

The Gospel Message

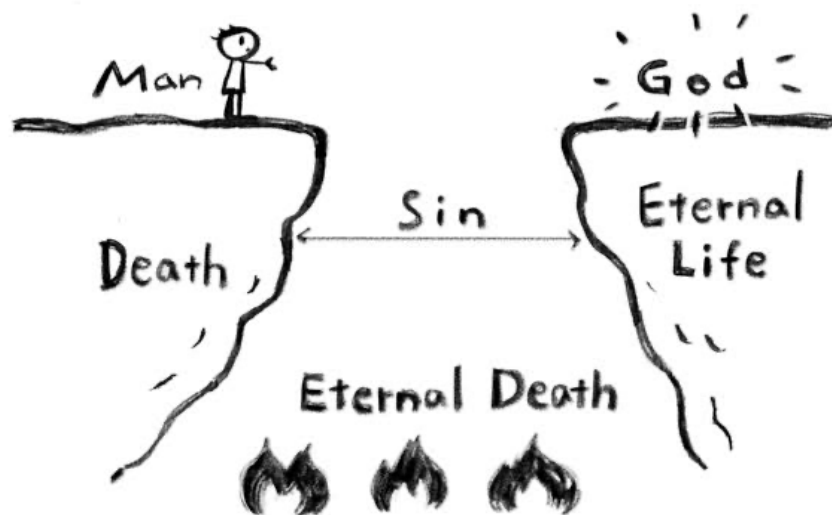
This series of illustrations shows the separation from God that exists because of sin and the hope and salvation that come through Jesus. Salvation through Jesus is the only way to be reconciled to God. Those who believe in Jesus gain eternal life.

PART 1: THE GARDEN OF EDEN



In the beginning, God created the world, and He created mankind. Adam and Eve were the first two people He created. They had a close relationship with God. They had not yet sinned. God is holy and perfect, and only people without sin can be in His presence.

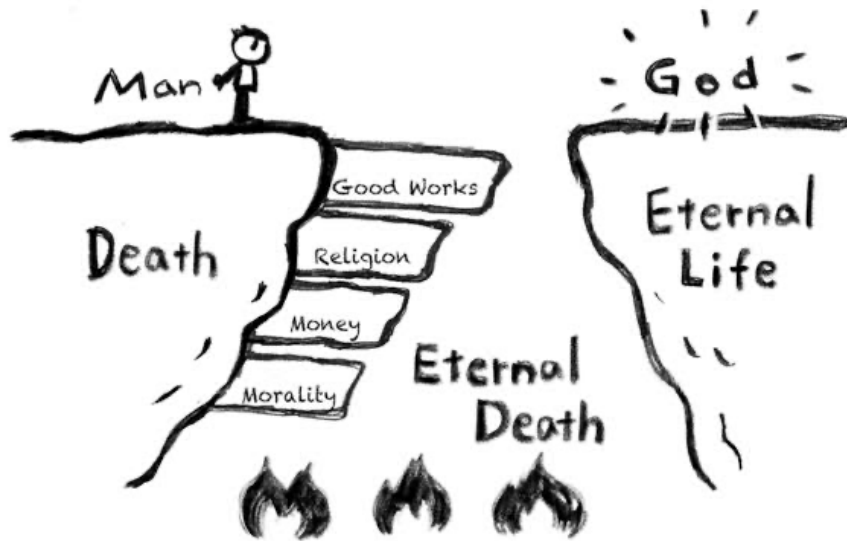
PART 2: THE FALL OF MAN



Later, Adam and Eve sinned against God. The relationship between God and mankind was broken. Sin separated man from God. Sin does not just refer to severe crimes. Any act of disobedience against God is a sin. Some examples of sin are unkindness, impatience, anger, pride, lying, and not forgiving others. Every person has sinned.

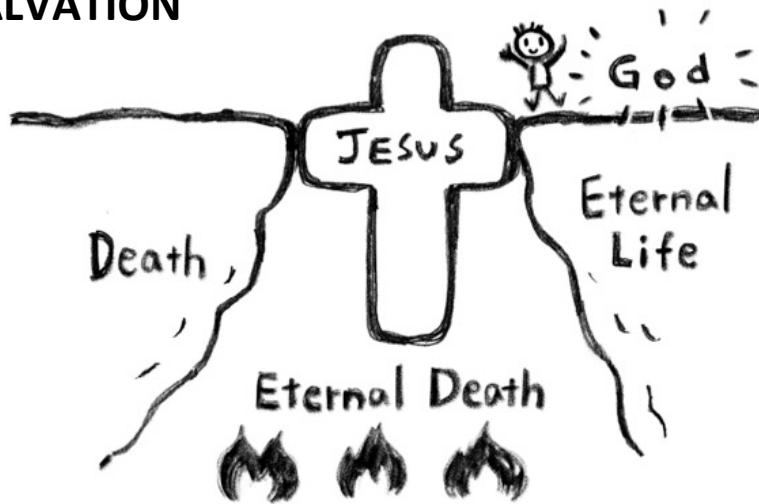
The punishment for sin is death. All people face a first death in the body, but those who do not trust in Jesus will also face a second, eternal death. Those who remain in a broken relationship with God will be judged and cast into the lake of fire, where there is great pain and suffering.

PART 3: THE PROBLEM OF MAN



No man can fix his relationship with God by his own effort. No amount of good works can erase sin. No amount of religious behavior, morality, money, or success can save a man from facing judgment and eternal death. On his own, man is destined to spend eternity apart from God. There is only one way to be reconciled to God.

PART 4: SALVATION



God loved the people He created and chose to save them. He sent His Son, Jesus, down to earth to save us. Jesus is the Son of God, and He Himself is God. He gave His life for us by dying on the cross. He took the penalty of our sins so that we could be set free from death.

Three days after He was crucified, He defeated death and rose again. As the risen Savior, Jesus offers forgiveness and salvation to mankind. Whoever repents and believes in Him will be set free from sin and death and will be reconciled to God. He gives His people the gift of eternal life.