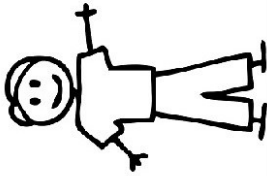


# The Bridge



**GOD**

## OUR PROBLEM

Sin  
Romans 3:23

Death  
Romans 6:23

Judgment  
Hebrews 9:27

*Guilt  
Shame  
Condemnation  
Fear*

**ETERNAL DEATH**

## **GOD'S REMEDY**

Romans 5:8

**GOOD WORKS**  
Ephesians 2:8-9

**RELIGION**  
John 14:6

**PHILOSOPHY**  
Colossians 2:8

1 Peter 3:18

**JESUS**

## OUR RESPONSE

Believe  
John 3:16

Confess  
Romans 10:9-10

Repent  
2 Corinthians 7:10

Baptized  
Acts 2:38

*Freedom  
Adoption  
Peace  
Forgiveness*

**ETERNAL LIFE**

# The Bridge

## Step 1 – God created man.

Draw a horizontal line on the left side of the paper and write man or draw a man.

Draw a horizontal line on the right side of the paper and write GOD.

## Step 2 – Sin separated man from God.

Draw a vertical line on both sides to represent the chasm / valley that exist between man and God.

## Step 3 – What is OUR PROBLEM?

Write **OUR PROBLEM** under the man or word man.

- Write **SIN** and below it write **Romans 3:23** (Explain that OUR PROBLEM is SIN). Read Romans 3:23.
- Write **DEATH** and below write **Romans 6:23** (Explain that the effect of sin death). Read Romans 6:23.
- Write **JUDGMENT** and below write **Hebrews 9:27** (Explain that judgment awaits each of us). Read Verse.

## Step 4 - “SO WHAT?” What difference does it make?

Draw an **ARROW** pointing down. Write **ETERNAL DEATH** on the bottom. (Explain that we feel the guilt and shame of our sin and knowing we are going to be condemned for our sin we live in fear.) Write the words **Guilt**, **Shame**, **Condemnation**, and **Fear** next to the ARROW.

## Step 5 – “I will fix this it!”

This is a good point to talk about why people try to do good or be good...

Draw 3 **planks (boxes)** on the left side of the chasm.

- Write **GOOD WORKS** – Below write Ephesians 2:8-9. (Explain that no amount of good works will get us across... Salvation is a gift and can't be earned by our behavior, etc).
- Write **RELIGION** – Below write John 14:6. (Explain that God didn't create many paths to himself. No religion can save you except a relationship God's son – Jesus).
- Write **PHILOSOPHY** – Below write Colossians 2:8. (Explain that human reasoning or philosophy may sound wise but its source of this world and will not save you and will not enable you to cross over...).

## Step 6 – God's Remedy for sin.

Write the words **GOD'S REMEDY** between the sides. Write **Romans 5:8** to the left and under GOD'S REMEDY. Read Romans 5:8. Write **I Peter 3:18** to the right and under GOD'S REMEDY. Read I Peter 3:18.

Then **draw the cross to represent Christ** bridging the expanse between man and God and write the name **JESUS** on the lower half of the cross. Explain that Jesus is God's remedy. Paraphrase Romans and I Peter to them. God loved us and doesn't want us to die without him. So he sent Jesus to die for our sins and all sin for all time so he could bring us safely home.

## Step 7 – Our Response.

Write **OUR RESPONSE** under GOD.

- Write **Believe** and below write **John 3:16** (could add verse 17 or others). Read John 3:16.
- Write **Confess** and below write **Romans 10:9-10**. Read Romans 10:9-10.
- Write **Repent** and below write **2 Corinthians 7:10**. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10.
- Write **Baptized** and below write **Acts 2:37-38**. Read Acts 2:37-38.

When the very first sermon was preached the crowd felt the guilty and without hope. They cried out in desperation and asked, “What should we do?” Peter replied, Repent, turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ FOR the forgiveness of your sins... And we receive the gift of God's Spirit.

Draw an **ARROW** pointing down. Write **ETERNAL LIFE** on the bottom. Explain that because we have been forgiven, we no longer are condemned (Romans 8:1), we have been adopted into God's family (Romans 8:15), we have been set free from sin (Romans 6:6), and we will enjoy eternal life with Christ (John 5:24).