

THE BRIDGE DIAGRAM

MAN

Created in God's Image
for relationship

GOD

Creator of Universe
Genesis 1:31

God, the creator of the whole universe, created man in His image because He wanted to have a relationship with man to share in His love.
Share Genesis 1:31

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Isaiah 59:2

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Man rebelled against God by disobeying God's laws, which is sin.
Because God is holy (pure), sin broke off the relationship and created an infinite gulf between them.
Share Isaiah 59:2 with them.
We see the brokenness in the world, and we ache because of it, knowing that things are not right (ex. violence, racism, slavery). When we look at ourselves, we see this brokenness or sin in our own lives. The Bible says that "all have sinned." (Romans 3:23)
I know that I have lied, ignored God, used His name in vain, hated others and generally broken God's Law, which was given to me for my good.
How about you? How many lies have you told? Have you ever been jealous of your friends? Have you ever stolen anything? Can you see how you would be guilty before God?

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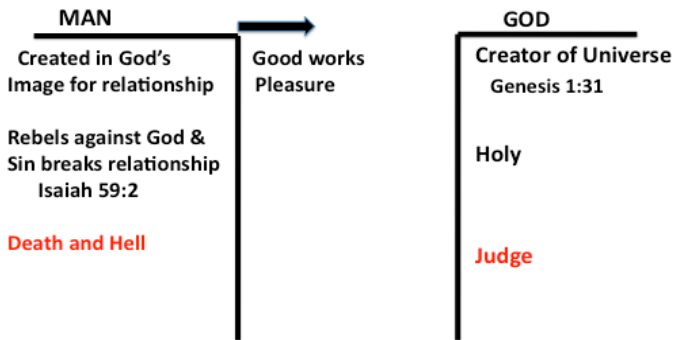
Good works
Pleasure

GOD

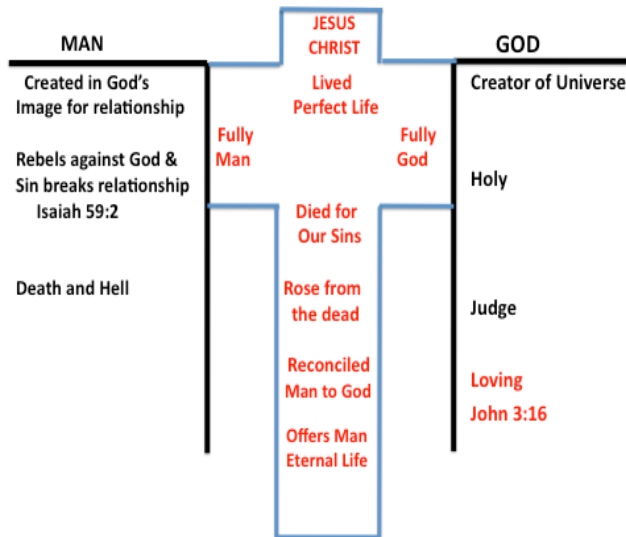
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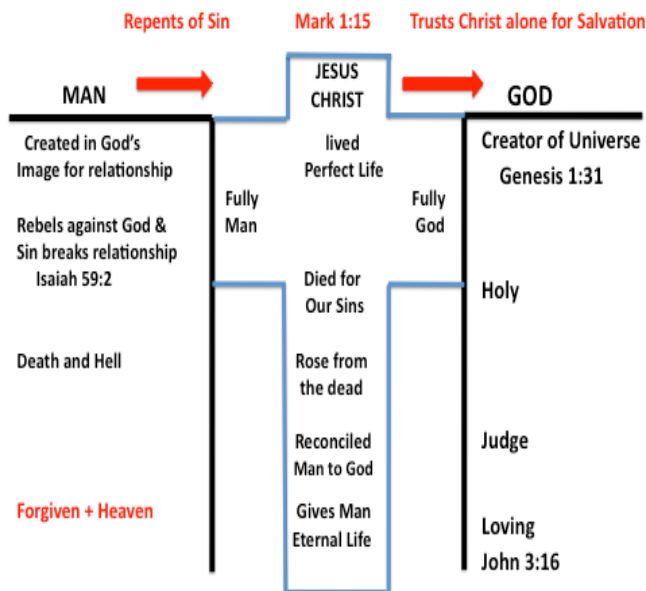
Some people, feeling this separation from God, try to reach God and close the gap with good works or religious works.
Others try to fill this emptiness with pleasure. But nothing can bridge the gap between us and God, or satisfy the hunger that only He can fill.



Because God is holy and a just judge, He must punish sin. And His punishment is eternal separation from Him, which is Hell, a place of eternal torment.



Because God loves us, He doesn't want us to go to Hell, so He sent His Son Jesus Christ, who was fully God and fully man to earth to save us. Share John 3:16 Jesus lived a perfect life so He should not have died. He took our punishment for our sins by dying for us to reconcile us to God. Jesus rose from the dead and offers us life with Him now, and eternal life in Heaven.



Each person has a decision to make, to receive this free gift or to reject it. To receive it, we must respond by repenting of our sin – making a 180 degree turn from sin – and turning to God by trusting in Christ alone (not good works) to be saved. Share Mark 1:15 Does this make sense to you? Where would you place yourself on the diagram? Do you see yourself as a sinner and want to turn from sin and trust Christ as your Savior and the Lord of your life? If not, what would keep you from following Christ? If so, would you like to make a commitment to follow Christ?

