

# Passover Celebration 2014

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## II.

The Holy Bible is considered the Word of God.

The God of the Bible is very special. Like the wind, we cannot see Him, but the Bible tells us all about Him.

Why can't we see Him...because God is a spirit.

God has 3 parts and each has a name.

What are the Hebrew and English names for God of the Bible?

YHVH – YAHveh – Father

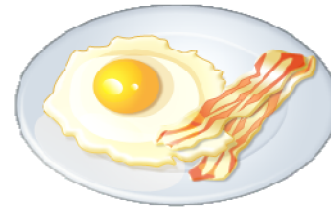
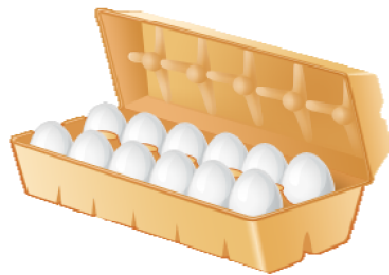
YAHshua – Jesus – Son

Ruach – Spirit – Mother



How can we understand their 3 parts?

Just like an egg is made up of three parts (the shell, the white, and the yoke), the God of the Bible is made up of three parts, yet they can function individually or they can function in unity.



When they are working together their name is Elohiym.

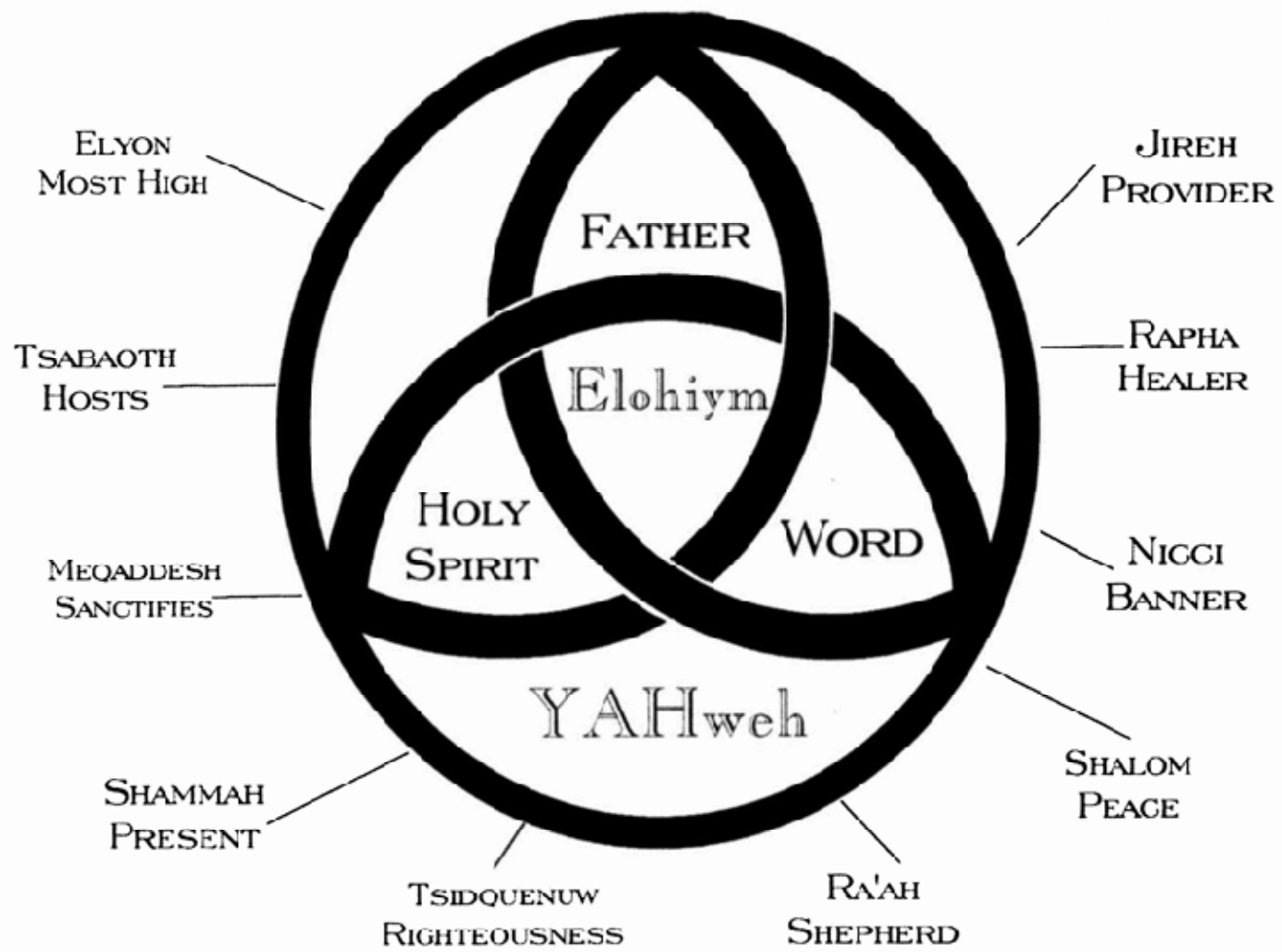
Also, we as human being know we have 3 parts:

Our body...

Our soul...

Our spirit...

We learn this from where?      The Bible!



**THE COVENANT GOD WHO WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN**

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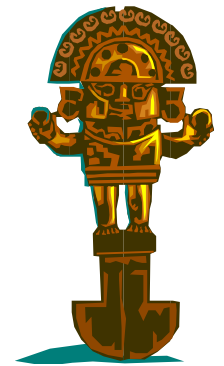
The reason we want to know their names is because there are many, many religions who call the deity they worship god.



All throughout history idols made of stone, wood, or some other substance have been worshipped as a god.

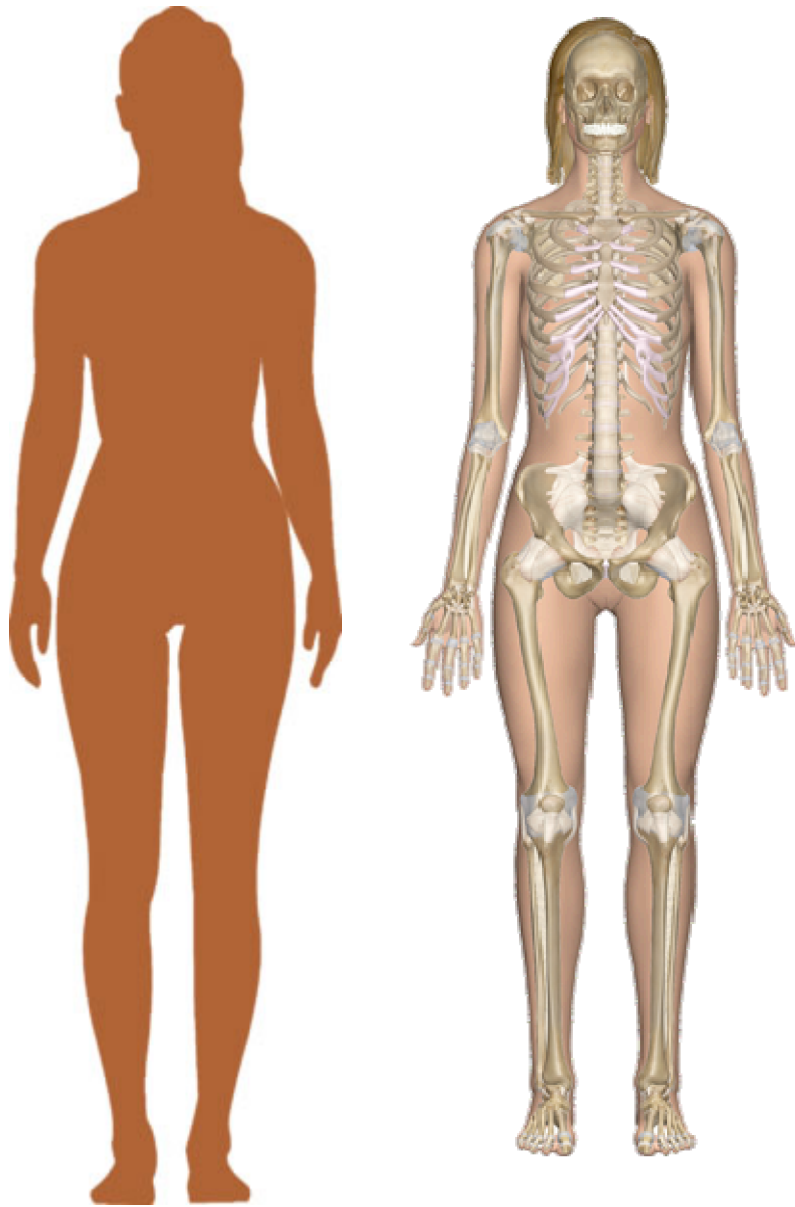


The question then – what is the difference in the God of the Holy Bible and all other things that are idolized as gods?



We find the answer to this question and many other questions from the Holy Bible.





The human body is held up by the skeleton inside.

If the skeleton was not there how would the body be held up?

It wouldn't.

The first 5 books of the Holy Bible are like the skeleton of the whole Bible. They are the foundation for the rest of the Scriptures.

There are 66 books in the whole Bible.

They are all inspired by God.

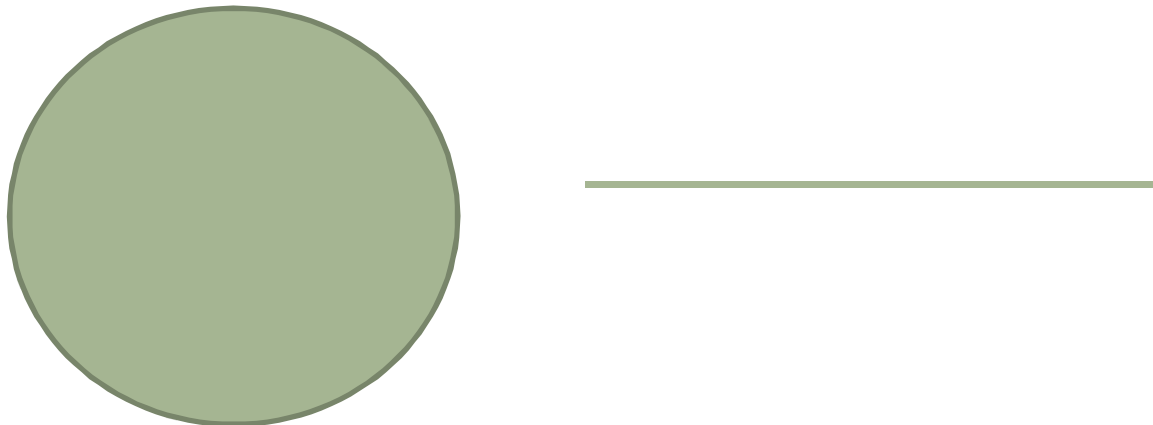
God wants us to know who He is and He wants to know us. He is a personal God who can have a personal relationship with us.

## II. Time

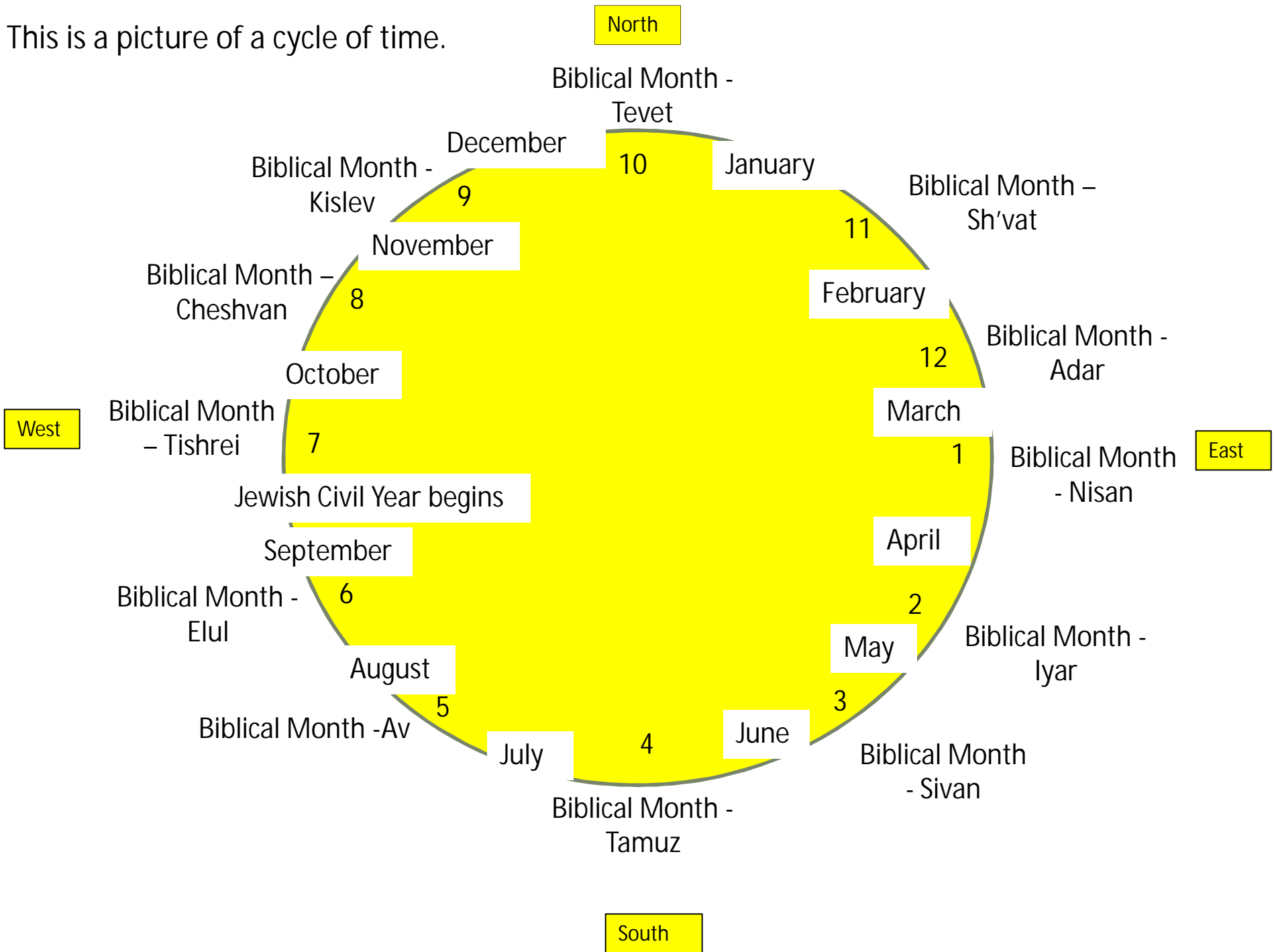
Time goes in a cycle, or a circle, instead of a straight line.

Even though teachers may use a 'time-line' to explain a period of history, time itself travels in a cycle or circle.

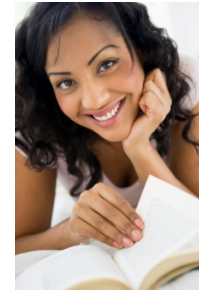
The hula hoop...



This is a picture of a cycle of time.



# III.



Now I am going to tell you a special story today!

This month we are celebrating Easter. April 20



To many, Easter is all about the Easter bunny and Easter eggs.

What many do not know is the Easter bunny and eggs holiday originated many years ago. It represents a goddess...a fertility goddess.



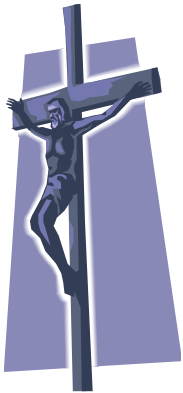
To others it is a time to celebrate Passover. April 14

Passover celebrates the celebration of Jesus. The Bible tells us the whole story of Jesus and how he helps us. When we do wrong things, like lying, or stealing, or disobeying our parents, or talking bad about someone else, the Bible calls it sin. Jesus came to forgive and cleanse us from our sins. He also provides a way for us to go to heaven when we die...like Jacques' little brother.

Many churches use the bunny rabbit to get families into church so they can tell them the story about Jesus.

So, it can get very confusing if you don't know the difference.

So I am going to separate them today! Okay???



Astarte – fertility, sexuality and war

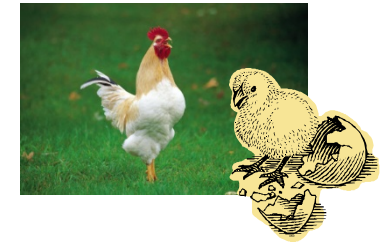




Right now, it may be hard to understand all that I am saying about the connection between the Easter bunny and a goddess name Astarte. Take the E off of Easter and what do you have: Aster...

## Easter.....E.....Aster.....Astarte

Names have changed time and again over the years, but here you can actually see the goddess' name.



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Is there anything wrong with a bunny rabbit? NO  
Is there anything wrong with a chicken or an egg? NO

Their innocence has been used as a subtle means by which to acknowledge Astarte and take away from the worship of the true son of God, Jesus and the celebration of Passover.



Astarte was carved from wood.

Jesus is the son of God who came to earth as a human being to save us from our sins and help us become a part of His father's family.

# PASSOVER

What does it mean? How did it come about?

It started when the Hebrew children were slaves in Egypt. They prayed to God to deliver them. He did. A plague or a terrible curse was placed upon the Egyptians but not the Hebrews. God PASSED OVER the Hebrews and they were not killed. Instead...

400  
Years



The Hebrew children were led out of Egypt. God gave them guidance with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.



Now, many, many years later we need rescued again. This time from sin...the wrong and bad things we do. We want to go to heaven and not to hell when we die.

YAHshua (Jesus we call him in English today) came and died on the cross for us so we would be able to believe in God, ask for forgiveness of our sins, and begin a new life with Him.



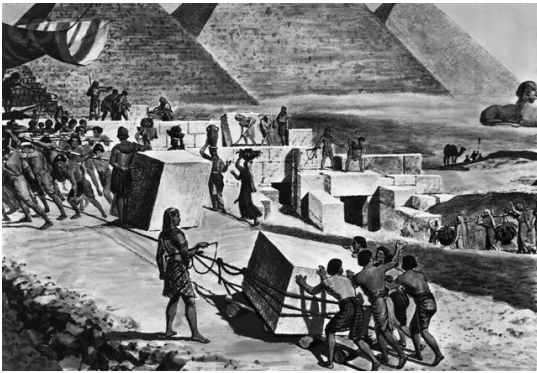
Jesus prays for Himself and for us.



He carries His own cross that He dies on.



He does not stay in His grave, but by the power of the spirit of God He rises from the grave, lives again, and goes back to heaven to be with His Father. Holy Spirit is sent to be with us here on earth now. Remember the 3 names? Yet they all work together. They are helping us be a part of the family of God.



Passover --- God rescued the Hebrew people.

Exodus 12:43 "The Lord said...this is the ordinance of the Passover..."

Because the Bible tells us to celebrate Passover...we do.

With Jesus' help we are able to pass over the weight of carrying our sins. He has made a way for us to be free from sin.

If you want to know Jesus today, the Bible tells us what to do.

1. God loves you and has a plan for you!

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

2. Man is sinful and separated from God.

Romans 3:23 tells us that we have all sinned. Sin separates us from God. (Romans 6:23)

3. God sent His son to die for your sins!

Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, John 14:6

While we were sinners, Jesus died for us. He rose again and still lives!

Jesus is the only way to God. "He is the way, the truth, and the life."

4. Would you like to receive God's forgiveness?

We can't earn salvation; we are saved by God's grace when we have faith – believe in – Jesus. See that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness. Ask Jesus to forgive you. Accept forgiveness. Believe that Jesus is your Savior and that He loves you.

Pray with me: "Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do your will. In your name, Amen.