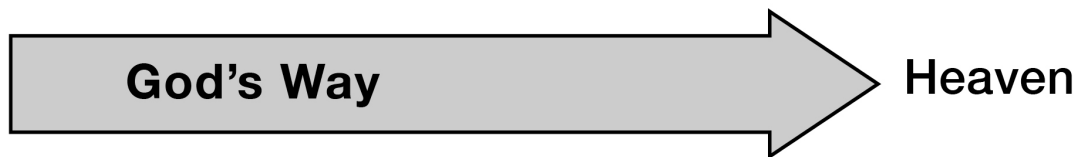


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**Sharing the Gospel - The Arrow Illustration**

The Gospel can be explained in a variety of ways but here is one illustration that explains it in a visual form. Sometimes that is easier for someone who had not heard it can better grasp what it says and what it means. Draw this illustration on a piece of paper and explain it step by step. Have your Bible open and turn to each verse so that the inquirer can read it for themselves.

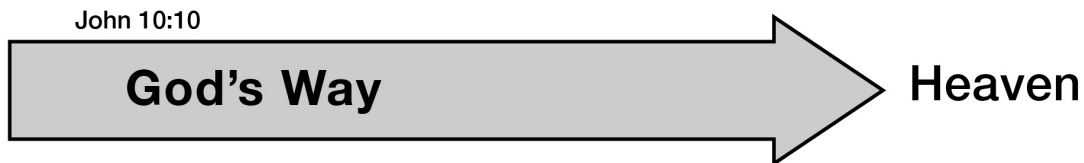
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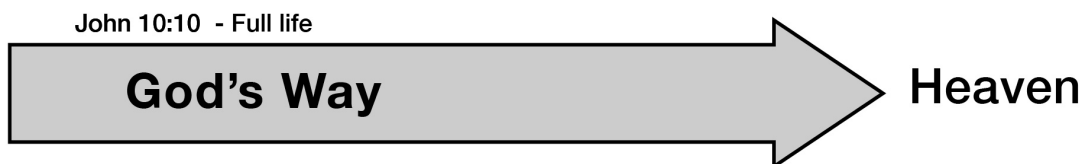


God has created each of us to enjoy an intimate relationship with Him where we enjoy His presence and the benefits He wants to bring to our lives. He ultimately wants us to be with Him forever.

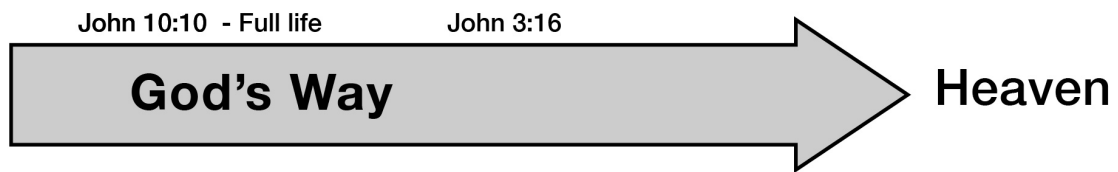
Turn to John 10:10 and have it read. The Bible says that God wants us to have life abundantly, life to the full. What does that mean?



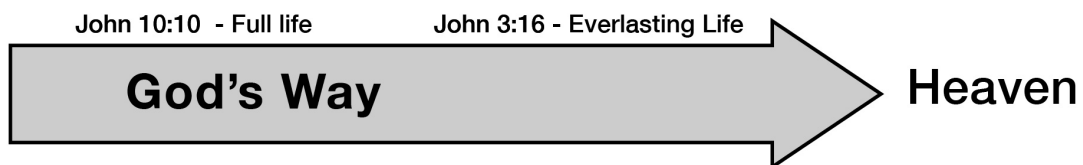
Write "Full Life" next to the verse.



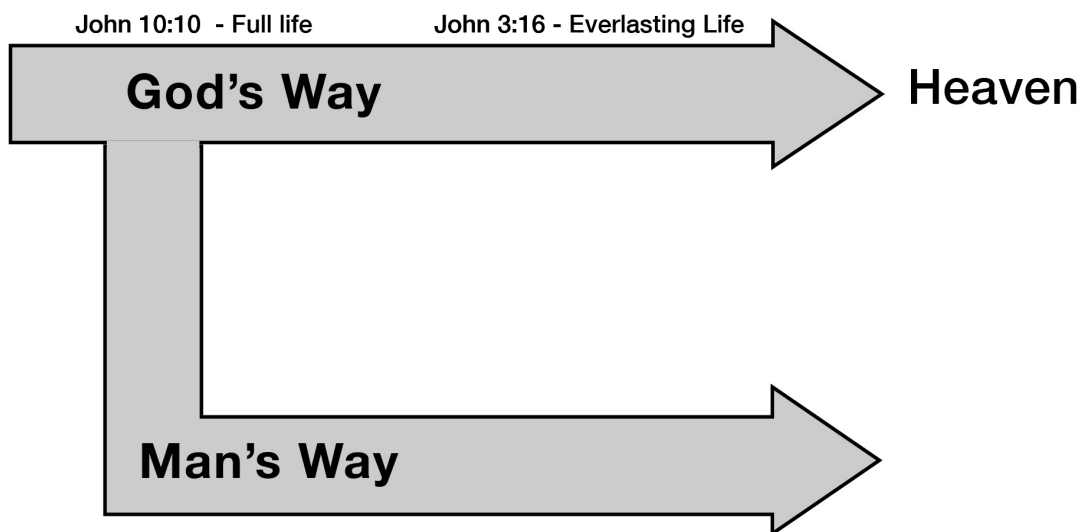
Write John 3:16 on the illustration and turn to it so it can be read. What else does the Bible say that God wants all of us to have?



Write eternal life on the illustration. What does that mean? The Bible describes that it means life forever with him and not experiencing the sting of death.

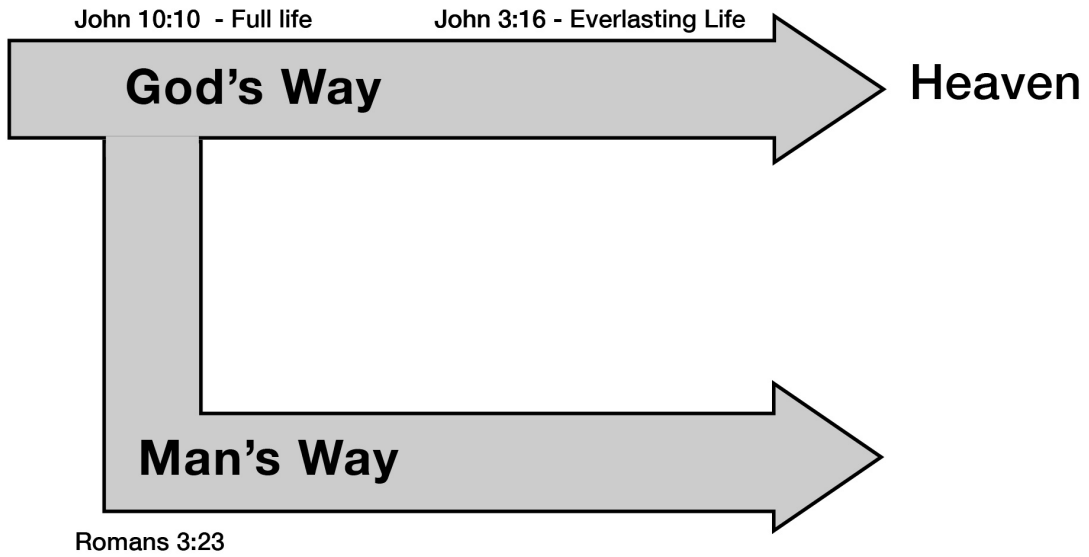


So why don't we all experience that? Draw the second arrow on the screen like this.

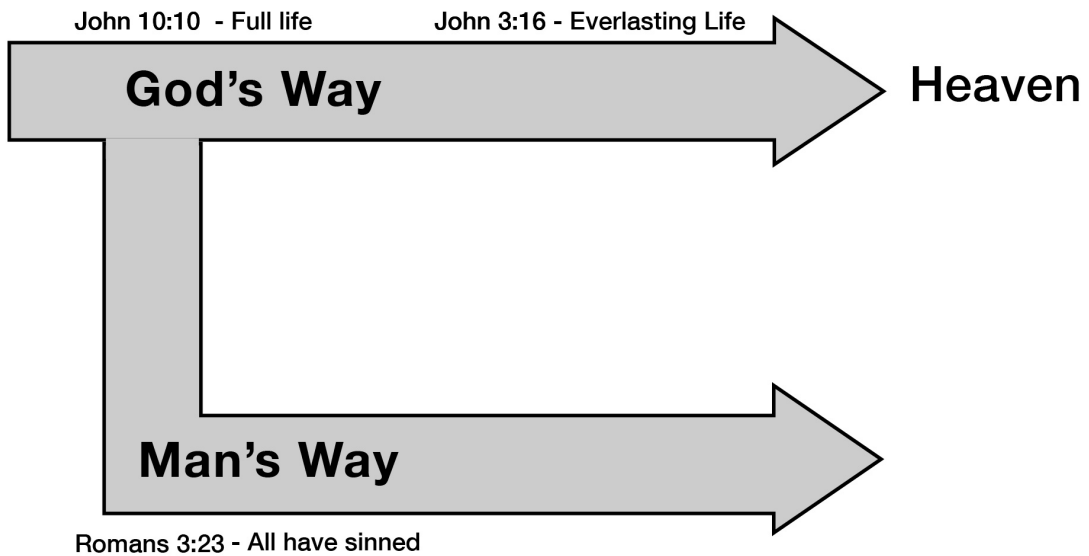


Explain that God has given each of a free choice to turn away and reject His plan for us and go our own way. In the garden of eden, Adam and Eve chose to disobey the instructions God had given and as a result they rejected God's plan for them.

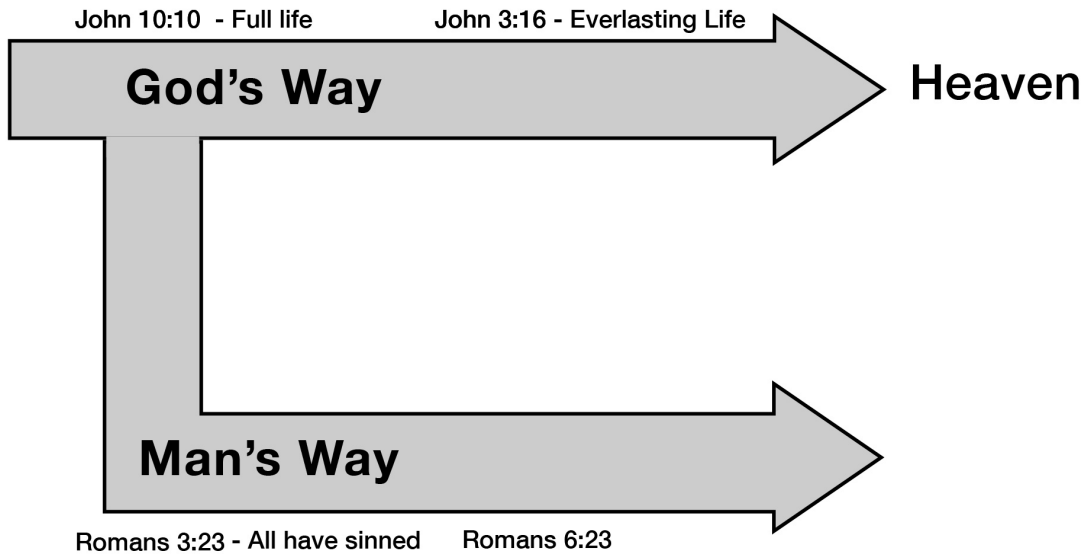
Write Romans 3:23 on the illustration and turn to it in your Bible. Ask your inquirer to read it aloud and ask them what does it mean. What is sin? Sin is our act of disobeying God and rejecting His plan for our lives.



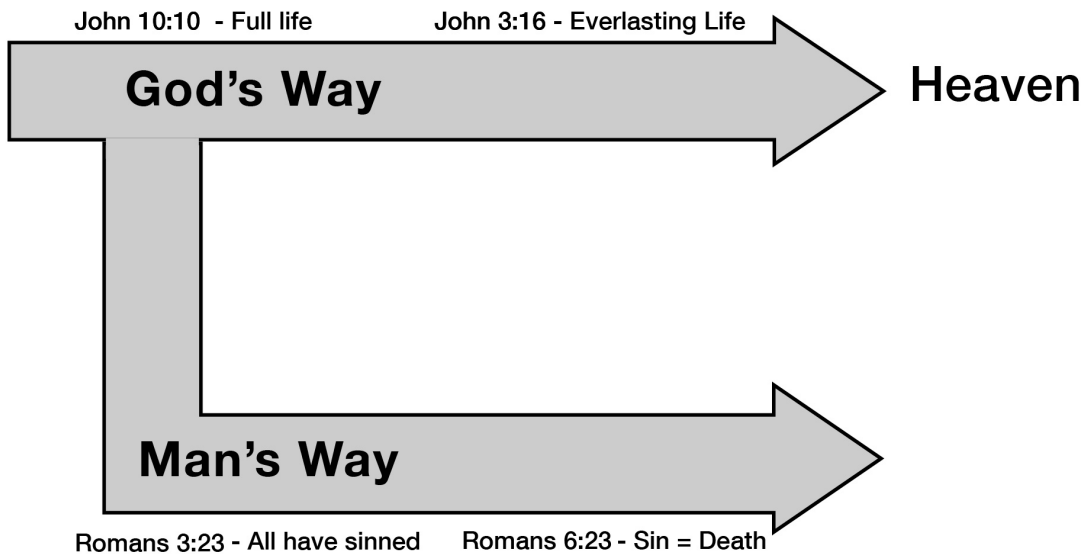
Write "All have sinned" to show that this is the path all mankind has taken and it is away from God.



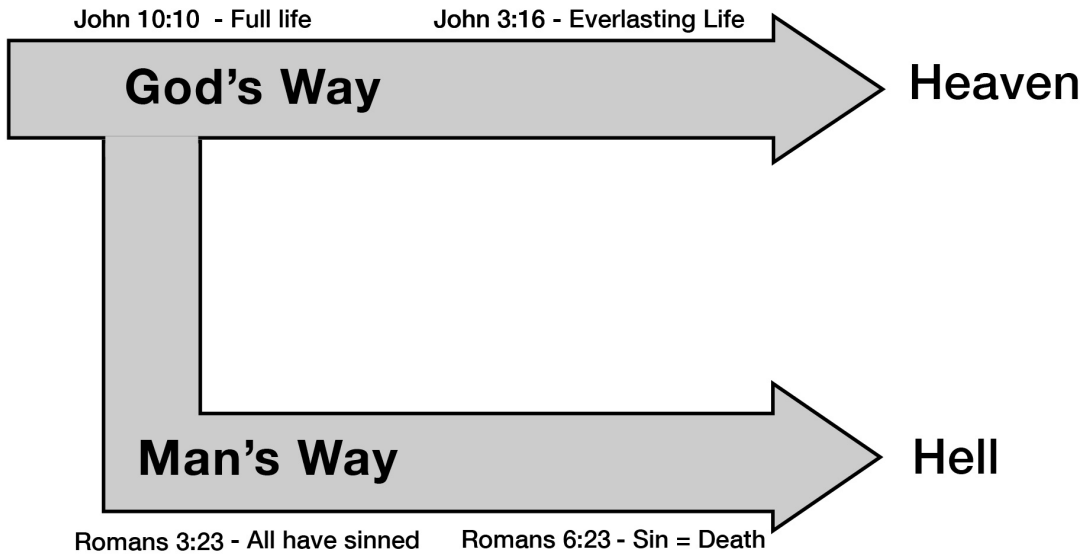
Write Romans 6:23 on the illustration and have the inquirer read it in your Bible. Explain that the wages mentioned is what we all deserve for what we have done and that the payment we receive is Death. Ask the inquirer what they think the Bible means by death.



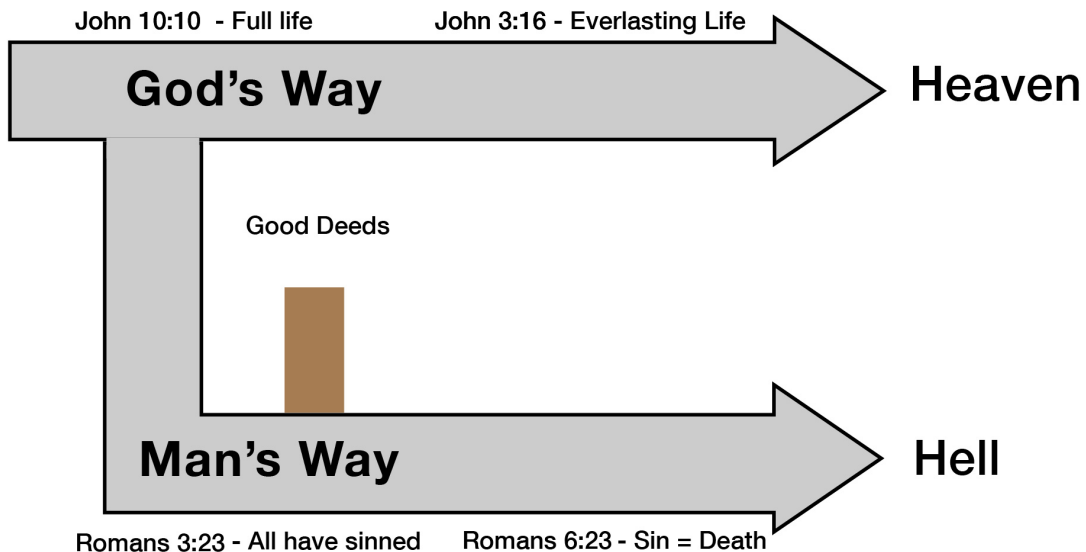
Explain that death is not only physical, but spiritual and the Bible says it is separation from God.



Write the word Hell at the end of the second arrow and explain that death, separation from God, is what the Bible tells us is the result of God's righteous judgement for our sin. Make sure that in your discussion you point out God is just to judge us and that we deserve rightful punishment for breaking His laws. Point out how none of us is good because we all have violated the Ten Commandments many, many times.

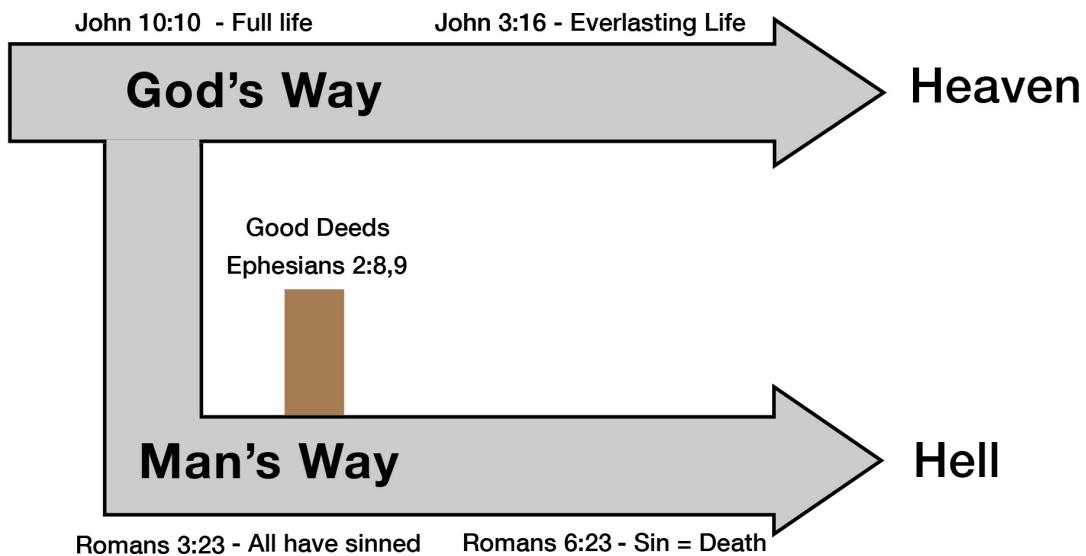


Ask what man will try and do to reach out to God and find a way to get back to Him. What do we do to get on His good side and earn His goodness or points with Him?

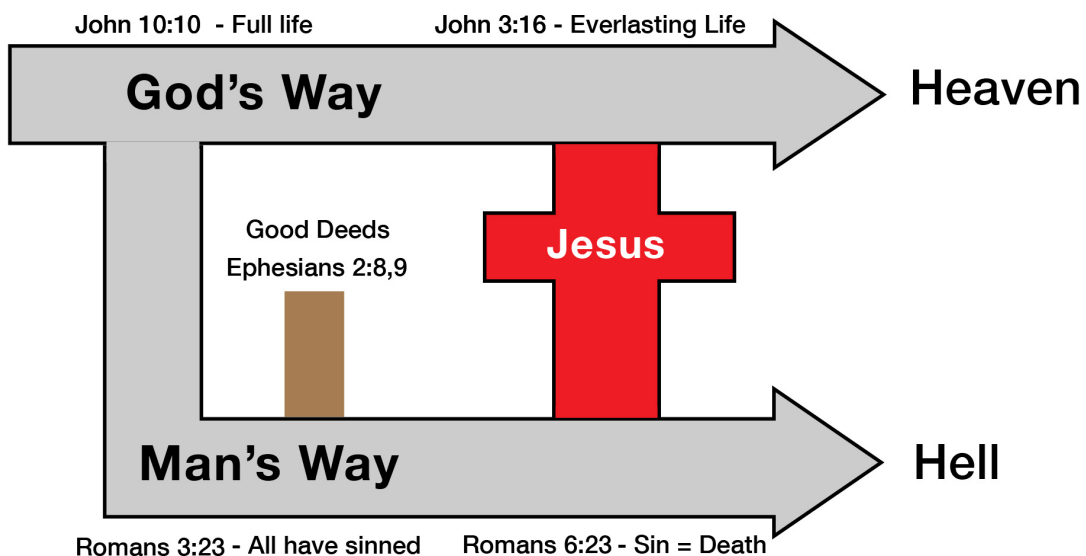


Read Ephesians 2:8,9 and explain how even our best deeds are not good enough because we must pay the penalty for the wrong we have done. God is not judging on a scale. If we could earn our way to heaven, we would then be able to boast.

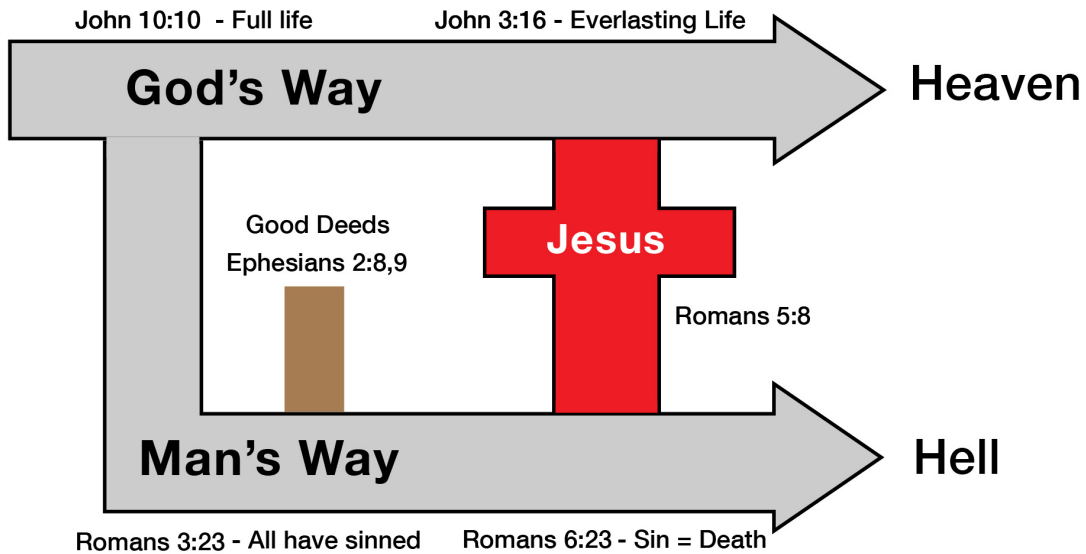
This illustration shows that the Bible says that if you die in your sins, you will go to Hell. Ask the inquirer, “Does that concern you?” It should. Tell them you care about them and don’t want that to happen to them. This is the point where the way they answered that question will tell you if they believe they need a savior.



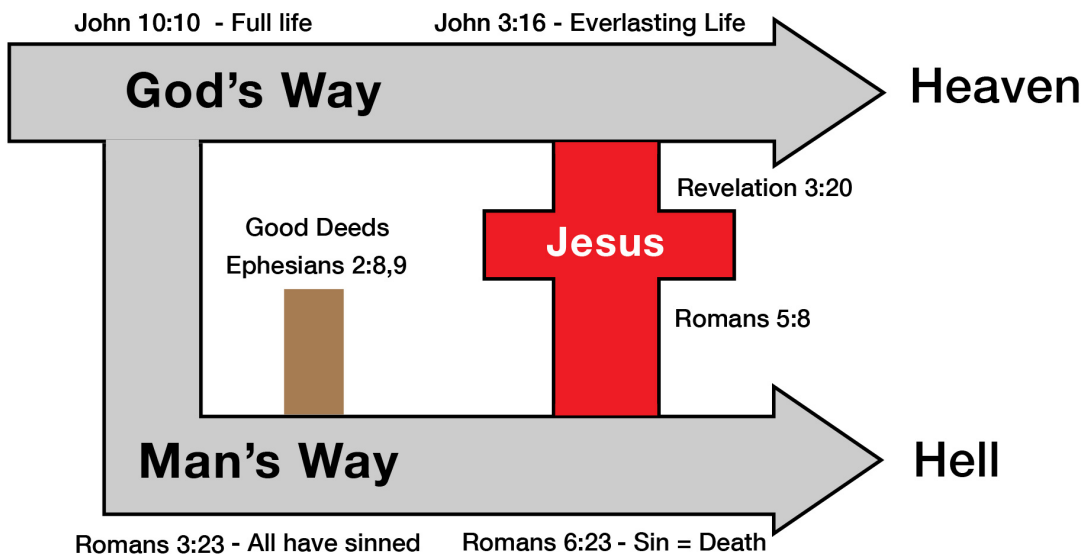
Ask the inquirer if they know what Jesus did so that we would not have to pay for our sin and go to hell? Tell them this is why He died on a cross. We broke God’s law, Jesus paid the fine.



Read Romans 5:8 and then verse 9. Point out that God did not wait until we were perfect, when we had our act together to show this love to us. He died on the cross while we were still sinning. But Jesus' death saves us from the righteous wrath or judgment of a righteous God.



Read Revelation 3:20 together and explain what it means. Jesus is standing at the door and asking to come in. He wants you to hear what He is saying and open the door, invite Him to come into your life. He wants to have a relationship with you as the Savior who will dwell in you and give you the power to live life as He intended. He wants to make you a new creation.



Open your Bible to Romans 10:9,10 and read it together. How do you receive eternal life? Jesus told us we must turn from our sin, repent and do not continue in it. Confess outloud that Jesus is God, sent to earth to live a sinless life and die on the cross to save you because of your sin. If you believe that He was raised from the dead and is living today, He will forgive you of your sin and grant you the gift of eternal life.

