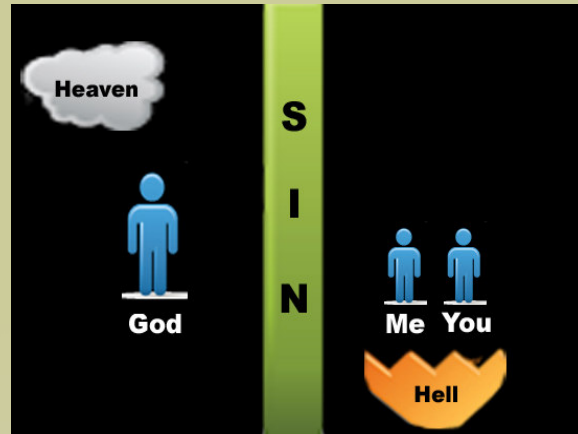


## God's Gift

## One Way

## God's Love



Sin has a punishment. It's a place called hell, but God doesn't want you to go there. The Bible says that God created hell as the punishment for the devil and the other angels that rebelled against Him, but when we did wrong things, hell became our punishment too.

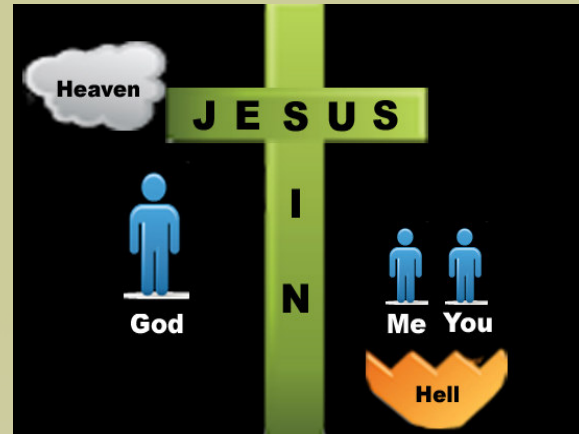
And hell isn't just the punishment for *really* bad things—One sin, no matter how small, even the littlest of lies, is enough to keep a person out of heaven.

The Bible says,  
*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"*  
(Romans 6:23).

But there's more...

God has a gift for you: Heaven. God wants you to go to heaven. It doesn't matter what you've said or done—it doesn't matter how bad you've been, God still loves you. But just because He wants us to go to heaven, doesn't mean that we automatically will.

We have to make a choice, but this is what God did...



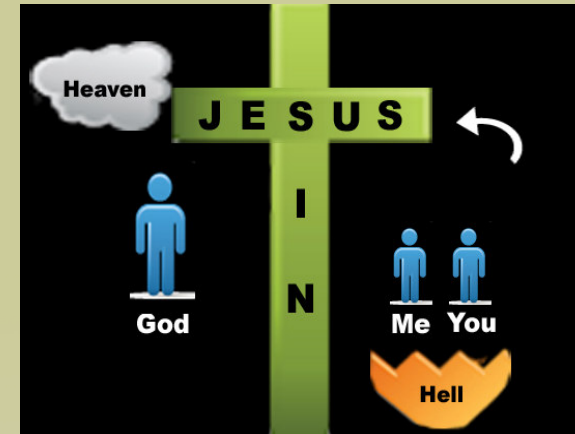
God sent Jesus. Jesus is God's only Son who and came to earth as a man. He lived a perfect life, and when He died on the cross, God punished Him for all the wrong things you and I would ever do.

This is how much God loves you and this is the reason Jesus came—to make a way for you to go to heaven. If sin separates us from God, Jesus built a bridge across it by dying and paying the price for your sins.

But Jesus didn't stay dead. Three days later God raised Him from the dead and He's alive today. That's why He's the only way to go to heaven.

The Bible says,  
*"But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us"*  
(Romans 5:8).

The Bible says,  
*"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'"* (John 14:6).



Jesus has already paid the price for your sins, but for you to give your life to Him, you have to:

**A** -Admit that you have sinned and be willing to turn from your sin.

**B** -Believe that Jesus is God's Son who died and was raised from the dead. This isn't just believing with your head, but the willingness to turn from your sins and to turn to Christ as your Savior.

**C** -Call on the Lord, confess your sins, and commit your life to Him.

The Bible says, *"If you will 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).

The Bible also says, *"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Romans 10:13).

Does all this make sense to you?

Would you like to give your life to Christ right now?

You can commit your life to Christ by praying the prayer below, but realize that repeating a prayer can't get you into heaven. Words can't "save" you. You have to mean what you say. You have to be willing to make Jesus the Lord and boss of your life. God knows what's in your heart, so if you're willing to give your life to Christ right now, please pray the following:

*Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for dying for me and offering me heaven. I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done. Please come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. I give you my life and I surrender myself to you. Thank you for saving me.  
In Jesus Name, Amen.*

You've just made the greatest decision of your life! The Bible promises that if you are willing to commit your life to Christ, He will save you and give you a brand new life. All the wrong things you've ever done have been wiped away. You're forgiven and the Lord has given you a new beginning with Jesus as your Savior and God as your Heavenly Father.

Begin growing in your new relationship with Christ by:

- Calling three people you think would be excited about your decision and let them know what you did.
- Beginning to pray and talk to Jesus as your friend—tell Him about anything in your life.
- Starting to read the Bible in the Gospel of John to get to know Jesus better.
- Following Jesus in baptism, which is a public statement and symbol that you've given your life to Christ.
- Becoming actively involved in a church where people can support you, teach you, and encourage you as you begin the most wonderful relationship you'll ever have—a friendship with God Himself.