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MY PURPOSE - RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

God loves you (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19). He created you to know, love, serve and obey him. In other words, God created you to have a loving relationship with him (Gen 1:26-28; Ecc 12:13; Mat 22:36-40; Acts 17:26-27; 1 Cor 8:6).

When God created everything in the beginning it was very good (Gen 1:31). He created us to live with him forever.

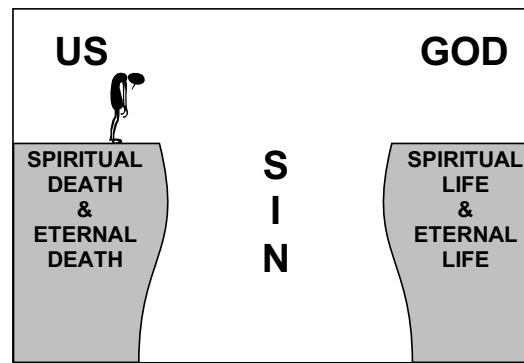
Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Acts 17:26-27

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

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MY PROBLEM - SIN

Adam and Eve (the first human beings God created) sinned against God in the beginning. Sin is disobedience to God (Jam 4:17; 1 John 3:4). As a result of their disobedience to God, sin entered the whole world and God cursed all of creation (including humans). What God created as very good is now corrupt and dying (Gen 3; Rom 5:12; 8:18-22).

People have a sinful nature because of what Adam and Eve did. This is why we all sin (Rom 3:23; 5:12). Sin includes lying, sexual immorality, greed, hatred, murder, drunkenness, idolatry etc. (1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 5:19-21; Rev 21:8).

Since God is completely perfect and holy, he hates sin and he turns away from it (Isa 59:1-2; 1 Pet 3:10-12). Therefore sin separates all of us from God; our relationship with God is broken - this is known as **spiritual death**. This spiritual death causes us to experience negative things like guilt, fear and a lack of peace and purpose in life (Gal 5:19-21; Eph 2:11-12).

Sin has many terrible effects, particularly death:

- **Spiritual death** (Gen 2:16-17; Rom 3:23; Eph 2:1-5).
- **Physical death** (Gen 3:19; Rom 5:12-14).
- **Eternal death** (Mat 13:36-42, 47-50; 25:41; John 3:16; Rom 6:23; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Rev 20:10).

After you physically die God will judge you (Heb 9:27). If your sins are not forgiven you will suffer **eternal death**, which is separation from God forever. This permanent separation from God and his love occurs in Hell. Hell is described as a terrible place of darkness and fire, where there will be crying and agony; Satan and his demons will also be punished there.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

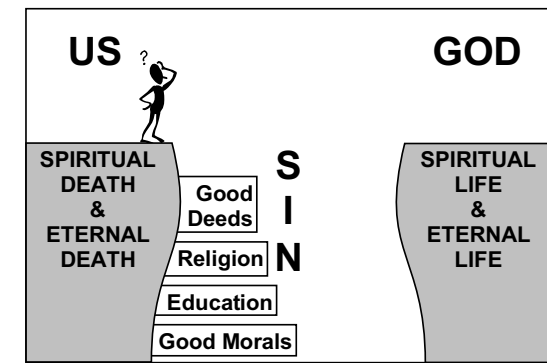
Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Romans 6:23

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

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HUMAN ATTEMPTS FOR A SOLUTION

Many people try and work their way to God through things such as:

- Good deeds, e.g. helping the poor and elderly.
- Religion, e.g. praying, attending church.
- Education, e.g. philosophy.
- Good morals, e.g. loving everybody, telling the truth.

Although many of these works are good, none of these things will get rid of your sin or restore your relationship with God (Mat 7:21-23; Rom 3:20; 4; 5; Gal 2:15-21; 3; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-5).

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

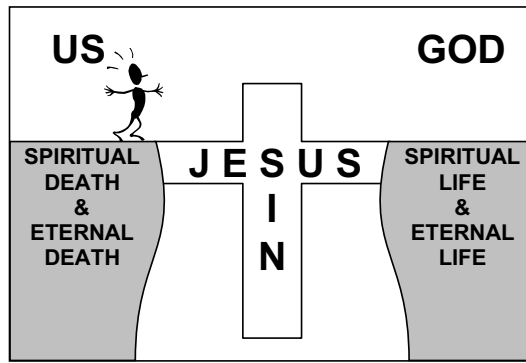
Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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GOD'S SOLUTION - JESUS CHRIST

God loves you so much that he made restoration possible through his Son, Jesus Christ – the **God-man** (John 3:16).

Being **God**, Jesus Christ was perfect and sinless – he could offer the only acceptable sacrifice that had infinite value (Isa 9:6; John 1:1-14; Heb 7:26-28; 9:13-14; 1 Pet 2:21-22). Being **human**, Jesus Christ became the sacrifice for the sin of humanity (Rom 8:3-4; Heb 2:14-18).

Through the crucifixion, Jesus Christ took your sin on himself and paid the penalty for you, so that your sins could be forgiven. He received your punishment and died in your place (Mat 20:28; 1 Pet 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 4:9-10).

Since Jesus paid for your sins, you can now be reconciled with God – your relationship can be restored. You can cross over from spiritual death to spiritual life because your sins are forgiven (John 5:24; 2 Cor 5:18-21; 1 Tim 2:5-6). Your life will be spiritually blessed, full of God's love, peace and purpose (Gal 5:22-24; Eph 1:3-14).

Jesus Christ's death and resurrection conquered spiritual death, physical death and eternal death. Jesus can save you from eternal death in Hell. Jesus Christ is the **only** way to God and eternal life (John 14:6; 1 John 5:11-12).

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

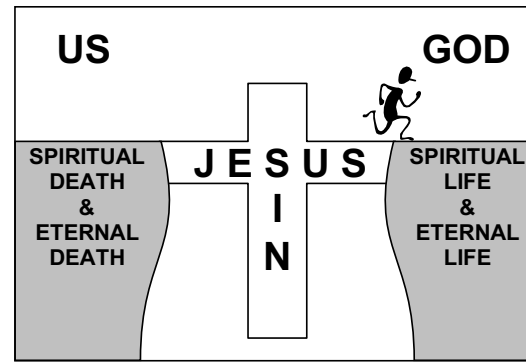
1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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MY RESPONSE

To receive the forgiveness of sins that Jesus Christ accomplished for you, you must **repent** and **believe in Jesus Christ** (Mark 1:14-15; John 3:16-18,36; 5:24; 8:24; 11:25-27; Rom 10:9-13; 1 John 1:9).

Repentance is the decision to turn away from sin and to turn to God and obey him. When you turn to God you obey his command to **believe in Jesus Christ**. To believe (or have faith) in Jesus Christ means to believe in who he is and in what he did for you (i.e. he is the God-man who died on the cross and rose from the dead to forgive your sins). Repentance and faith occur together.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If you would like your sins forgiven, then confirm it in prayer to God. Below is a suggested prayer for you to pray.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your love for me. I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead to forgive my sin, and that he died in my place to pay the penalty for my sin. I turn away from my sin and ask you to forgive me of the sins I have committed. I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and will follow Jesus faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.

If you have made Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour please contact us at the church so that we can help you grow as a Christian (Mat 28:18-20; Eph 4:11-16).

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