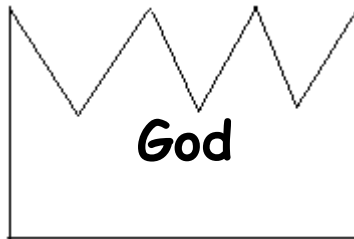


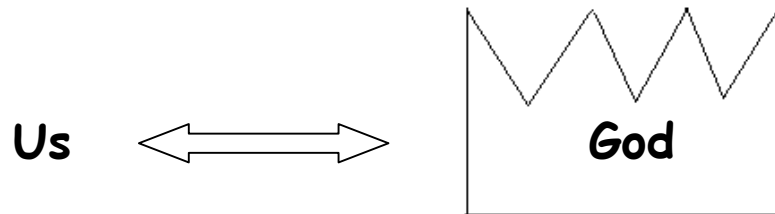
# Bridge Illustration

Before time began there was only God.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
(Genesis 1:1)

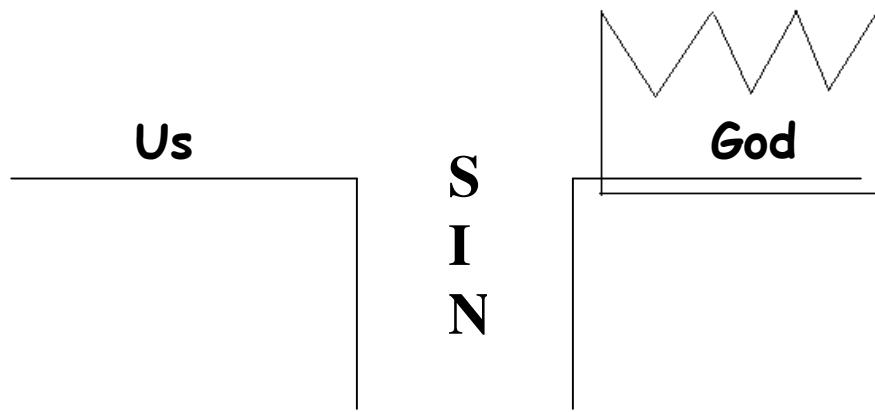


God created us to have a relationship with Him!



But we rejected God and didn't obey Him.  
This is called sin, and we all have done this.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
(Romans 3:23)

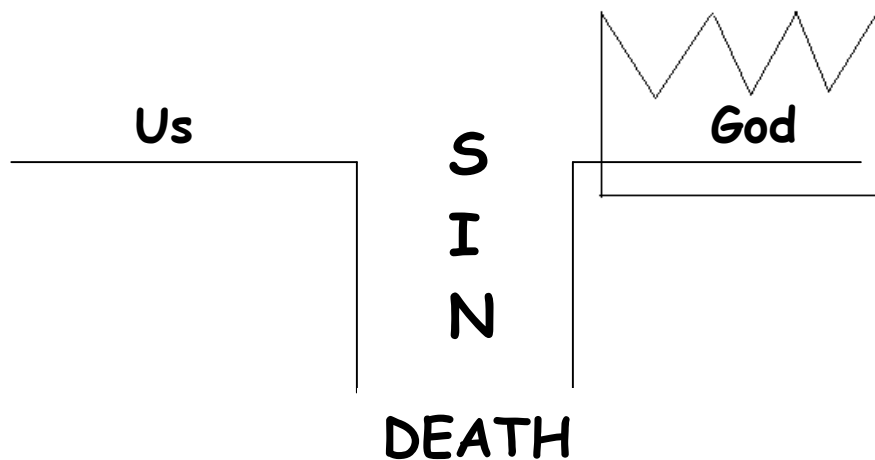


Because of our sin we no longer have a relationship with God.

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all."  
(Isaiah 53:6)

In fact, the punishment for our sin is death.

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

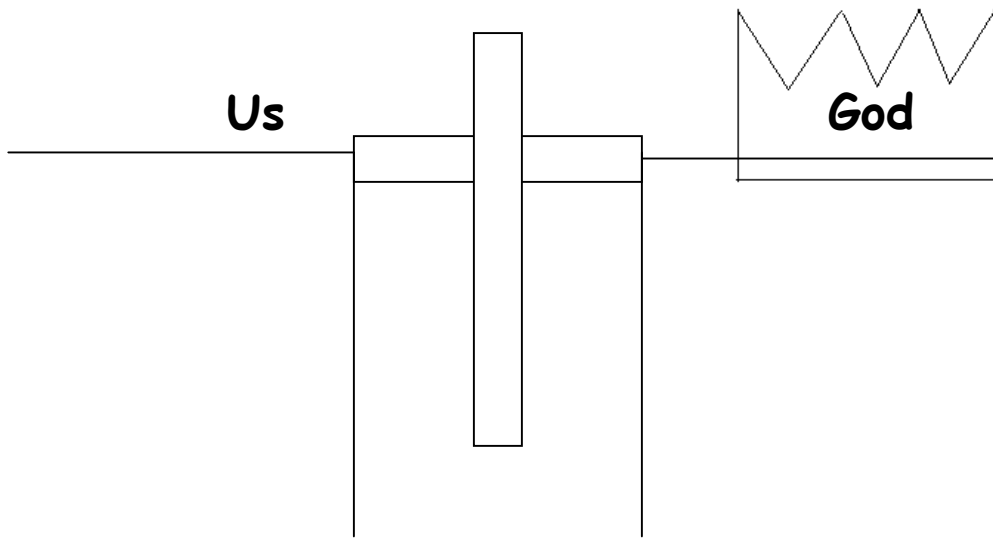


This death is a separation from God FOREVER!!

The *GOOD NEWS* is that *GOD LOVES US*  
and still wants a relationship with us!

"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 3:16)

So God made a "BRIDGE" for us to get back together,  
and that BRIDGE is JESUS.



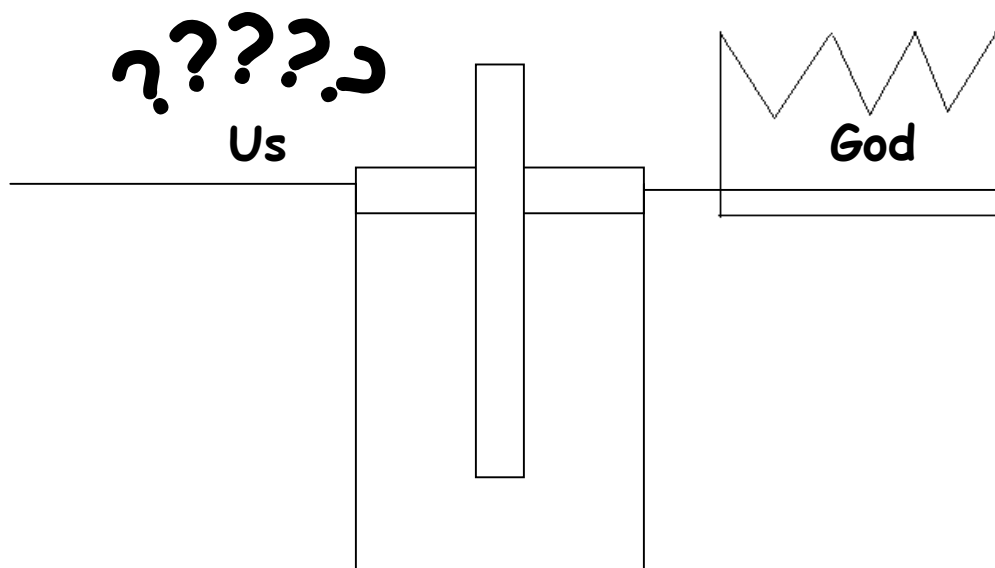
Jesus took the punishment for our sin  
when He died on the cross because of His love for us!

"Greater love has no one than this,  
that he lay down his life for his friends."  
(John 15:13)

"But God demonstrates His love for us in this:  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
(Romans 5:8)

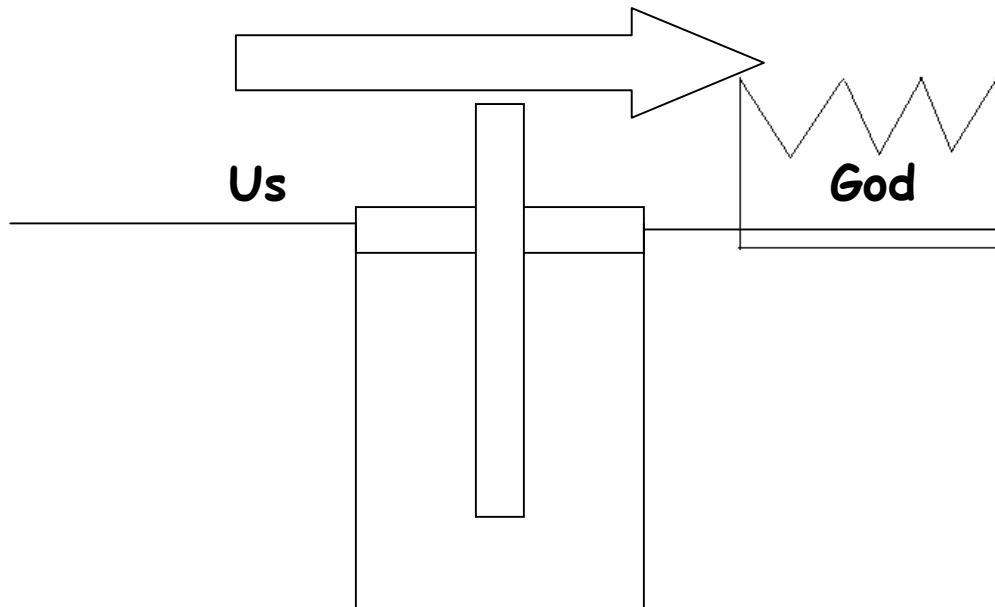
But it's not enough to KNOW that there is a Bridge.

You must GO ACROSS it! But how?



The way you cross the bridge  
is by **believing** that Jesus is alive,  
and **asking** Him to forgive you for your sins.

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,'  
and believe in your heart  
that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.  
For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
(Romans 10:9, 13)



Then **tell** God that you will do what He says in the Bible.

"You are My friends if you do what I command."  
(John 15:14)

"We know that we have come to know Him  
if we obey His commands."  
(I John 2:3)