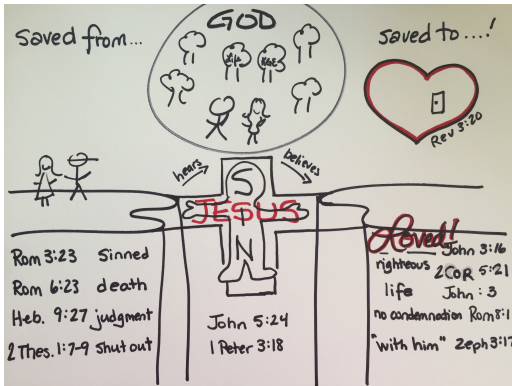


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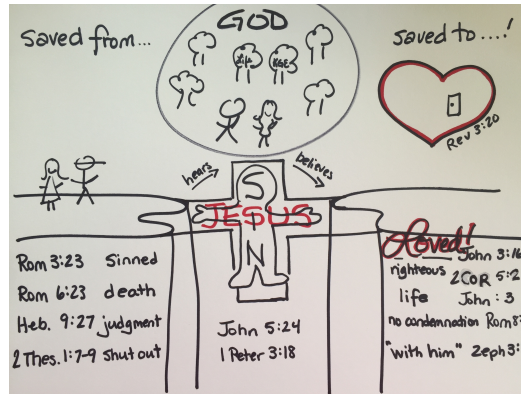
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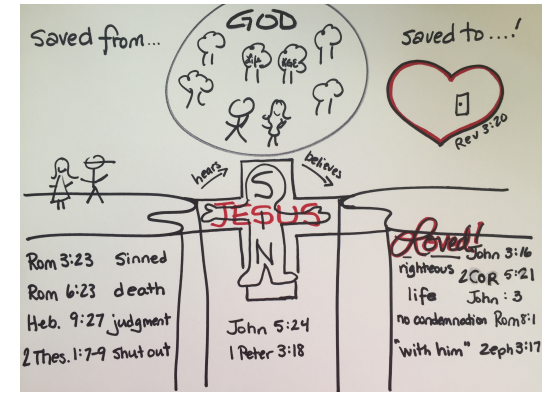
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Thank you Jesus that you died for my sin once for all to bring me to God. Thank you the good news of the gospel isn't just what I've been saved from but especially what I've been saved to – a wonderful, intimate relationship with You that begins now and will last forever! (1 Peter 3:18)

Thank you that when I do sin you have given me another opportunity to actively love you and bring you pleasure – for it truly is an act of faith when I run to you and confess my sin rather than just continuing to focus on me and beat myself up. (1 John 1:9, Hebrews 11:6) Thank you this not only helps me experience being cleansed from all unrighteousness but also helps me appreciate even more what you've done for me Jesus so I'll keep growing in loving you! (Luke 7:47)

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