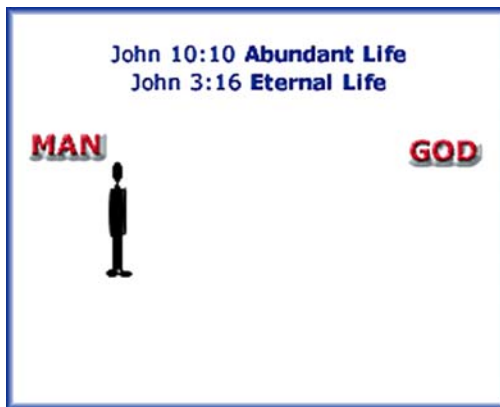


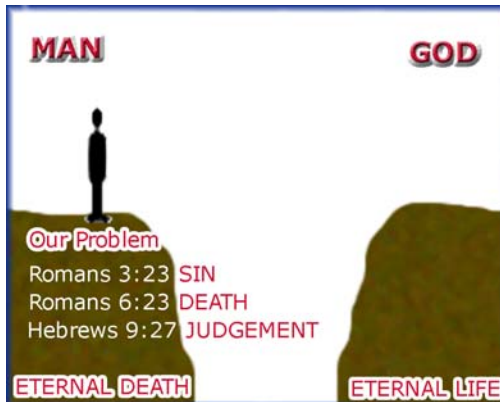
The Bridge Illustration

The Bridge Illustration is one of many effective methods of presenting/conceiving the gospel. It has been used successfully to communicate the gospel over many years and in many contexts, in groups and person-to-person. You will find it to be a useful and effective tool.



God's Purpose

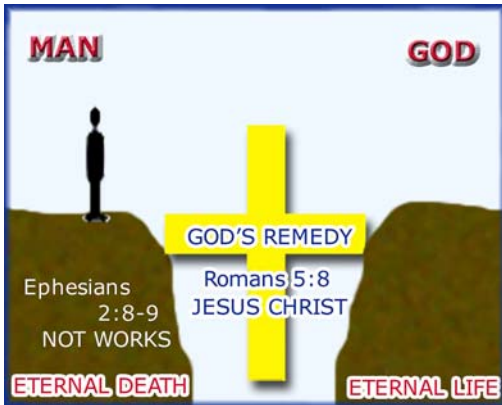
God desires that we experience an abundant life. This would include such things as love, peace, purpose, and fulfillment. He also desires that we experience both abundant life now and eternal life with Him.



Our Problem

But we have a problem. God did not create us like a robot who would automatically love and have fellowship with Him in return. He gave us a will and the freedom of choice. Therefore, not only do we have the ability to make good choices, but we also have the ability to make evil choices and sin.

Each of us will die physically, and after we die physically, we will face judgement. So we can see that when we look at the condition of a person apart from God, it isn't very encouraging. We have all sinned at one time or another, and the penalty of sin is eternal death (separation from God). Also we see that the consequences of our sin bring about the judgement of God.



God's Remedy

In spite of the fact that we have turned our backs on God and have disobeyed Him, He has provided a remedy so that we can know Him personally. He wants to give us both abundant life and eternal life. Only one bridge can cross the gulf that exists between a person and God, and that bridge is Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross. God sacrificed

His son to pay the price for all of our sins and bring us reconciliation to Him.



Our Response

Christ has made it possible for us to cross over to God's side and experience the full life that He wants us to have. But we are not automatically on God's side. In order to reciprocate Christ's sacrifice for our salvation, we must believe in Him and receive Him. We must constantly confess that we will sin and make mistakes. If we do these things, we

are assured of eternal life and no judgement from God.

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