

God's Bridge



to
Eternal
Life

1.

Why did God create you?

When God created the first people, Adam and Eve, He wanted them to love Him and live for Him and obey Him at all times. This is why God created you. The Bible says...

"And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good..."

Genesis 1:31a

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

Revelation 4:11

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31



2.

Everyone has a problem: Sin

Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. As a result, all people since Adam and Eve also choose to sin against God instead of loving Him, living for Him and obeying Him. The Bible says...

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...there is none that seeketh after God...there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Romans 3:10-12

What does it mean to sin against God?

Sin is breaking any of God's laws in the Bible. We sin by doing what God has told us not to do. God says we should not lie; but sometimes we don't tell the truth, do we?

We also sin by not obeying what He has told us to do. God says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." We don't always obey, do we?

Have you sinned against God? You are not alone. Everyone has, and we deserve to be punished for it.



3.

Sin has a punishment: Death

When Adam chose to disobey God, God punished him for it. Instead of living forever, he would die. Instead of having everything given to him in the garden, he now had to work hard for his food. Our sin and disobedience deserve God's punishment as well.

The Bible says...

"Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12

"For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23a

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Hebrews 9:27

Death is more than just dying and being buried in the ground. That is called our physical death. Death also includes being eternally separated from God in a place of eternal punishment. That place is called Hell or the Lake of Fire. That is called the "second death" or "eternal death."

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:15



SEPARATION
FROM GOD

4.

Then how can I have eternal life in Heaven?

People have tried many different ways to get to Heaven, but the Bible says there is only one way to have our sins forgiven and to be able to go to Heaven.

Many people think they are right with God, but they do not read what the Bible says:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."
Proverbs 14:12

Thinking you can do good works to earn God's favor is wrong as well.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us,"
Titus 3:5a

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

Some think if their parents or friends are Christians, then they will be, too. But that is not right either.

It is only because God shows us mercy or gives us grace that we can have hope. How can we have eternal life?

Being Good
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Helping Other People
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Going to Church
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DEAD END



5.

Christ made the payment: He was our Sinless Substitute

Jesus Christ, God's sinless Son, was sent by God the Father to the world in order to live a sinless life for us and to pay the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. The Bible says...

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God," 1 Peter 3:18a

Christ paid the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross. So, you may be thinking: "THEN HOW DO I CROSS THE BRIDGE TO ETERNAL LIFE?"



6.

We are given forgiveness by turning and trusting

How do you cross the bridge to eternal life? You must repent of your sins and put your trust in Jesus alone as your only hope of eternal life. The Bible says...

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Acts 3:19a

The word repent means to confess your sins to God with a sorrowful spirit and with the desire to not keep sinning, but to obey God and do His will.

You place your trust in Jesus Christ by doing the following. First, you believe that He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for your sins, and rose from the dead. Second, you call upon Him to be your personal Lord and Savior.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,"

Acts 16:31a

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:13



7.

We are given God's promise: Eternal Life

Jesus Christ said,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

John 5:24

If we listen to God's Word, and believe that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, we are given eternal life.

God's promise of salvation has three parts.

The person who believes:

1. Has eternal life in Heaven
2. Does not face judgment or punishment for his or her sins
3. Has passed out of death into life. In other words, we do not face eternal death, but we are given eternal life.

This is good news!



Will you turn from your sins
and believe in Jesus as your
Lord and Savior today?

To do so, you must . . .

1. Admit that you have sinned against God, decide that you want to obey Him and ask Him for forgiveness.
2. Believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God Who died for you on the cross, rose from the dead, and is Lord.
3. Call upon Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

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