He promises life after death, no condemnation, or judgment for our sins, and that we will no longer be dead spiritually, but alive in our Spirit.**

BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

According to scriptures, all born into the human race are born spiritually dead, condemned, separated from God by sin, and if they die without Christ will experience the "second death" which is the lake of fire. Also, being that God has declared that all of our righteous deeds are like filthy rags, man is totally unable to do anything to save himself and is completely helpless and without hope. However, God in mercy sent Jesus Christ into the world to die and pay for our sins. He was buried, rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven. As the one mediator who gave himself a ransom for all, Jesus Christ is the only way for dead, condemned, sinners, to be saved. He promises life after death, no condemnation, and that we will no longer be dead spiritually, but alive in our spirit in this physical life. What must a man do in order to receive this everlasting life and be born again in our spirit?

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Romans 4:5

"... The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the gospel."

Mark 1:15

"Repent ye and be converted that your sins may be blotted out."

Acts 3:19

What does it mean to repent? It does not mean to change yourself or the way you live. As we have seen, we have a sinful nature and cannot change ourselves.

“And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and He did it not.”

Jonah 3:10

God neither sinned nor did any action that He changed. Rather, He simply changed His mind about the people of Nineveh. In the same way, when we repent, we change our mind about ourselves, sin, righteousness, and judgment. We no longer think we are righteous or that we can be righteous by our own works or religiousness. We realize that apart from an outside working by God, we are doomed to an eternity in the lake of fire, which we deserve.

Believe on Him

“Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered, and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye **believe on Him whom He hath sent.”**

John 6:28-29

When these men asked Jesus what they had to do in order to satisfy God, the answer was very clear...**BELIEVE ON HIM!**

Please consider the following scriptures:

“...that whosoever **believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

John 3:16

“He that **believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed...”**

John 3:18

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **believeth on me hath everlasting life.”**

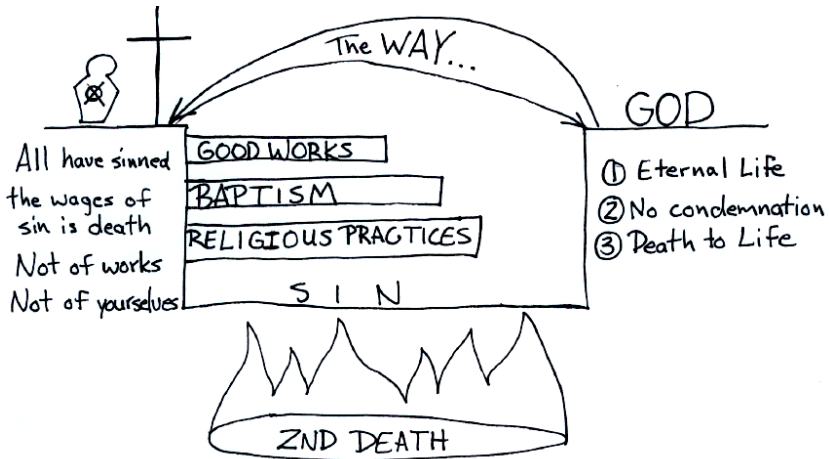
John 6:47

“...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, **believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”**

Acts 16:31

“And this is his commandment, That we should **believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ...”**

1 John 3:23

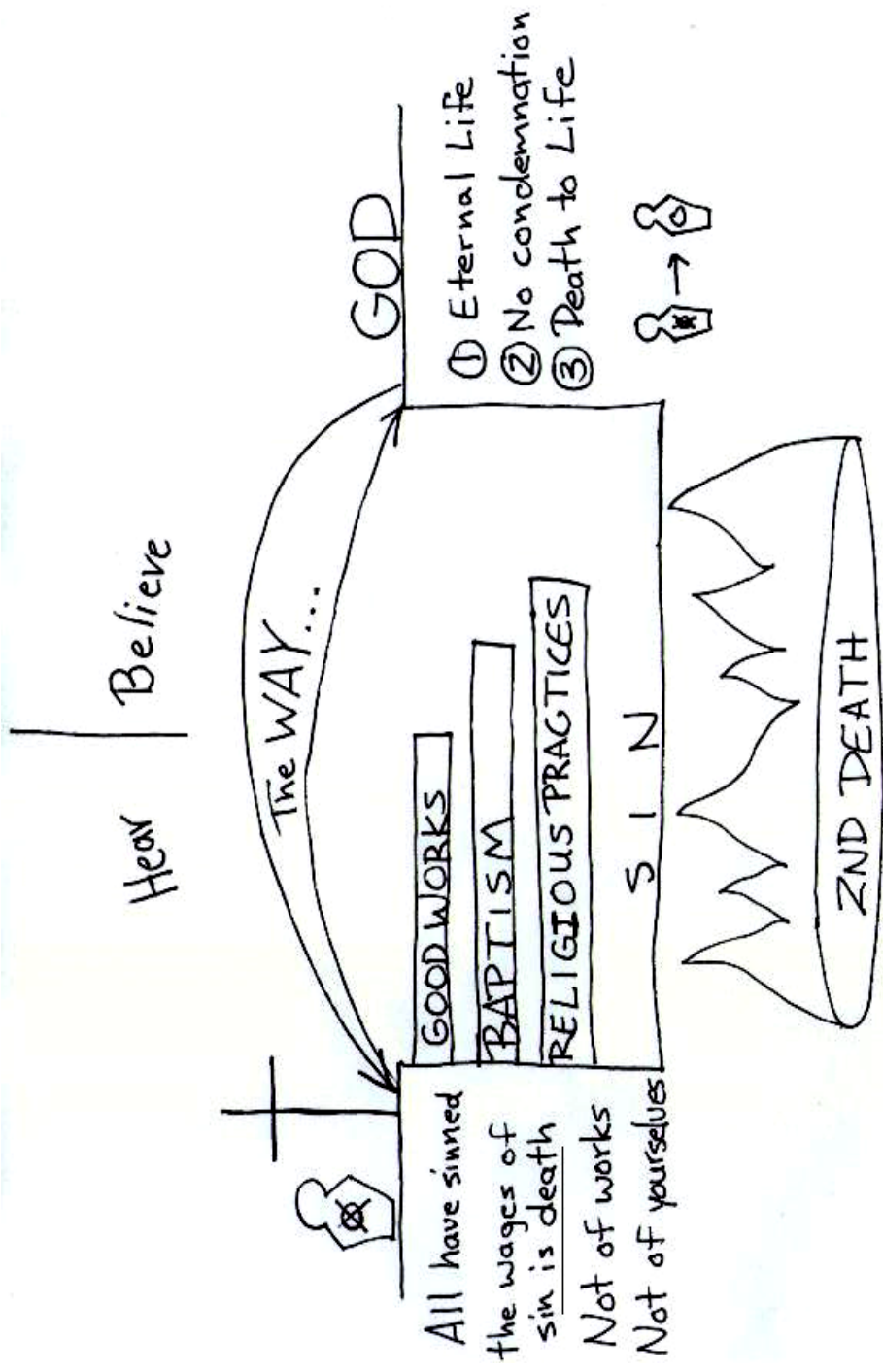


Hear my word and believe on Him

**“Verily, verily, I say unto you,
 He that heareth my word, and
 believeth on him that sent me,
 hath ~~everlasting life~~
 and shall not come into condemnation;
 but is passed from death unto life.”**

John 5:24

Looking at this verse again, please notice the two criteria listed in order to receive the promises: "He that HEARETH my word, and BELIEVETH on him that sent me...". God has promised everlasting life, no condemnation, but it is promised only to those who will HEAR and BELIEVE.



Believe Him and receive Him

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

John 1:12-13

What did these people do to become "born ... of God?" According to this Scripture, they RECEIVED him by BELIEVING on his name. All who RECEIVE him today, by BELIEVING on his name, shall also be born of God.

All that believe are justified

**“Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)...
whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
Him God raised up the third day...
To him give all the prophets witness,
that through his name whosoever **believeth**
in him shall receive remission of sins.”**

Acts 10:36,40,43

**“...Jesus...slain...God raised him from the dead...
...through this man is preached unto you the
forgiveness of sins; And by him all that **believe**
are justified from all things, from which ye could
not be justified by the law of Moses.”**

Acts 13:23,28,30,38-39

Both Peter in Acts 10 and Paul in Acts 13 preached that "remission of sins" or "forgiveness of sins" would be to those who **believed** on Jesus Christ who is the Lord.

Believe with your heart

**“...believe in thine heart”
“...with the heart man believeth unto righteousness...”
*Romans 10:9-10***

According to this Scripture, those who believe in their heart will become righteous.

**“Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all)...
whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
Him God raised up the third day...
that through his name whosoever believeth
in him shall receive remission of sins.;
...through this man is preached unto you the
forgiveness of sins;”
*Acts 10:36,40,43,13:23,28,30,38-39***

**we beg you in Christ's stead,
be ye reconciled to God.
*2 Corinthians 5:20***

**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.
And let him that heareth say, Come.
And let him that is athirst come.
And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
*Revelation 22:17***

If I believe, What next?

As you consider all you have read, please consider these verses as well ...

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? ... whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:28,33

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

Those who first trust in Jesus and choose to follow Him are compared to newborn babies. So, just like little babies grow to maturity, so should we grow as Christians. How?”

God's Word, The Bible:

**“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk
of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”**

1 Peter 2:2

**“So then faith cometh by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God.”**

Romans 10:17

**“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is
profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for
instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may
be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed
on him, If ye continue in my word, then
are ye my disciples indeed;”**

John 8:31

God's Word ...

Read:

“And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Deuteronomy 17:19

Memorize:

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

Psalms 119:11

Meditate (Think on):

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

Joshua 1:8

Obey:

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

James 1:22

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21

The Holy Spirit

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:13-14,

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8,

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 14:26

Prayer

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

Ephesians 6:18

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

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