

**SHARE THE GOSPEL**  
*with your one*







## The Gospel Rewards

Jesus offers you forgiveness, right standing with God, hope, His indwelling presence and new life in His Kingdom, now and in eternity after you die. There are rewards that we receive through the gospel, as well as a normative pattern for responding to the gospel.

By grace, Jesus the Messiah gives the following to those who respond to Him in faith:

Salvation (Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 1:13–14; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Peter 1:9),

forgiveness of all sins (Matthew 9:5–6; 26:27–28; Luke 24:46–47; Acts 10:43; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 2:13),

righteousness (right standing with God) (Romans 1:16–17; 4:4–5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9),

hope in what is stored up in Heaven (Romans 8:24–25),

God's Holy Spirit as an indwelling presence, seal and sanctifying power (Romans 8:9–11; Ephesians 4:30),

a new life in God's Kingdom now and when Jesus returns (John 5:24; Romans 6:22; Titus 3:7; Revelation 21:1–3), future resurrection from the dead without fear of eternal punishment (John 11:24–26; Romans 8:1; 1 John 4:16–18), an extended family of brothers, sisters and fathers, etc. (Mark 10:29–30),

unification of both Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles) (1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Galatians 3:26–29; Ephesians 2:11–22),

and our names written in the Book of Life (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 21:27).

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## The Gospel Response

You respond by making the decision to place your faith in Jesus and His gospel, which means you will trust and follow Jesus in all things. You turn to Jesus by turning from your sinful nature, by verbally expressing your faith in Him and by surrendering to His new life in water baptism.

Receiving the gospel through faith involves conviction from the Holy Spirit, along with understanding and making the decision to trust and follow Jesus as King, Lord and Savior. The list below describes the normative response in Scripture. Notice that we respond to the gospel by placing our faith in Jesus for salvation (see items 1-4 below), with the expectation of continuing to grow in faithfulness to Him as He works within us to transform us for the remainder of our lives (see items 5-6 below).

1. Deep conviction of sin, God's righteousness and coming judgment (John 16:8; Romans 3:23, 6:23)
2. Repentance or changing one's mind regarding sin and choosing to obediently follow Jesus (Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:10, 26:20)
3. Confessing Jesus as Lord, believing in His resurrection from the dead (Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 2:23, 4:15)
4. Baptism by immersion (Acts 2:38)
5. Commitment as citizens of the Kingdom of God to be transformed into the image of Christ (Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:12-13)
6. Intentionally partnering with God to reconcile the broken world to Him through the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1)

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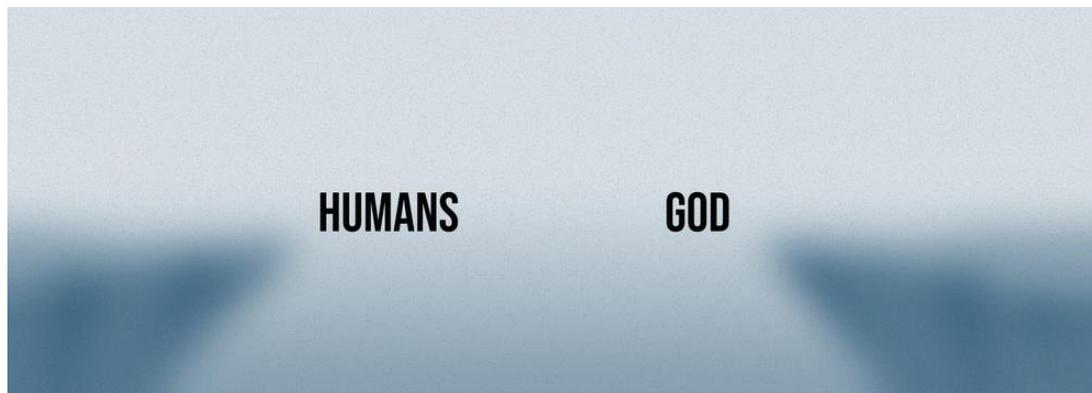
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# THE BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

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The Bridge Illustration is a simple way to explain the gospel by showing how sin separates people from God and how Jesus' death and resurrection provide the only way to cross that gap.

Using a visual of two cliffs with a cross in the middle, it helps people quickly see the problem of separation and the solution Christ offers. It's a good tool for sharing the gospel because it is easy to draw, easy to understand and invites a personal response, making it effective for conversations with people of any background.



**HUMANS**

**GOD**

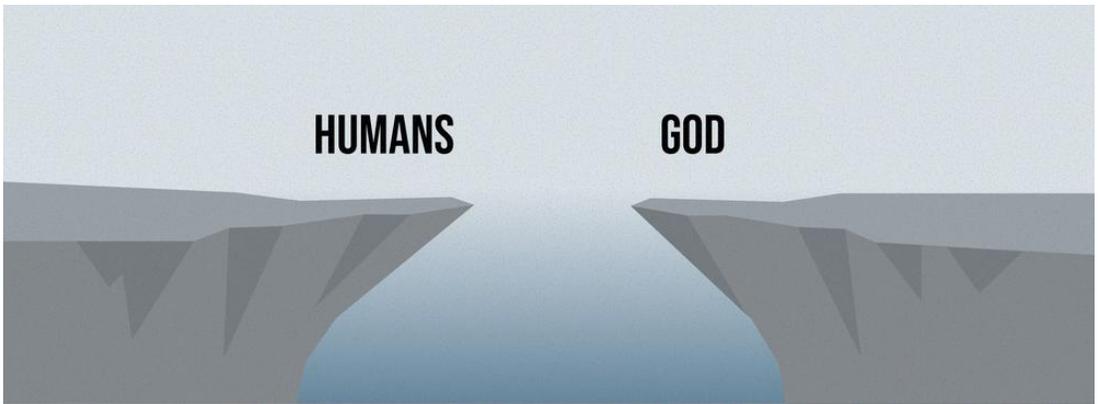
**God** - He is holy and He is love.

**Humans** - God made humans in His image, but we do sinful, wrong things.

*You must be holy because I, the Lord, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own. Leviticus 20:26*

*Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:1-4*

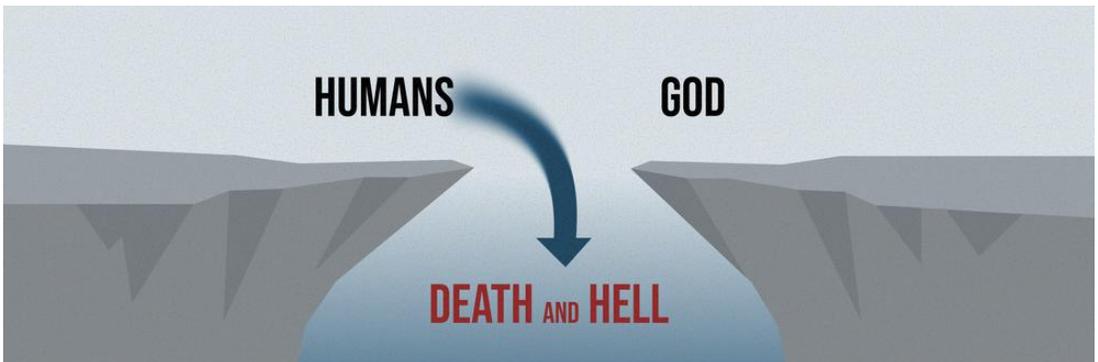
*When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear : sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21*



**God and humans** - We are separated because God is holy and humans sin, acting out of their sinful desires.

*It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. Isaiah 59:2*

*"...No one is righteous— not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." Romans 3:10-12*

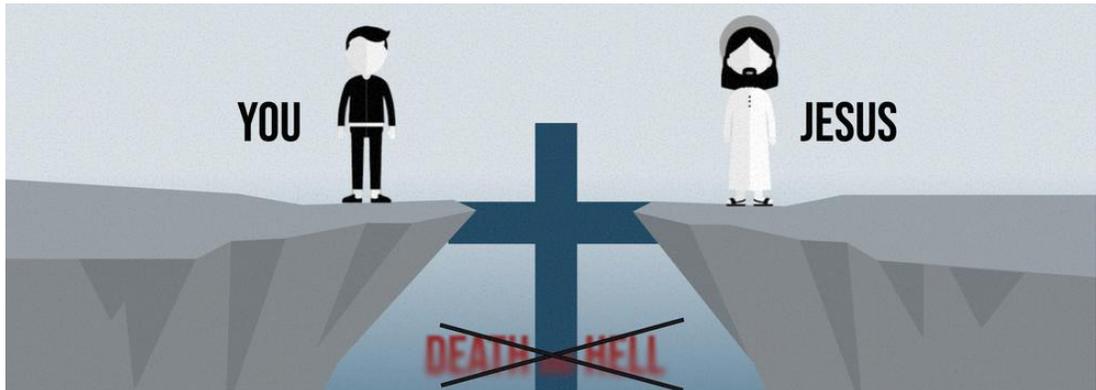


**HUMAN DEEDS** - We are lost (to death and hell) because of our sin — and all good deeds and attempts to make ourselves right with God fail. Only God can take away our sin. Unless God saves us, we are lost.

*"And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'" Mark 9:47-48*

*For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

*Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong. You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11*



**JESUS CHRIST** – God so loved humanity that He sent Jesus Christ into the world to save us. Jesus showed us the way by His teachings and life, and He paid for all our sins when He died on the cross and rose from the dead, and He is enthroned as Lord and King. He makes a bridge for us and offers us the way to get right with God.

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.” John 3:16-18*

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8*

*“And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.” Acts 10:39-43*



**Faith** – We must personally respond and place our faith in Jesus if we want to be right with God. This commitment of faith means we will turn from sinful lifestyles and trust and follow Jesus. We express this commitment to place our faith in Jesus by a verbal confession and water baptism.

*Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.*

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 1 Corinthians 15:1-6*

*We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. Romans 3:22-25*

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:8-10*



**Trust and Follow Jesus** – We live new lives where we trust and follow Jesus, as the Spirit leads, as disciples. A disciple follows Jesus, is transformed by Jesus and is committed to the mission of Jesus.

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”* Matthew 6:33

*But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.* 1 John 2:5–6

*Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.”* John 14:23–24

*Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.”* Mark 8:34–35

*For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.* 2 Corinthians 3:17–18



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*Jesus* said,  
“...**GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES...**”

*Matthew 28:19*