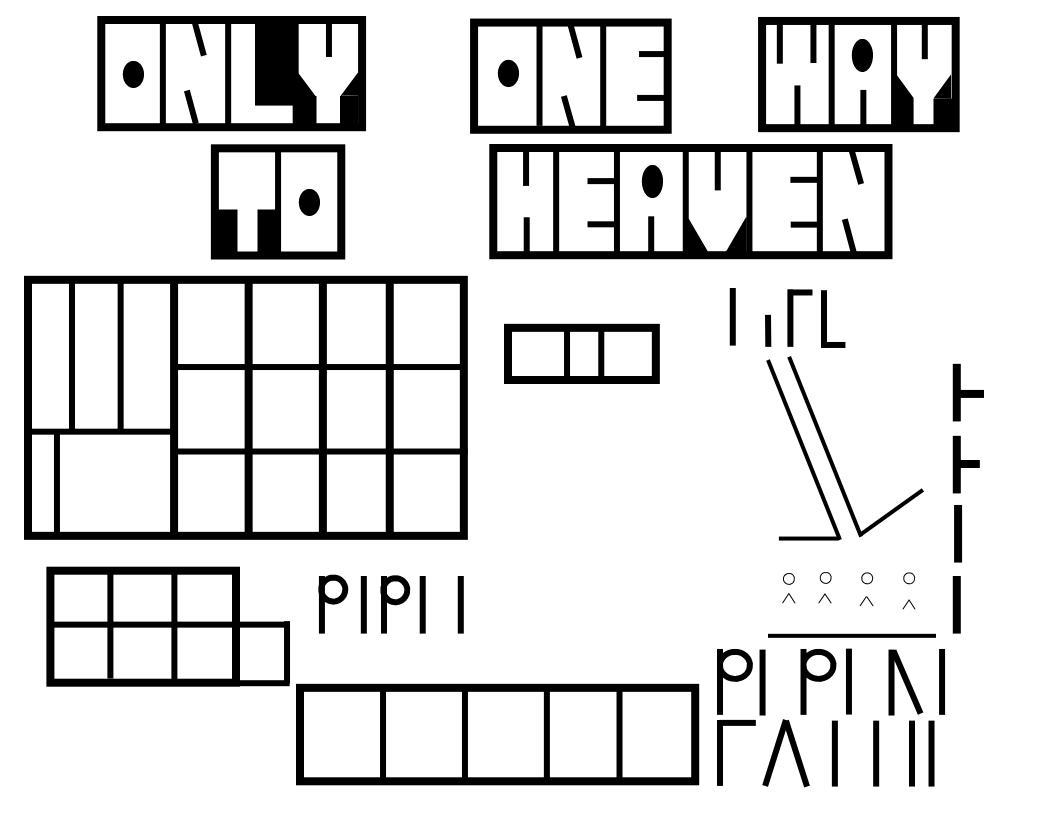
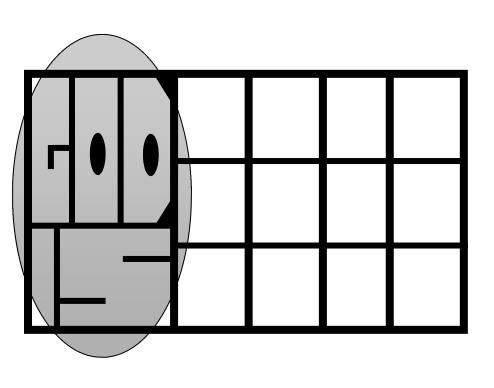
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A presentation of the Gospel By Pastor William V. Welzien

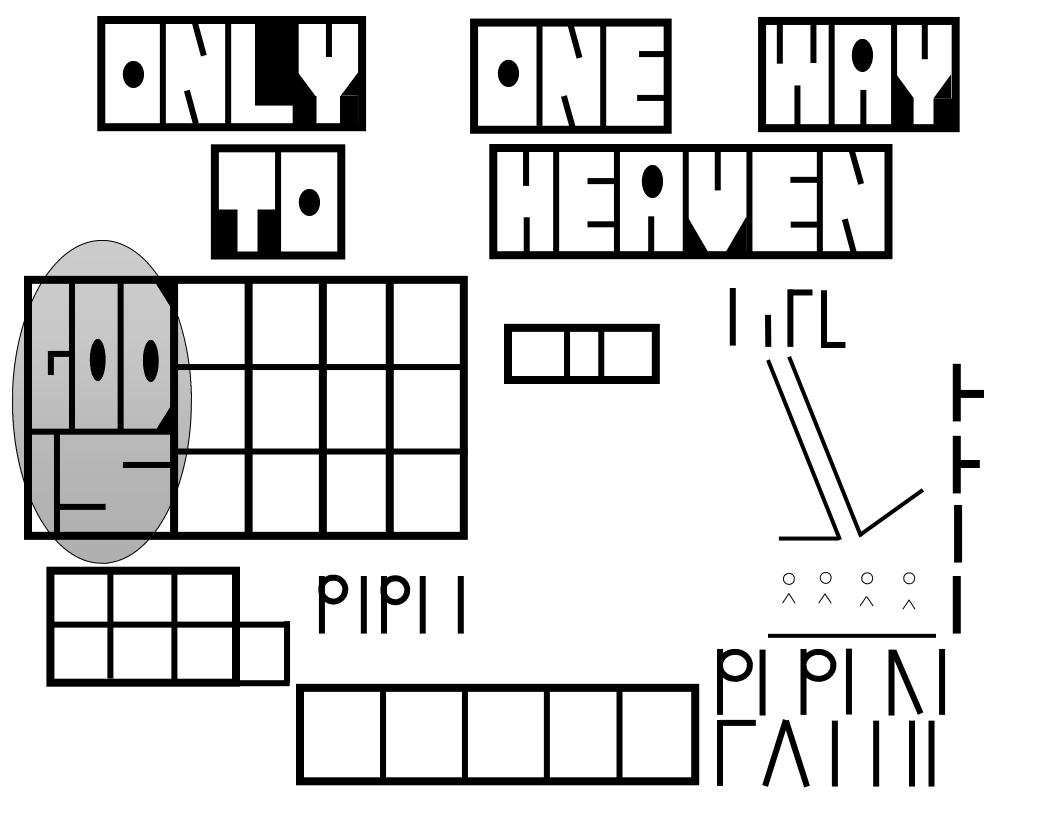


1. GOD IS.



The existence of God is a self-evident fact. All we need to do is look around us. Creation bears witness to the existence of God. Wherever we look, from the smallest of particles-atoms, to the largest of bodiesplanets, we find order. There is no denying the fact the our universe is an ordered universe. The existence of an ordered universe necessitates the pre-existence of a Creator of this ordered universe. If there is a design, there must be a designer. The heavens declare the glory and the existence of God!

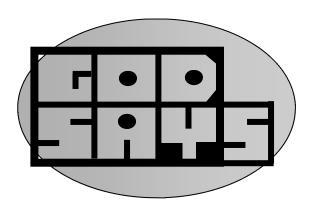
Scripture Proofs: Genesis 1:1
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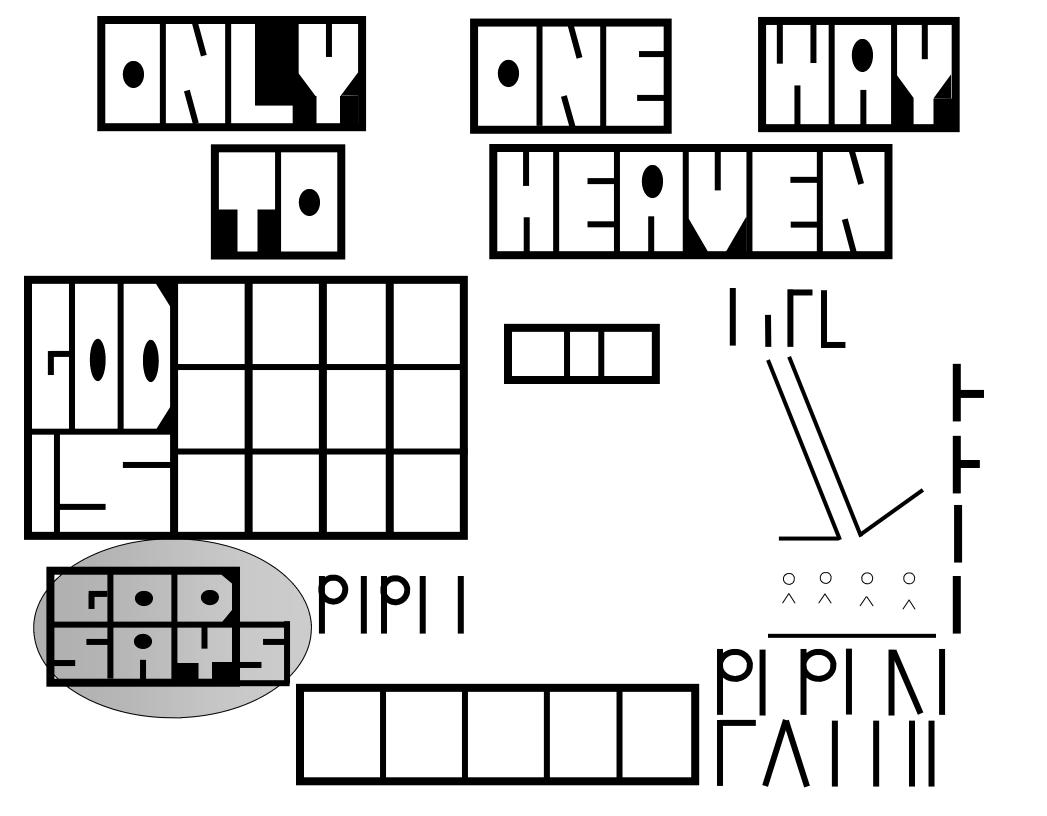
2. GOD SAYS.

It's one thing to know that God exists, it's another thing entirely to know Him. The fact of creation tells us that there is a God, but the only way we can know him is if he communicates to us.

Communication is the key to all relationships; if we do not communicate, we cannot know one another. The same is true for God. Our God is a personal God and He wishes for us to know Him. God has spoken.



Scripture Proofs: Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20 Hebrews 1:1,2

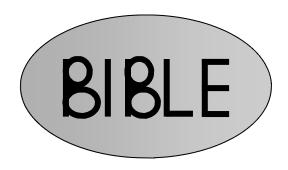


3. BIBLE.

Although the light of nature and the works of creation manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and of His will necessary for salvation. Therefore it pleased God, at various times and in diverse ways, to reveal Himself and to declare His will.

Written by over 40 authors, on three continents and in three languages, over a period of 1,500 years, and yet without error or contradiction, the Bible stands alone as the Word of God.

God has spoken to us in the Bible.



Scripture Proofs:

2 Peter 1:20-21

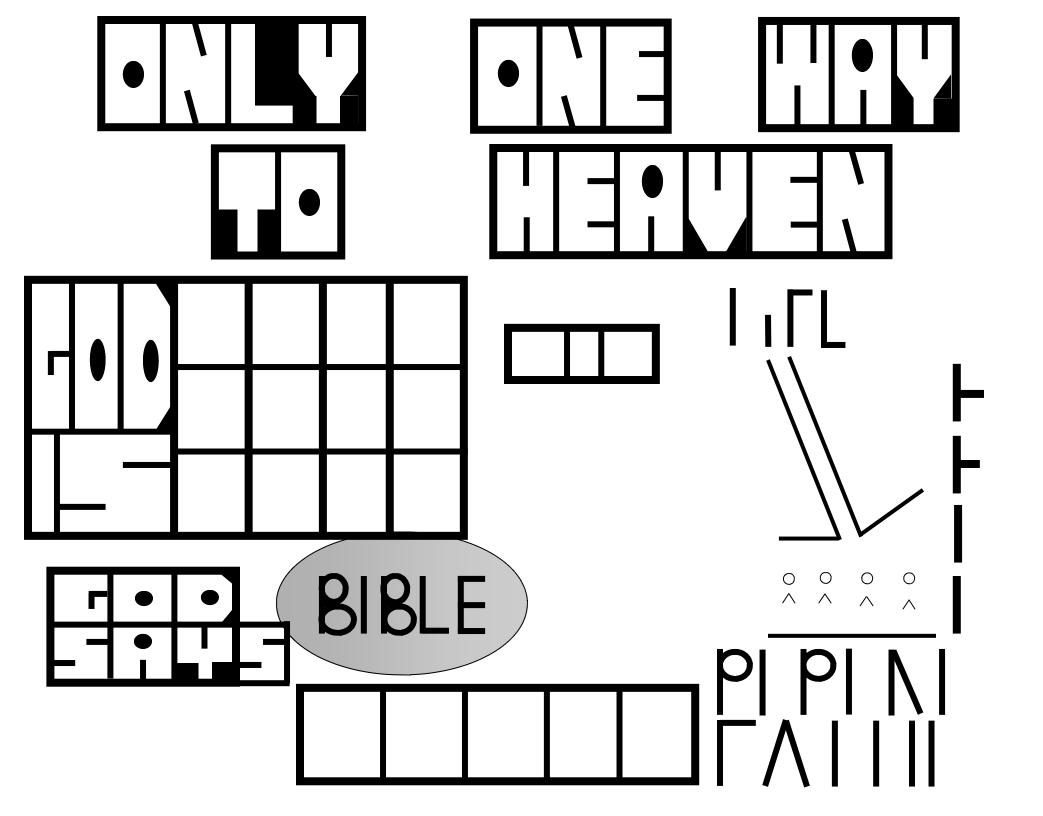
2 Timothy 3:16

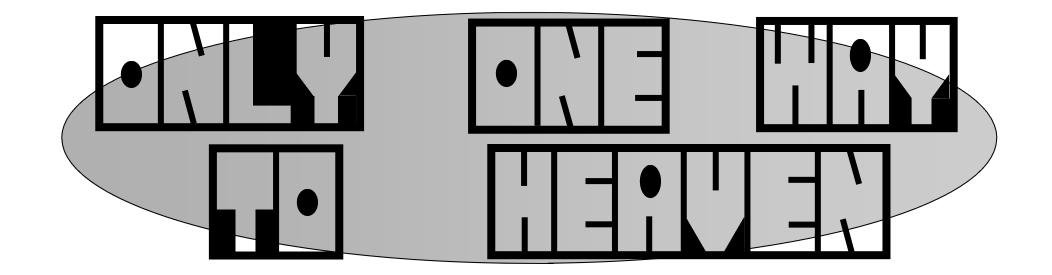
Luke 1:3-4

Isaiah 8:20

Jeremiah 36:2

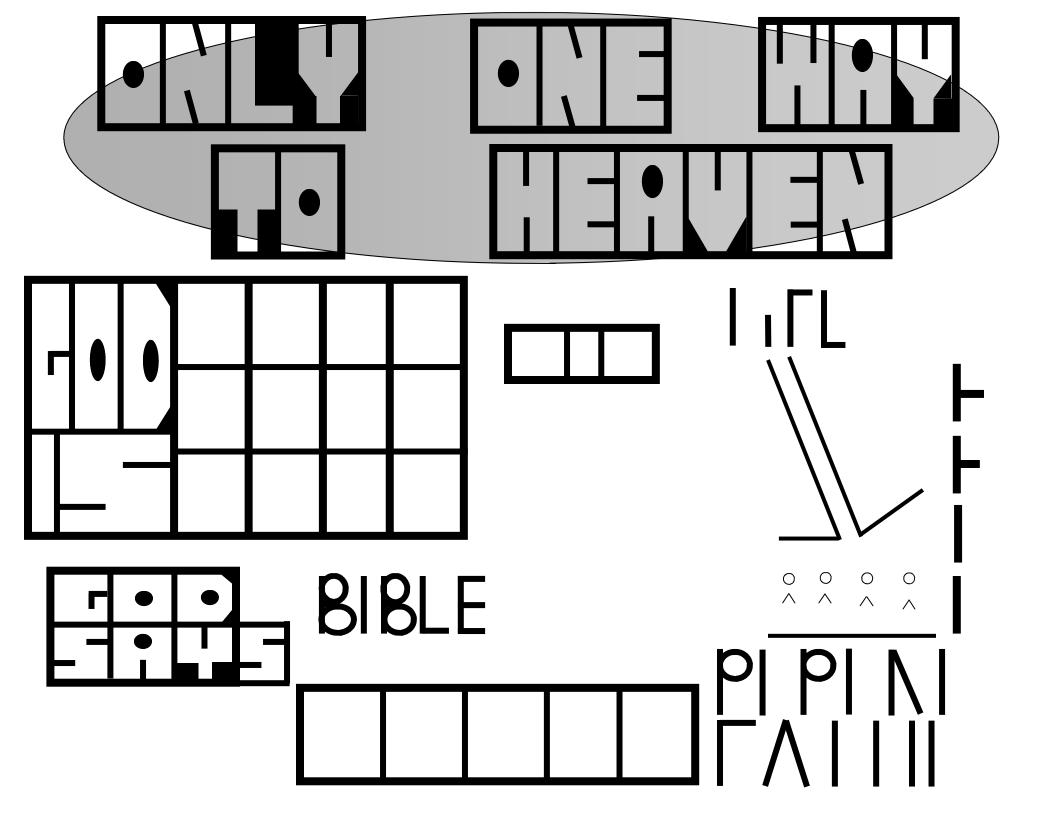
Ezekiel 1:3





In the Bible God tells us many things including this: There is Only One Way To Heaven. This is a very exclusive statement. And while there are many things in the Bible that may be a bit difficult to understand, there is no denying the fact that this statement is among the clearest teachings in the Bible. The rest of this message will explain why this statement makes absolutely perfect sense.

Scripture Proofs: 1 Timothy 2:5 John 3:16



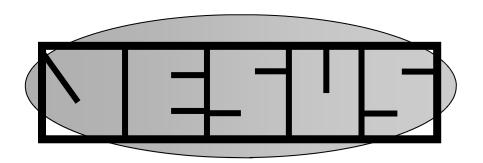
5. JESUS.

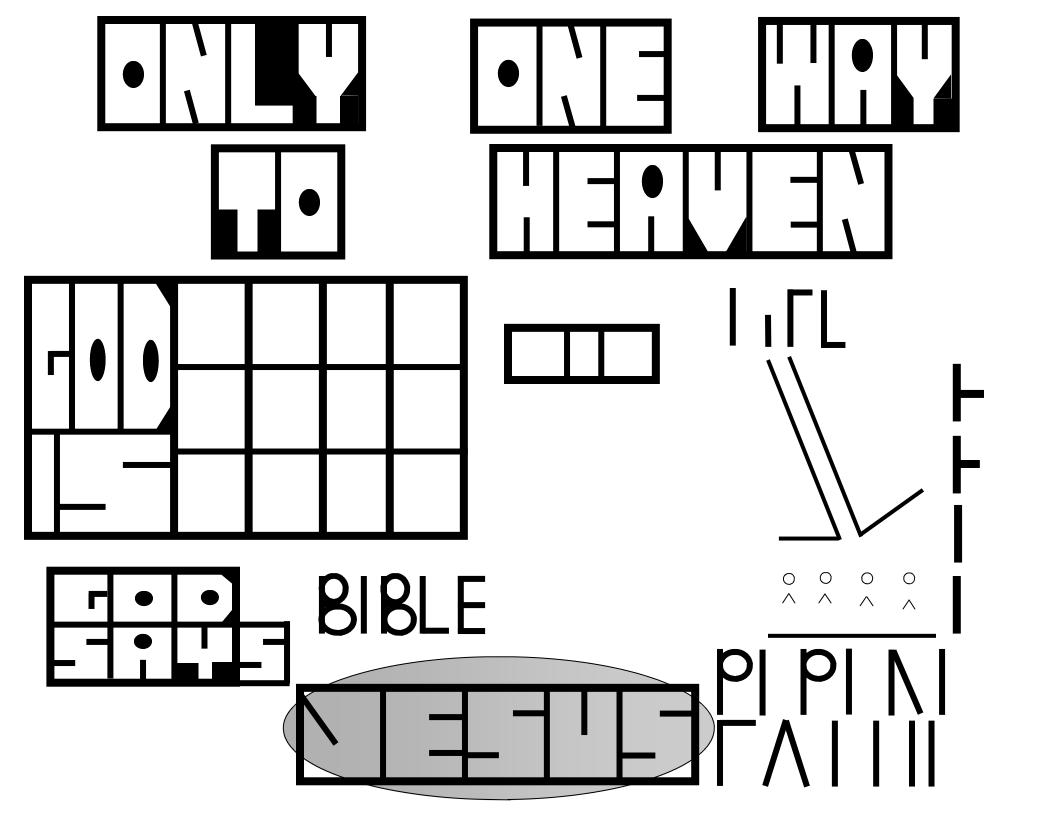
It's in the Bible that God tells us that there is "Only One Way to Heaven" and He gets specific. We are told that it is through Jesus, and Jesus only, that we may enter into eternal life.

Scripture Proofs: Acts 4:12

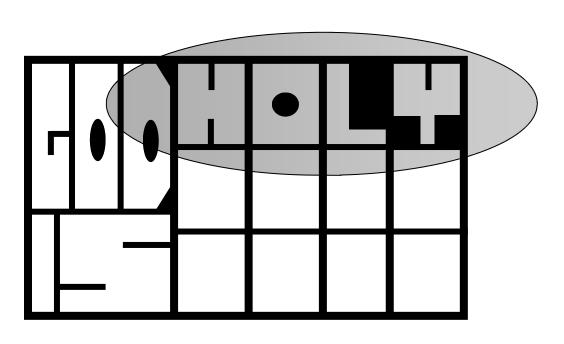
John 6:35, 67-68

1 Corinthians 3:11





6. GOD IS HOLY.



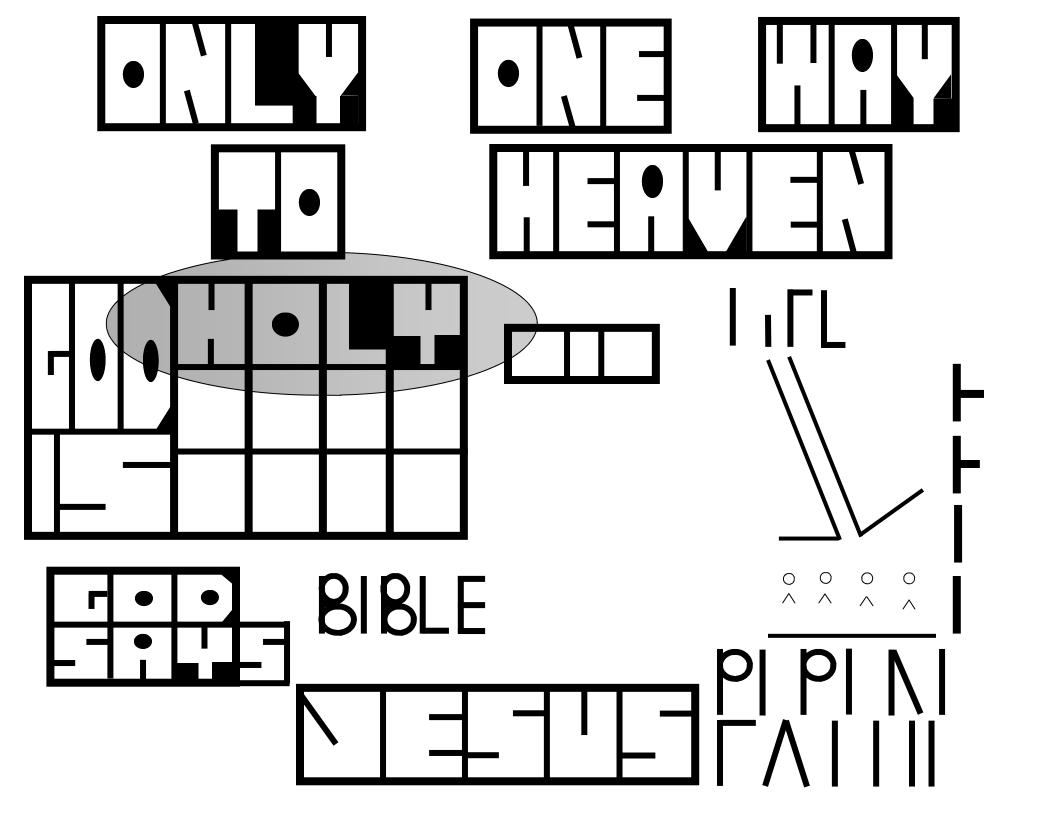
In order to understand that there can be only one way to heaven, we must learn something about the character of God. The first thing we learn about the God who is, is that He is HOLY.

When the Bible says that God is holy it means that He is absolutely perfect in all of His ways. We know this because God has given us His commandments, and these commandments reflect His perfect character.

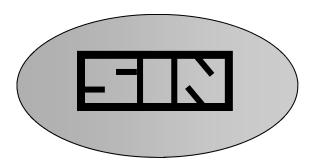
God created man in His own image and we are each morally responsible to keep those commandments our entire lives, perfectly.

Scripture Proofs: Isaiah 6:3; Exodus 15:11; Psalm 99:9

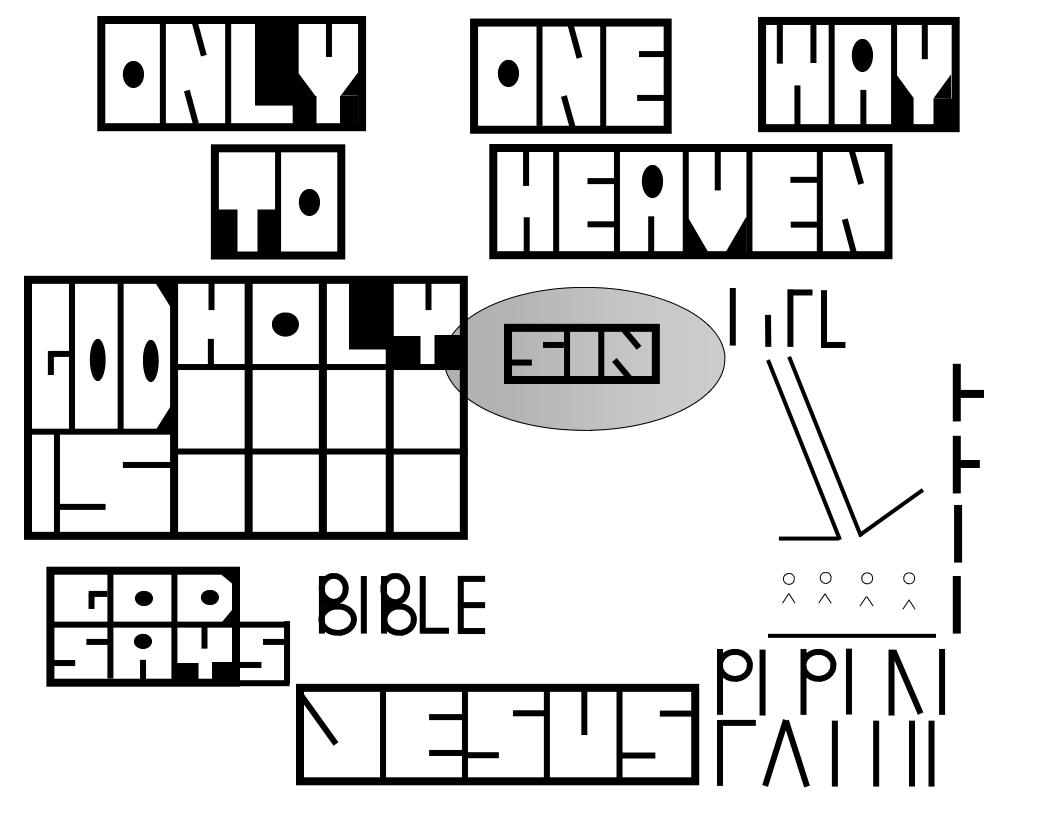
Exodus 20:1-17; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 5:48

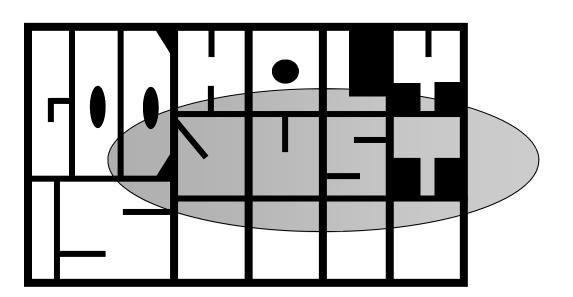


Who can say, with all honesty, that in their thoughts, speech and actions, they have fully complied with God's laws their entire lives and never broken one? The Bible says that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Sin is defined as acts of lawlessness, or rebellion, against our Maker. If you have broken any of God's commandments you have committed SIN.



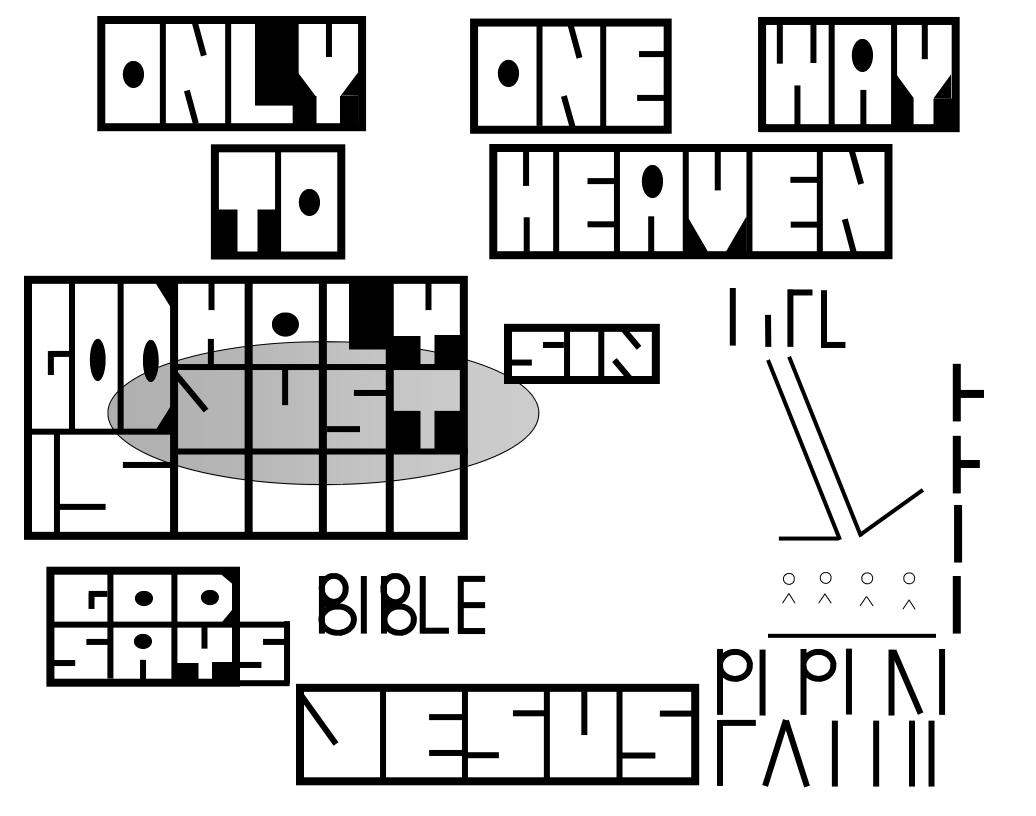
Scripture Proofs: Romans 3:10-12, 23 1 John 3:4 James 2:10





The Bible teaches us that our holy God is also a God who is absolutely JUST in all of His ways. The Bible also says that God is the just judge of the universe and each and every one of us will have to stand before Him one day, whether we are ready or not, and give an account for all that we have said and done in this life. If you have ever broken any of God's laws, you have committed sin, and God being a God of justice, MUST condemn you.

Scripture Proofs: Isaiah 33:22; Genesis 18:25; Ecclesiastes 3:17 Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10



• The Bible says that the "wages of sin is death." What all of us deserve for breaking God's holy laws is not only physical death, which we are all facing, but the second death in the "Lake of Fire." The Bible does actually teach of a very real place called "HELL." In fact, Jesus Christ spoke more on that subject than any other individual in the Bible. There is a place of torment and everlasting punishment known as "HELL." So we learn that the God who is, He is a God who is holy, and a God who is just, and because we are sinful people, that is not good news for us.

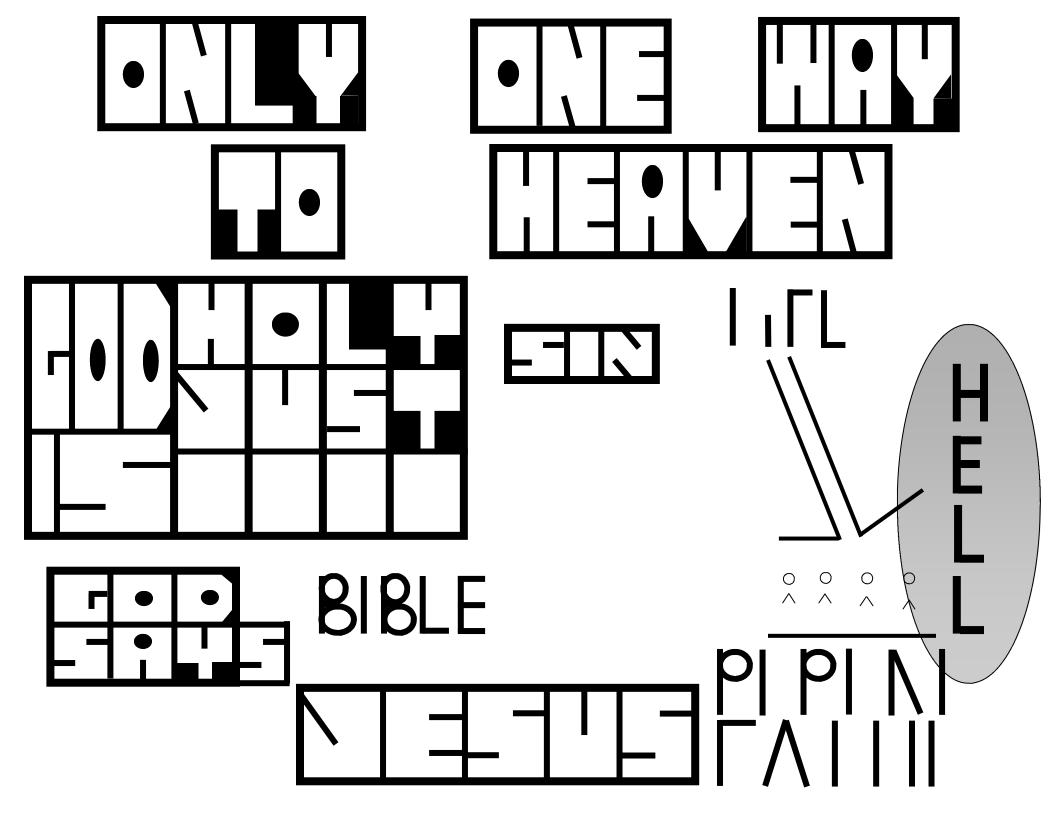
Scripture Proofs: Romans 6:23

James 2:13

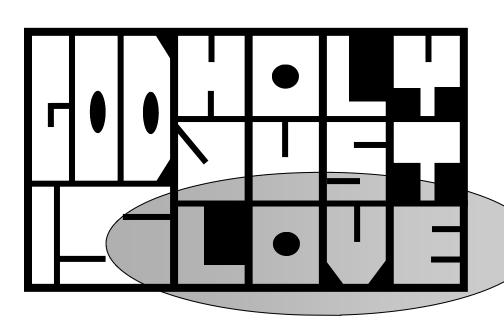
Luke 16:23

Matthew 11:23, 16:18

Revelation 1:18; 21:8



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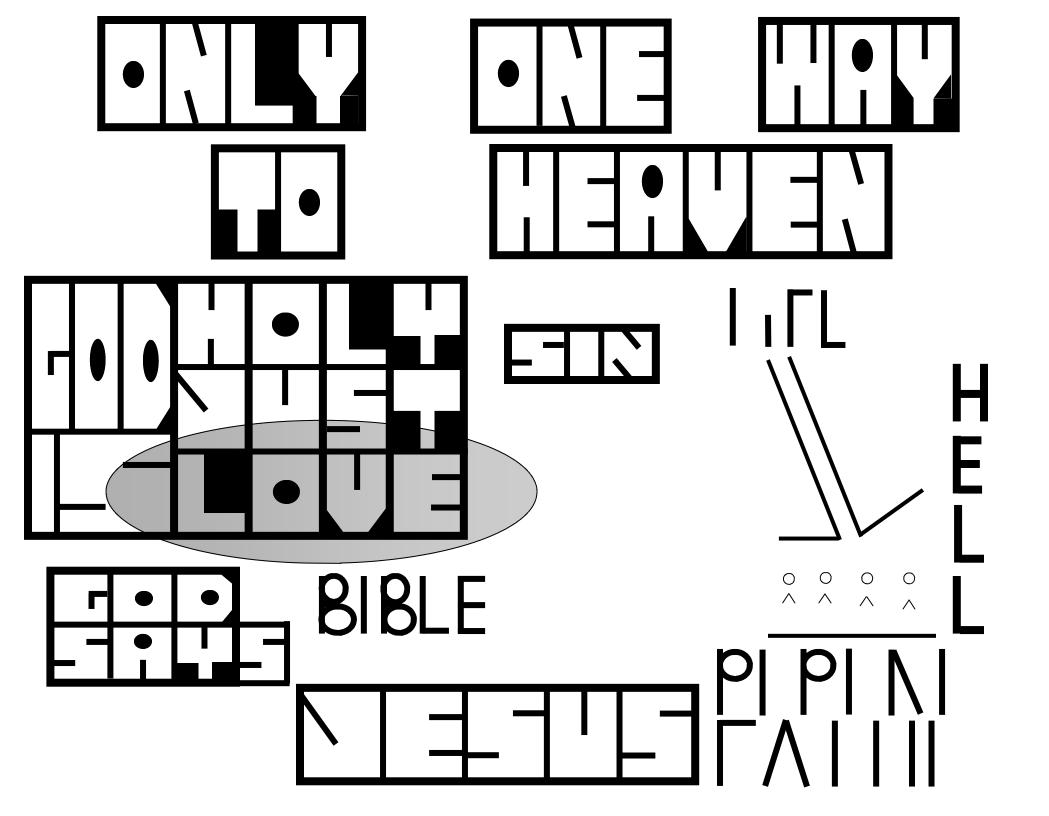
The Bible teaches us that our holy and just God is also a God of LOVE. In fact, the Bible doesn't just say that God has love, it says that God IS love. We can see demonstrations of God's love all around us, but the ultimate demonstration of God's love was in the giving of His Son Jesus Christ.

What makes Jesus so special?
What makes Jesus any different from
Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Krishna
or any other religious leader?

Scripture Proofs: 1 John 4:8, 16

1 John 3: 1, 16

John 15:9, 13





The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Maker of heaven and earth. The Bible also tells us that Jesus was so concerned for us and the problem of sin that we have that He did something about it. The Bible tells us that Jesus left the glory of heaven, the worship of angels, and was conceived as to His humanity in the womb of a virgin by the Holy Spirit. The Bible actually teaches us that God, our Great and Glorious Maker, became a man. But God didn't stop being God because God is eternal and He can't stop being, but He added to His Divine nature a fully human nature. Jesus is both fully God and fully man; two natures but one Divine and Glorious person. In His humanity Jesus was like us; He hungered, He thirsted and He wept. But Jesus was unlike us in the fact that He had no sin. The only perfect, flawless human being to ever walk on planet earth was the Son of God, Jesus Christ. That is why Jesus is unlike any other man who ever lived!

Scripture Proofs: John 1:1-3,14, 11:35, 19:28

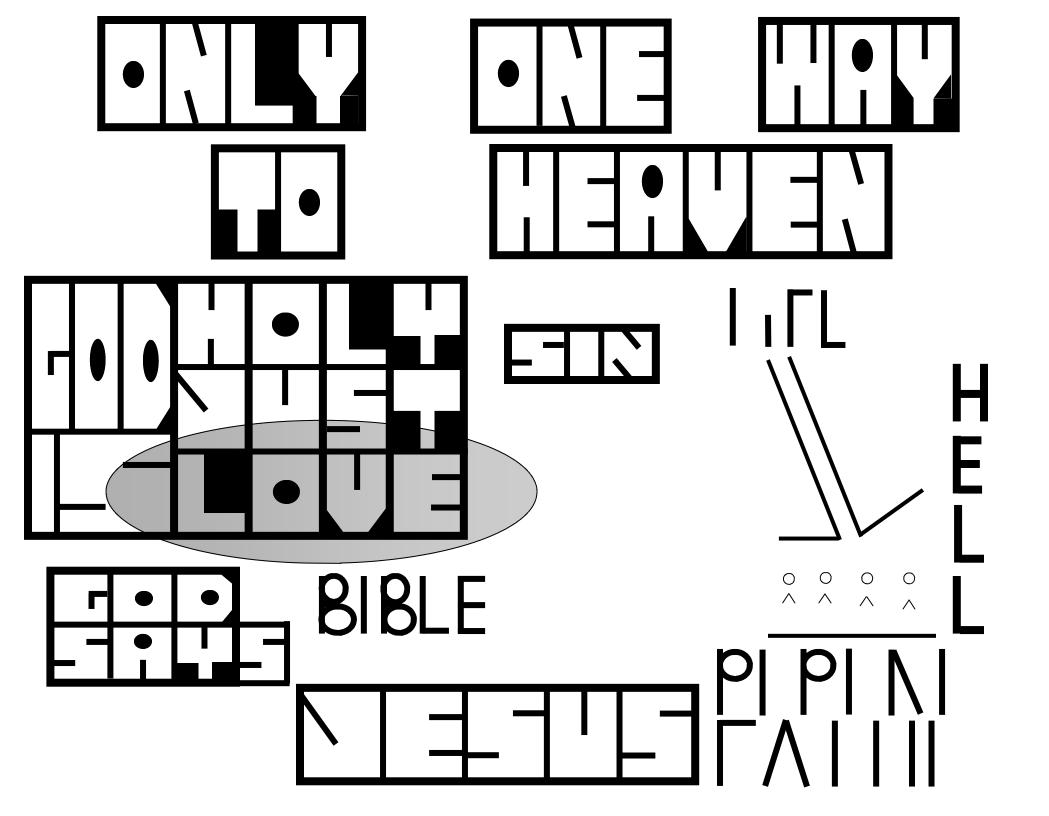
Colossians 1:16, 2:9

Isaiah 7:14, 9;6

Luke 1:30-34, 4:2

Hebrews 4:15

1 Peter 2:22



One doesn't need to be a Bible scholar to know that the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus died a horrendous, ignoble death upon a cross. History bears record that crucifixion was a style of execution reserved for the most degenerate of criminals. But why would Jesus, who was perfect and flawless and had no sin, die the death of a

It was the ultimate demonstration of God's love toward us.

Scripture Proofs:

Matthew 27:33

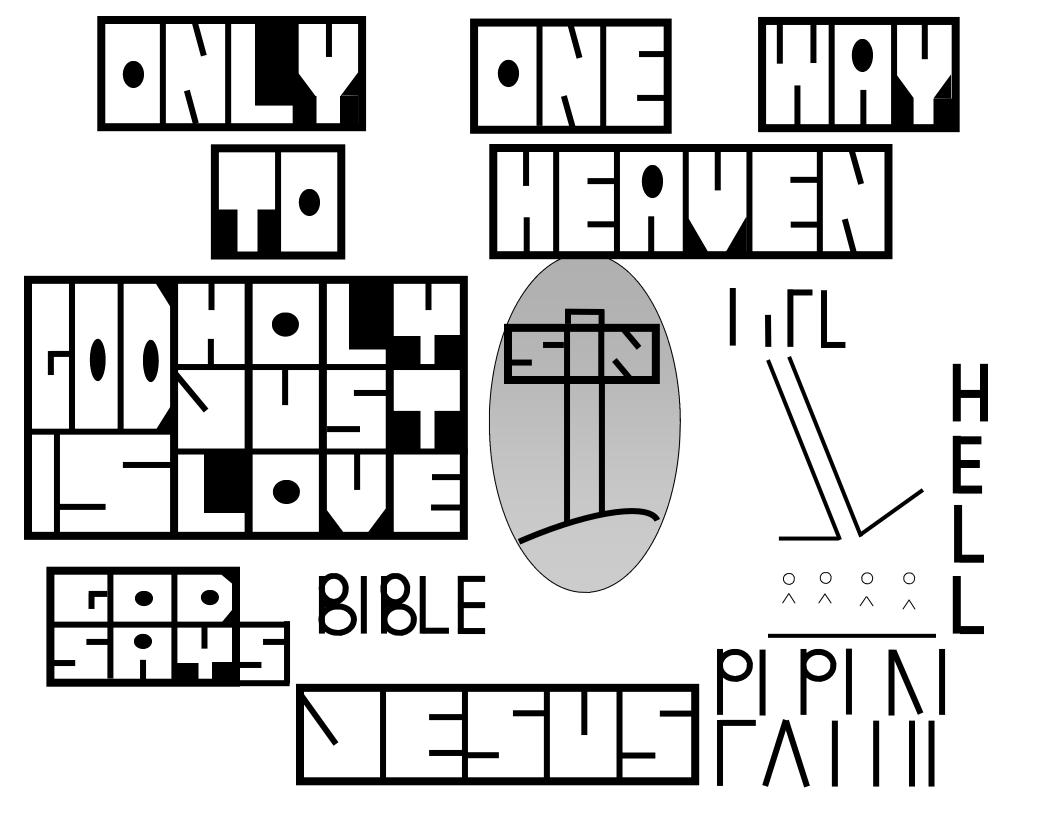
Mark 15:14

wicked criminal?

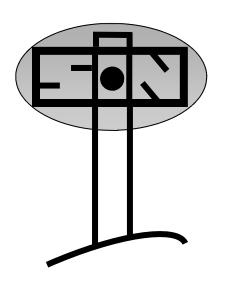
Luke 23:33

John 19:23

Romans 5:8

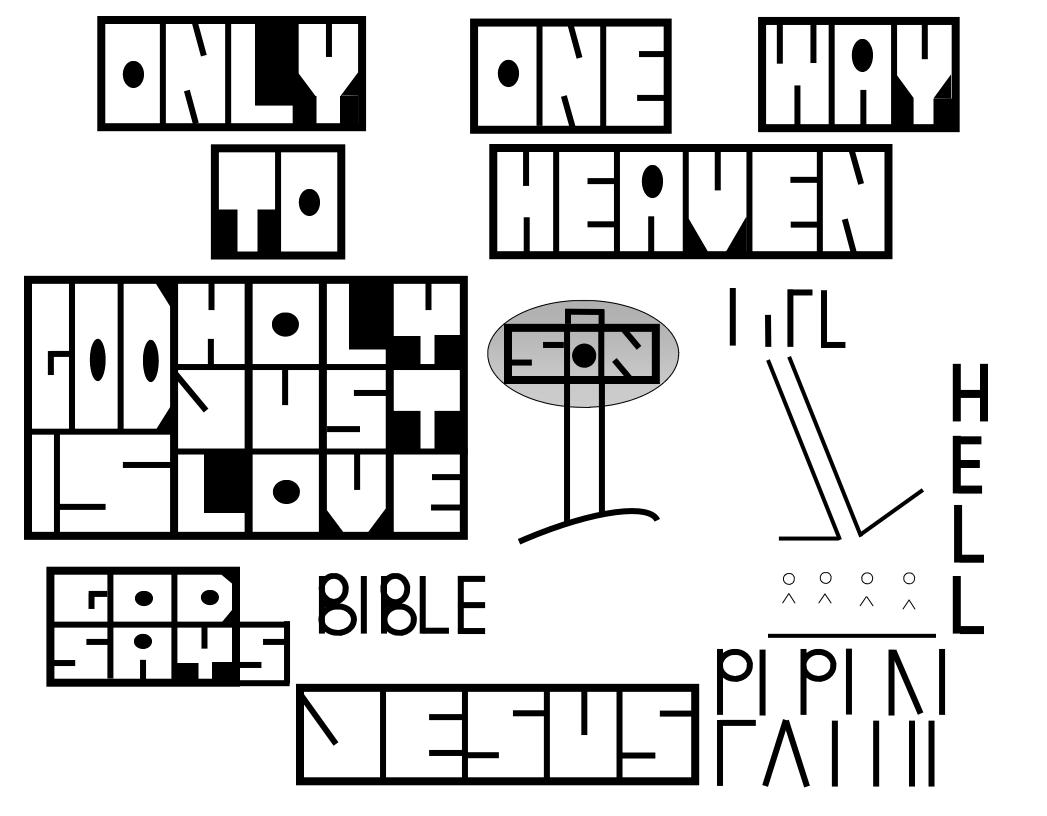


Because God is a holy and just God He cannot ignore sin; He cannot sweep it under the rug; His holy character demands that He judge it. And that is what the cross is all about. God the Father made Him, God the Son, to be sin on behalf of sinners. Why? So that the perfect righteousness of Jesus could be put to the account of sinful humans.

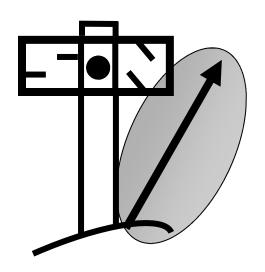


God demonstrated
His own love
towards us in that
when we were
sinners, Jesus died,
the righteous one, in
the place of the
unrighteous ones.

Scripture Proofs: 2 Corinthians 5:21 1 Peter 3:18



Is that where the story ends? No. Prior to His death Jesus predicted not only when, where, and how He would die and who would put Him to death, but He said that He would literally, physically resurrect from the dead. Where those the words of a lunatic or did He do it? The Bible not only says emphatically that He did, it says it wasn't done in secret. After Jesus' resurrection from the dead He showed Himself alive for a period of 40 days, appearing on at least 10 occasions. On one of those occasions He appeared to over 500 witnesses!



The Bible is not a book of myth or legend, it is a book of historical fact!

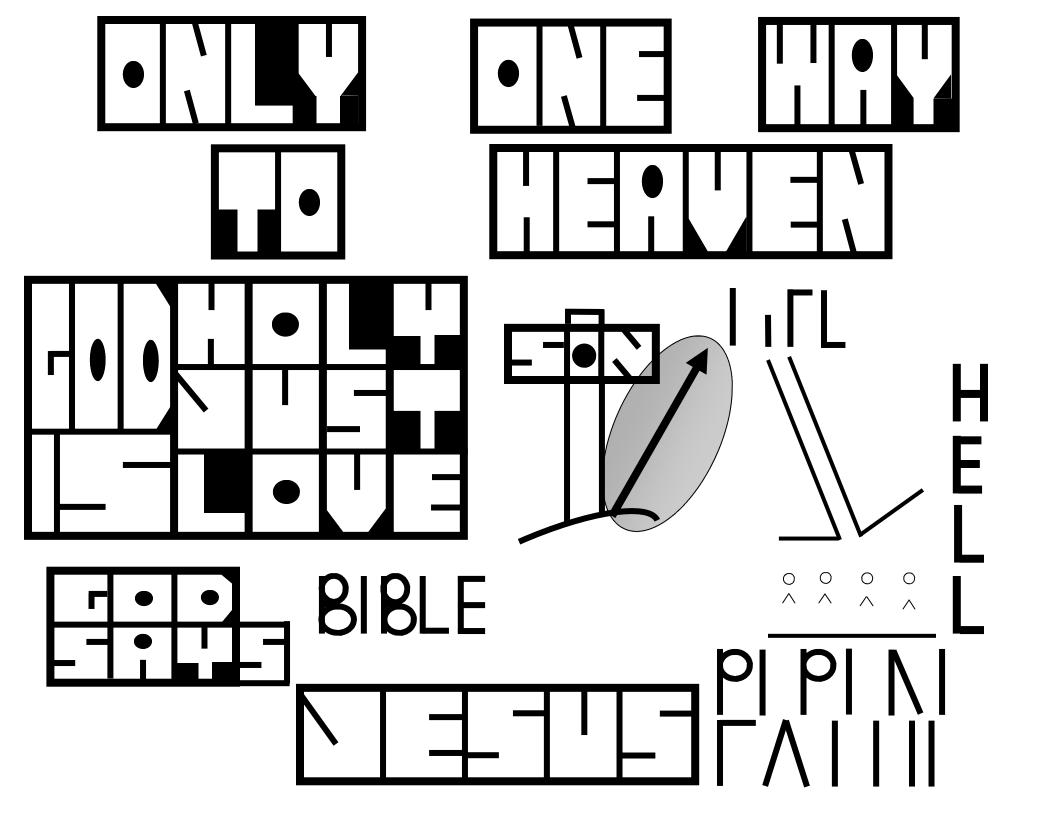
Scripture Proofs: John 2:19

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Matthew 16:21

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 6

Acts 17:2-3



You will never come to experience God's forgiveness for your sins, nor will you come to know the fullness of LIFE, just by hearing or reading this message.



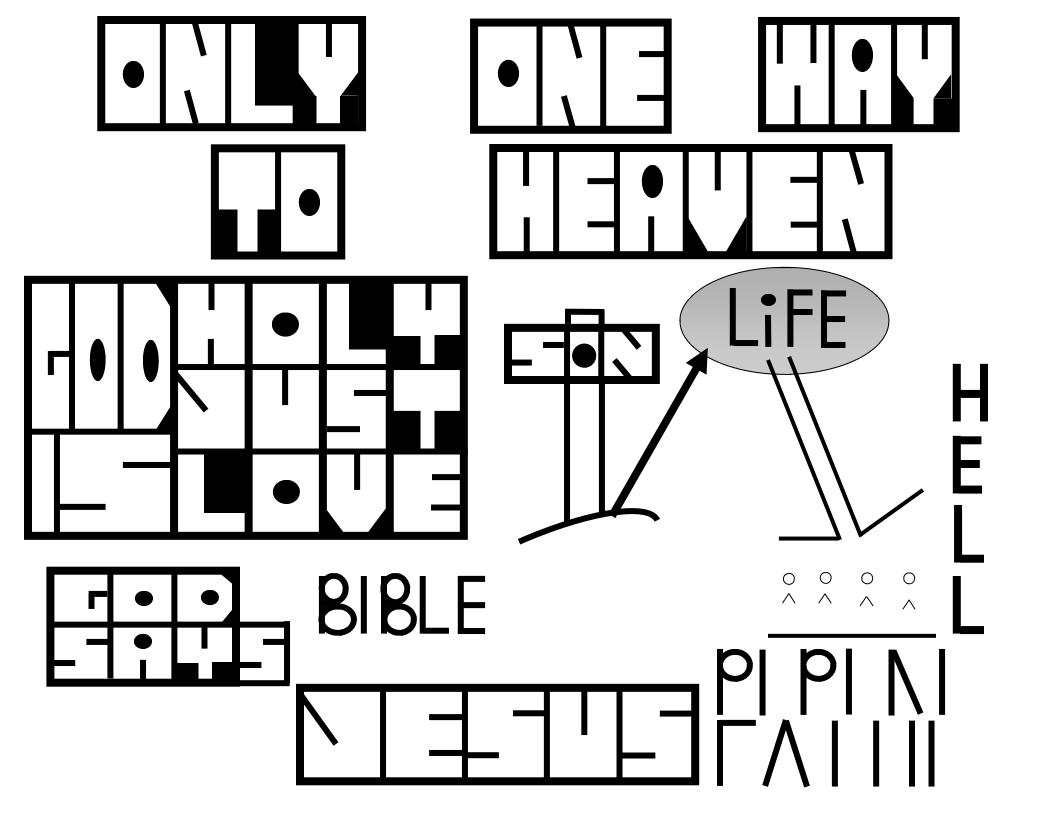
God demands a response!

Scripture Proofs: Romans 1:16

1 John 5:11-13

Joshua 24:15

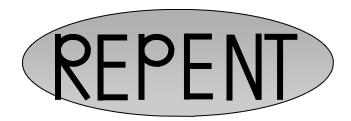
1 Kings 18:21

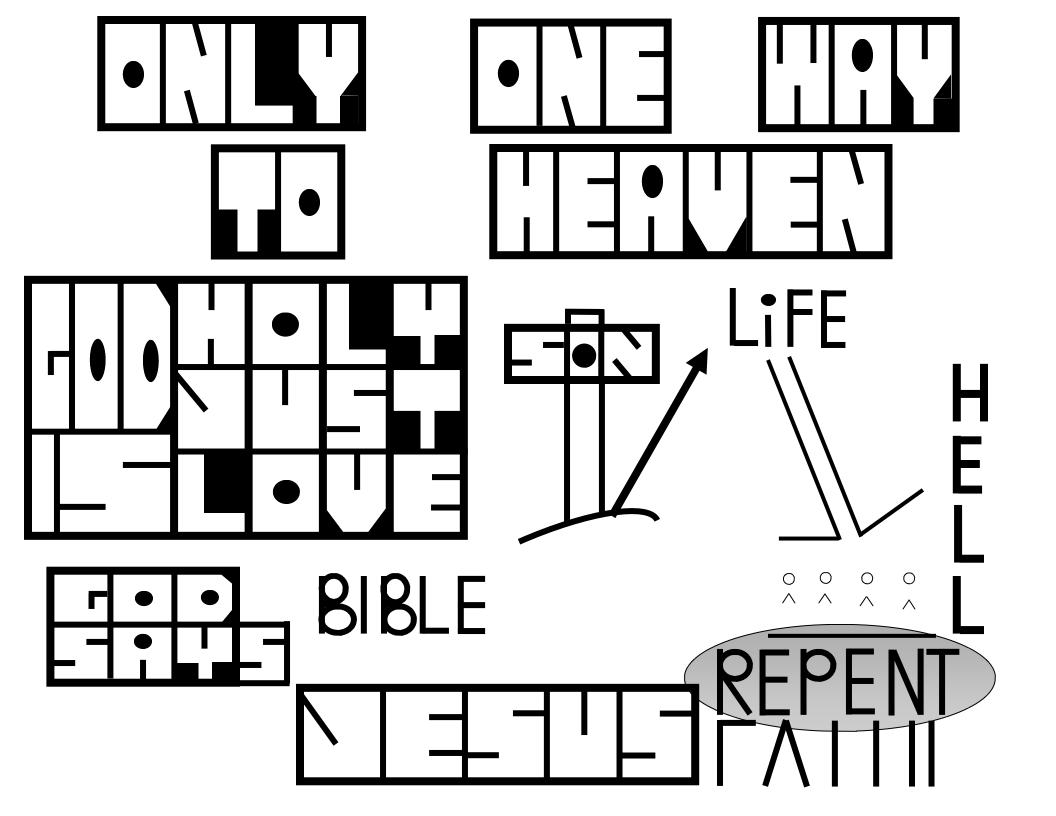


15. It is stated very clearly in the Bible that God commands all people everywhere to REPENT.

Don't know what it means?

Scripture Proofs: Acts 17:30





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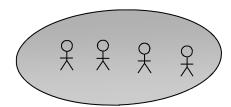
Jesus said that there is a broad road that leads to destruction. Further more, Jesus said that there are an awful lot of us on this broad road. Unfortunately, with every breath and step we take we are another breath and step closer to death. The Bible says with death comes judgment, not reincarnation. If you die in your sins you most assuredly will end up on that horrible place called "Hell." As you follow the herd down the broad road, in infinite love, Jesus says this, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life. No one will come to the Father in heaven except through me."

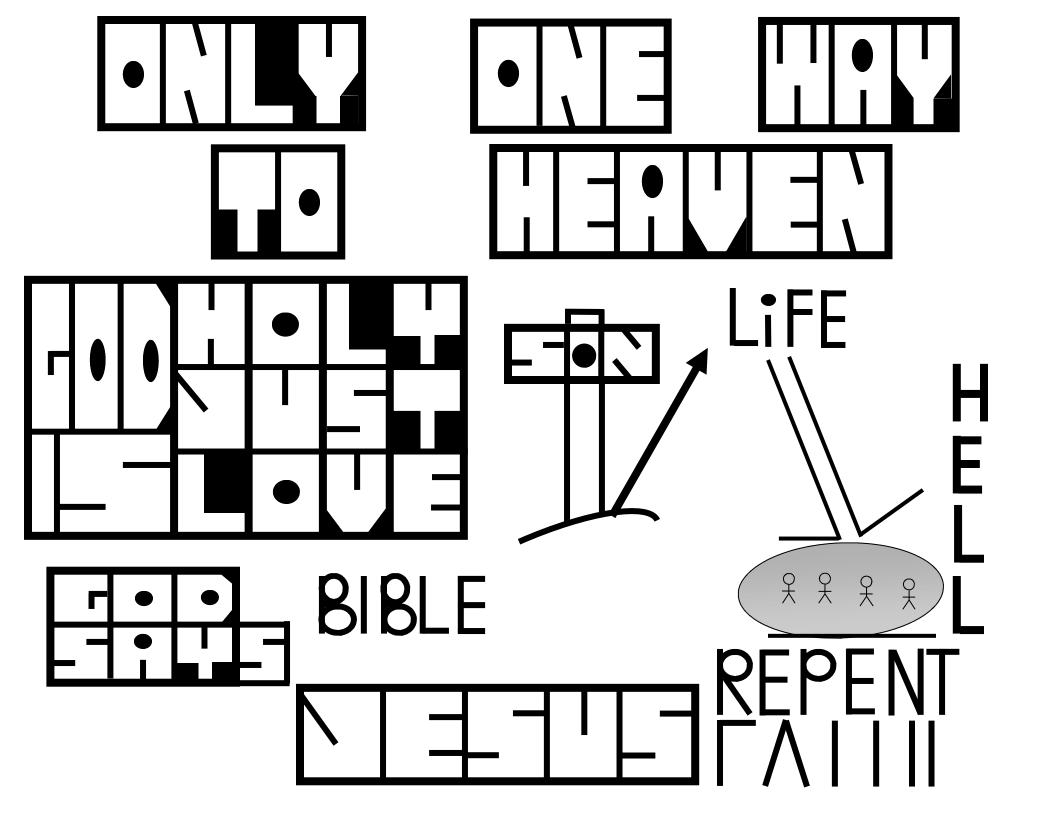
What is repentance? It is recognizing you're on the broad road; it's realizing that you deserve the wrath of God; you've merited nothing more.

Scripture Proofs: Matthew 7:13

Hebrews 9:27

John 14:6



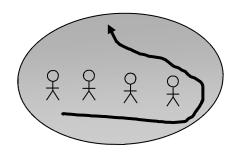


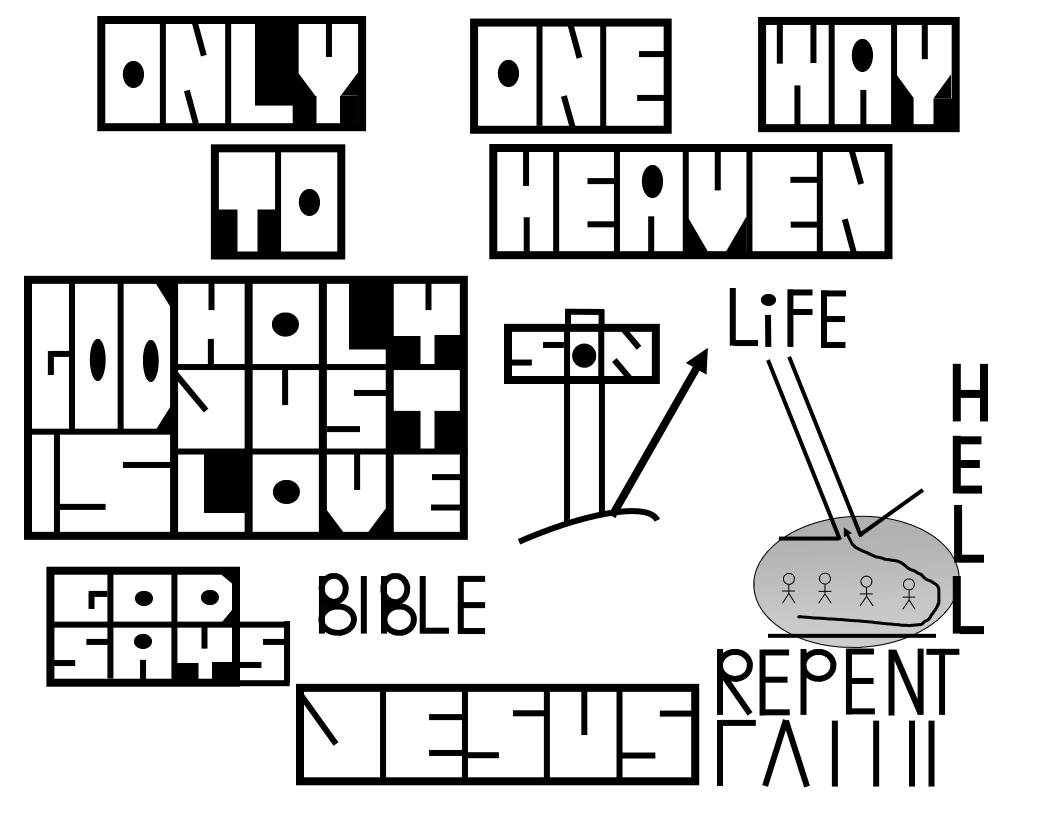
But you're willing to TURN from your own self-righteousness, your own self-will, your own self-styled religion, and you're willing to come to God on His terms...not on your terms.

Scripture Proofs: Isaiah 55:7

Ezekiel 18:20-21

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10





We turn from our sin in repentance, and we come to God in an act of Biblical, or saving, FAITH.

What is saving faith?

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Trust

Him.

Saving faith is not Jesus plus your religion or Jesus plus your system of self-effort. Saving faith is admitting, "God, I am a sinner. And I come to you with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. And I embrace your Son Jesus Christ, and Him alone, as my Lord and my Savior from sin."

Scripture Proofs: Romans 5:1, 10:9

John 20:31

Psalm 32:10

Acts 16:31



