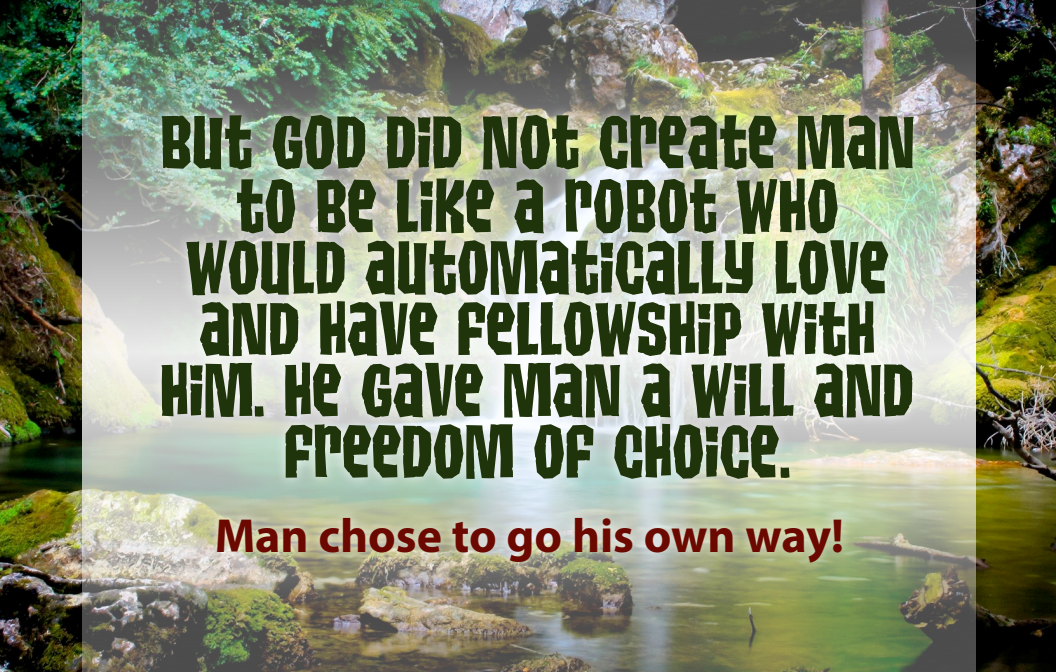




# THE BRIDGE

## ILLUSTRATION

**IN THE BEGINNING, WHEN GOD PUT  
MAN ON EARTH, MAN HAD A  
FULFILLING AND ABUNDANT  
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**



**BUT GOD DID NOT create MAN  
to be like a robot who  
would automatically love  
and have fellowship with  
HIM. He gave MAN a will and  
freedom of choice.**

**Man chose to go his own way!**

# MAN



## SIN

# SEPARATION

# GOD

**We all, like  
sheep, have  
gone astray,  
each of us has  
turned to his own  
way; and the LORD  
has laid on Him the  
iniquity of us all.**

**Isaiah 53:6**

This resulted in a  
separation between  
God and man. God  
being holy and  
perfect, while man  
is inherently sinful  
and imperfect.

# MAN



**SIN  
DEATH**

## SEPARATION

# GOD

**For the wages  
of sin is death,  
but the gift of  
God is eternal  
life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord  
Romans 6:23**

A continued life of  
disobedience to God  
results in death.

# MAN



**SIN  
DEATH  
JUDGMENT**

## SEPARATION

# GOD

**Just as man is  
destined to die  
once, and after  
that to face  
judgment**

**Hebrews 9:27**

Each of us will die physically, and after we die we will face judgment. There will be a day when God will judge the actions and thoughts of every man and woman.

# MAN



SIN  
DEATH  
JUDGMENT  
HELL

## SEPARATION

# GOD

**If anyone's  
name was not  
found written in  
the book of life,  
he was thrown  
into the lake  
of fire.**

Revelation 20:15

God's judgment  
falls on unholy  
man resulting in  
an eternity  
separated from  
Him. Which the  
Bible calls Hell.

# MAN



## SEPARATION

# GOD

This gives a pretty dismal picture of our situation on man's side of the chasm. So we spend our days trying to bridge the gap back to God. Through....

**WORKS**

**RELIGION**

**MONEY**

**RELATIONSHIP**

# MAN



## SEPARATION

# GOD

The trouble is  
these all fall short  
because they are  
man's way of  
doing things.  
But not God's way!!

RELATIONSHIP

MONEY

RELIGION

WORKS

# MAN



## SEPARATION

# GOD

The Bible says we cannot bridge this gap ourselves, that God needed to do it through His grace – which is the God given power to do his will.

**For it is by GRACE  
you have been  
saved, through faith  
and this not from  
yourselves, it is the gift  
of God not by works, so  
that no one can boast.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

# MAN



# GOD

## JESUS CHRIST

God has the remedy.  
Only one bridge can  
cross the gulf that  
exists between  
man and God and  
that bridge is  
Jesus Christ and His  
death on the cross.

# MAN



# GOD

## GOD'S REMEDY

## JESUS CHRIST

But God  
demonstrates His  
own love for  
us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

# MAN



Christ made it possible for us to cross over to God's side and experience His promise of a full and abundant life. We are called by God to...

## JESUS CHRIST

# GOD

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

# MAN



... repent, which means to ask for forgiveness and turn away from going our own way.

## JESUS CHRIST

# GOD

## REPENT

"The time has come"  
He said "The kingdom of God is near.  
Repent and believe the good news."

**Mark 1:15**

# MAN



The word believe means to have faith in, to have trust in Christ. Not merely to know about Him but to have a relationship with Him.



## JESUS CHRIST

## REPENT

# GOD

## BELIEVE

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God  
**John 1:12**

# MAN



Finally we accept  
Jesus Christ through  
prayer and ask  
him to come  
into our lives as  
Lord and Savior.

## JESUS CHRIST



# GOD

**REPENT**  
**BELIEVE**

## RECEIVE

Here I am! I stand at  
the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my  
voice and opens the  
door, I will come in  
and eat with him,  
and he with me.

**Revelation 3:20**

# MAN



I tell you the truth,  
whoever hears my  
word and believes  
him who sent me has  
eternal life and will  
not be condemned;  
he has crossed over  
from death to life.

**John 5:24**

## JESUS CHRIST

**REPENT RECEIVE  
BELIEVE**

# GOD



- HAS ETERNAL LIFE
- NO CONDEMNATION
- CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE

# MAN



# GOD



## JESUS CHRIST

If you were in this particular diagram  
where would you be standing?

Where would you like to be standing?

**MAN**

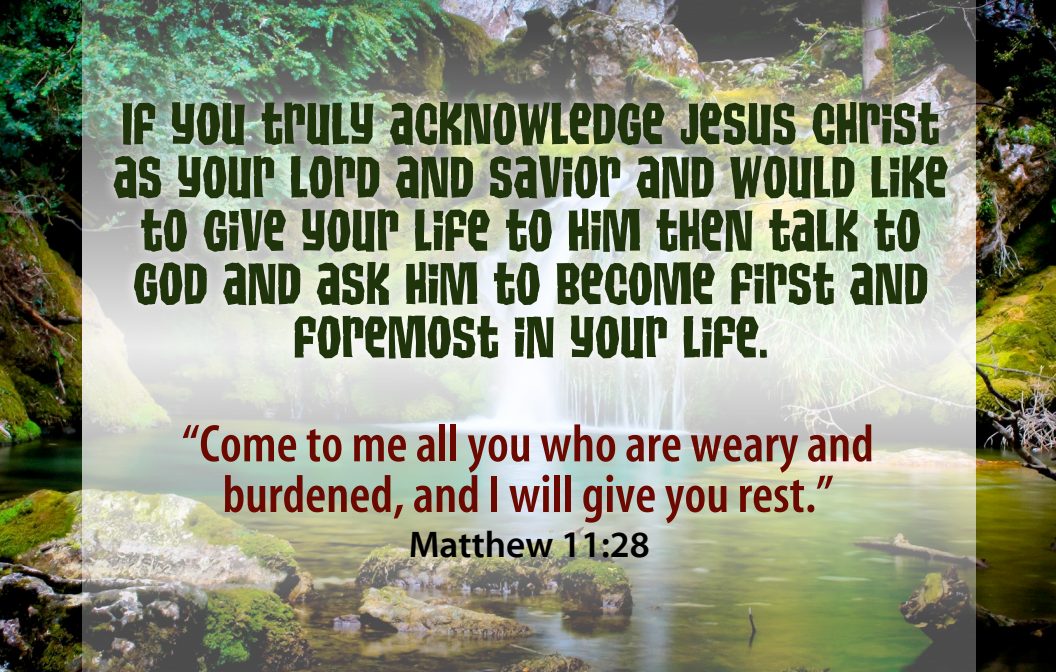


**GOD**



**JESUS CHRIST**


**What would be hindering you from  
praying right now and receiving  
Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?**



**IF YOU TRULY ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS CHRIST  
AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR AND WOULD LIKE  
TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO HIM THEN TALK TO  
GOD AND ASK HIM TO BECOME FIRST AND  
FOREMOST IN YOUR LIFE.**

**“Come to me all you who are weary and  
burdened, and I will give you rest.”**

**Matthew 11:28**



If you have prayed to  
receive Christ please contact  
us so we can give you information  
on your next steps in growing in your faith.

OR

If you have more questions about Jesus  
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