



4. THE REMEDY

Jesus has removed the barrier of sin so that we can enjoy the friendship and the life we were created for.

The good news is that God doesn't want us to be separated from him – so he did something about it! God loves YOU so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be punished for all your sin. Jesus was nailed to a cross and died in your place so that you could be completely forgiven and guaranteed a place in heaven.

Amazingly, Jesus rose from the dead 3 days later – proving that he has power over sin and all its consequences. Even death! He is still alive today and will save anyone who turns to him!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3 v 16



5. THE RESPONSE

Jesus has done everything that was needed for us to be saved.

Jesus offers you forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift. Don't wait until you're good enough (you never will be). Turn to Jesus today!

Jesus promises that anyone who trusts in him will be saved. He wants you to trust him with your life and to receive his love and forgiveness. All you have to do is accept! The question is: *will you?*

If you want to accept Jesus' offer, you need to pray:

- Tell him you're sorry for all your sins, that you're turning to him for forgiveness, and that you want him to be King of your life from now on.
- Thank him for dying on the cross in your place, and for rising from the dead to give you new life.
- Ask him to come into your life, and to help you live for him.



WHAT NEXT?

If you have accepted Jesus' offer, you have made the most important decision you will ever make. Life with Jesus is the best life possible, though it can be challenging. Here are a few things to get you off to a good start:

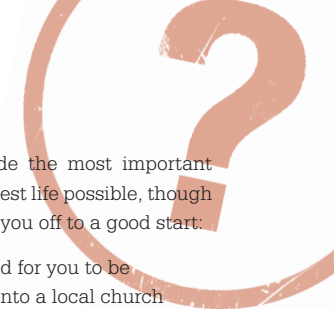
- **Community:** In order for your faith to grow and for you to be encouraged, you need to get yourself plugged into a local church that loves Jesus, teaches the Bible and serves the community.
- **Commitment:** Wear your faith on your sleeve. New Christians get baptised as a sign to the world they are committed to following Jesus. Don't keep it a secret – let the whole world know you belong to Jesus.
- **Communication:** Christianity is not religion, it's a relationship with God. As with all relationships, communication is crucial. The way we communicate with God is by listening to him (reading the Bible) and talking to him (praying).

For further help or information about obtaining a Bible, learning how to pray, getting baptised or finding a church in your area, please don't hesitate to get in touch:



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QUESTION MARK

BIG QUESTIONS

At some stage in life we all ask **BIG** questions:

- Where do we come from?
- What's wrong with the world?
- Does anyone care about me?
- Is there hope for the future?

In the Bible, God offers us the answers to all these questions. But more than that...

...he offers us hope!



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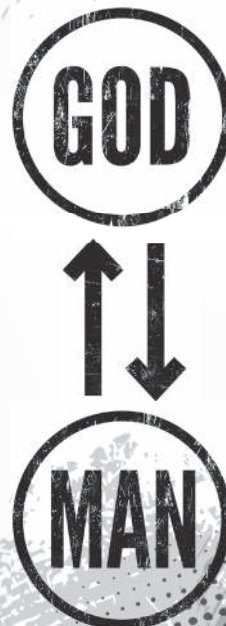
1. THE BEGINNING

When God made the world it was paradise. There was a perfect friendship between God and man.

God created the world and everything in it. He made the whole universe of stars, planets and galaxies. He created all the animals, birds and sea creatures. But he saved the best till last – he made us. There are 2 big differences between humans and the rest of God's creation:

- God made us in his own image (Genesis 1 v 27). YOU are made in the image of God! That means you're special.
- He breathed his life into us (Genesis 2 v 7), making us spiritual beings with the ability to respond to him. You were created to know God and to love him.

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."
GENESIS 1 v 31



2. THE REBELLION

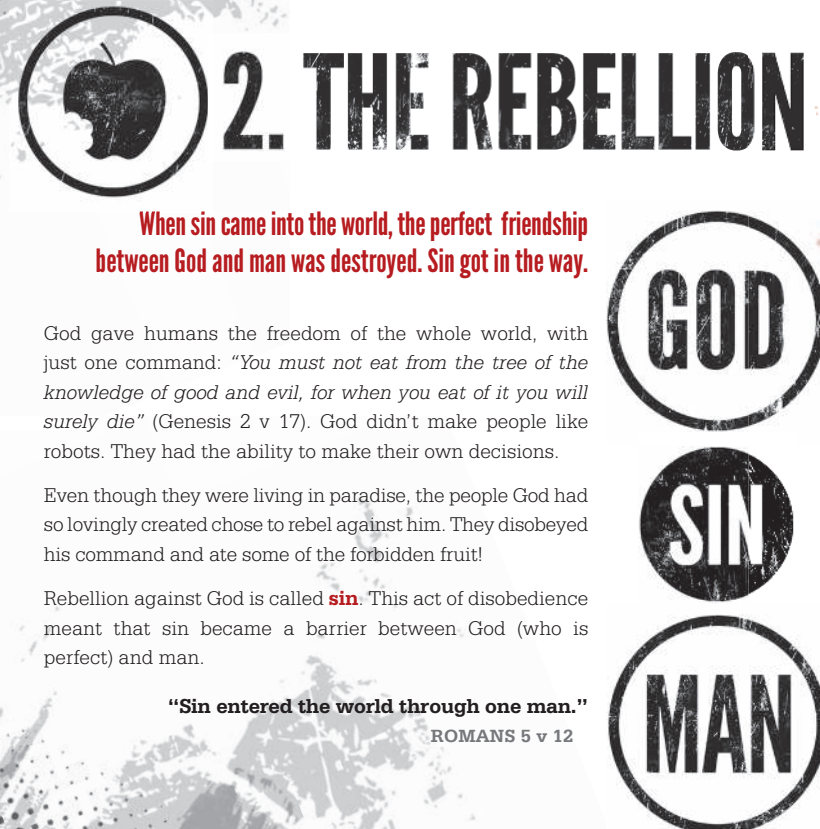
When sin came into the world, the perfect friendship between God and man was destroyed. Sin got in the way.

God gave humans the freedom of the whole world, with just one command: "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die" (Genesis 2 v 17). God didn't make people like robots. They had the ability to make their own decisions.

Even though they were living in paradise, the people God had so lovingly created chose to rebel against him. They disobeyed his command and ate some of the forbidden fruit!

Rebellion against God is called **sin**. This act of disobedience meant that sin became a barrier between God (who is perfect) and man.

"Sin entered the world through one man."
ROMANS 5 v 12



3. THE CONSEQUENCE

Sin doesn't only separate us from the God who loves us, it also destroys our world and our eternity.

The world today is a twisted version of the perfect world God created. All of the suffering, struggles, tragedies and tears are not God's fault; they are the consequences of sin.

The bad news is that we are all part of the problem – "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3 v 23). We are ALL guilty of sin (lying, stealing, hatred, jealousy, lust, rejecting God etc), and as a consequence we deserve God's punishment.

The punishment for sin is death – we are all going to die. The ultimate tragedy of sin is it means we'll be separated from God for ever in hell.

"The wages of sin is death."
ROMANS 6 v 23

