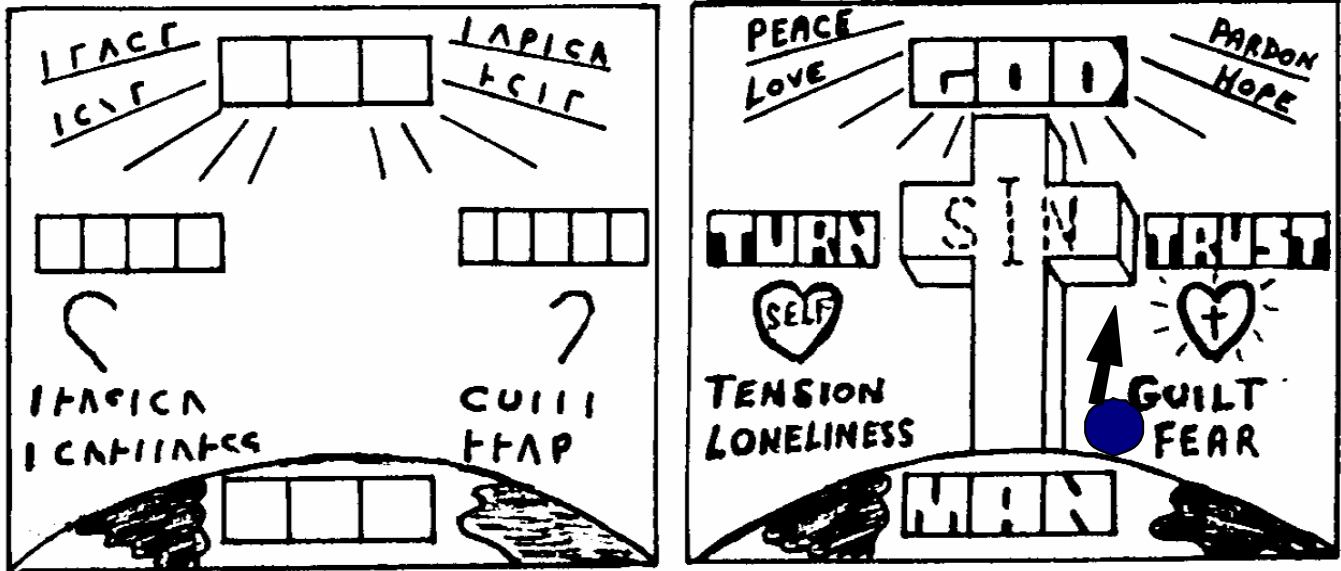


# THE "GOD – MAN" MESSAGE



Outline all words and the cross in black. Use a yellow background for God and Man, and a green background for "Turn" and "Trust". Draw SIN, the cross, and the hearts in red. Paint the earth blue, with green shading for countries.

**MAN** All over the world people are searching for happiness. Almost everyone would like to have . . .

**PEACE** ... peace between countries; peace in our homes; peace in our hearts.

**TENSION** But instead of peace, we find tension ... there are (Conflict) wars; broken homes and broken hearts in every country.

**LOVE** People are also searching for love; to know someone who really cares about us and understands us. Someone who will never forsake us.

**LONELINESS** But instead of love, we find there is loneliness ... an emptiness and a void within. Is there loneliness within your heart today?

## HOPE

People are searching for hope. In an uncertain world, where can we turn for security? Instead of hope, there is fear; the fear of failure; the fear of losing our **FEAR** health, job and loved ones; the fear of death and the unknown. Are you afraid of what tomorrow may bring?

## PARDON

All of us have made mistakes. We would like to forget the bad things we have done. Our past often haunts us. We all want to be pardoned ... to be forgiven. But instead of pardon, we have guilt. Nothing can **GUILT** remove it permanently. Deep within we know there will be a judgement day.

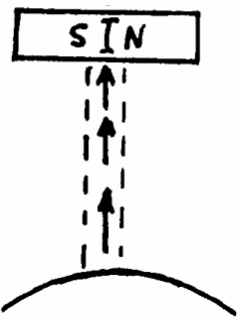
## GOD

WHERE CAN WE TURN FOR THE ANSWER?  
WHO IS BIG ENOUGH TO MEET OUR  
NEEDS? THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER ... GOD.

Only HE is big enough to satisfy the longings of our heart. God is love ... God can give us pardon, peace, and eternal security. Once God and man lived together in a beautiful earth full of peace and love. There was no tension, loneliness, fear or guilt. But one day man turned his back upon his Creator, and went his own way.

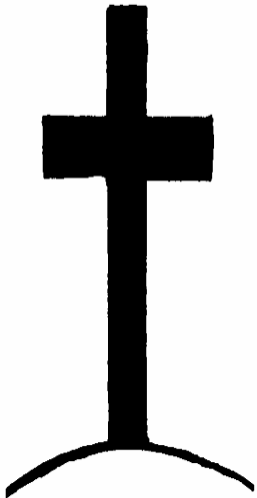
SIN

The result of this was spiritual death. His sin, like a great wall (barrier), stood between him and his God. Like our first parents, we too have gone our way and our sin separates us from God. The Bible says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way... (Isaiah 53:6). "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you... (Isaiah 59:2). That is why we will all die, for "the wages of sin is death." To die without God's pardon will mean eternal separation from Him. All around the world, people are trying to reach God by various ways. Some try good lives. But God is holy and



perfect, and will not allow a single sin into His heaven. Some try going to church. This is good, but even hypocrites can do the same, and they are not going to heaven. Some try different religions and philosophies to reach God. But still the barrier of sin stands between man and God.

The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We are all guilty and totally unable to save ourselves. God saw that we could never come to Him, so in His love, He came to us. Almost 2000 years ago, he came to earth, and broke through the barrier of sin. He did it by dying on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. Christ was more than a man. He was born through a virgin. He lived a sinless life. He did miracles ... opening the eyes of the blind.. calming the sea ... raising the dead ... casting out demons. He said, "He that has seen Me has seen the Father..." (John 14:9). "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). He was the God Man ... God the Son. Why did He come? For one purpose.. to die for the sins of all mankind. It was not the nails that held Him to the cross, but His love. He had the power to come off the cross anytime He wished. But He knew there was no other way to save us. God's justice demanded that our sins be punished, but God's mercy provided a substitute for us in Jesus Christ. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities..." (Isaiah 53:5). God "has made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21). The blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all our sins (1 John 1:7).



Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

He was buried. Three days later, He arose from the grave. His last command to His followers was to take His message of salvation to the whole world. Whoever would repent and believe, would receive eternal life.

He ascended into Heaven. One day He has promised to return, this time in great power and glory. The signs He gave of His second coming are all around us ... nation rising against nation ... famines ... earthquakes ... sin abounding ... this Gospel going to every nation. One day, at the end of time, the Lord will come as king. Every eye shall see Him; every knee shall bow; every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Two people shall be in a field ... one shall be taken ... one shall be left.



Will He take you, or will you be left behind? Christ divides all people into two groups ... not according to their wealth, color, or nationality, but according to their heart. He sees two groups of people here today. The first is a large group who are running, or ruling, their own lives. They may believe that Christ exists but they are in control of their lives. Christ said that these are on a broad road to destruction. They will never get out of life any more than tension, loneliness, fear and guilt; and be lost for eternity from the presence of God.



The second group here today, Christ says, are only a few. They are on a narrow road that leads to life. They have done two things to put them on this road. You can do these also, today.

### **TURN**

First, you must be willing to let God change the direction of your life. Instead of going your way, **TURN**. You must turn to go God's way. Christ said, "Unless you repent, you shall ... perish" (Luke 13:3).

### **TRUST**

Secondly, **TRUST**, you must trust Christ as your Savior, When you do this, Christ will enter your life. You will receive the new birth. He will live within and give you His peace, love, hope and pardon. You will live forever in the presence of God. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). At

the Judgement, many will stand before Christ and say, "Lord ... in your name we have done many wonderful works..." And Christ will say to them; "I never knew you; depart from me..." (Matt. 7:22-23).

Does He know you? Do you know Him? Which is your heart? Which side are you on? Who is in control of your life?

If you find yourself on the broad road to destruction, and you want to cross over to the narrow road to life, you can do that right now.

**Please Note:** This message can be shortened if necessary. For example, only Peace, Tension, Love, Loneliness could be used at the beginning.

This message can also be preached without words for an audience that cannot read. See below:

