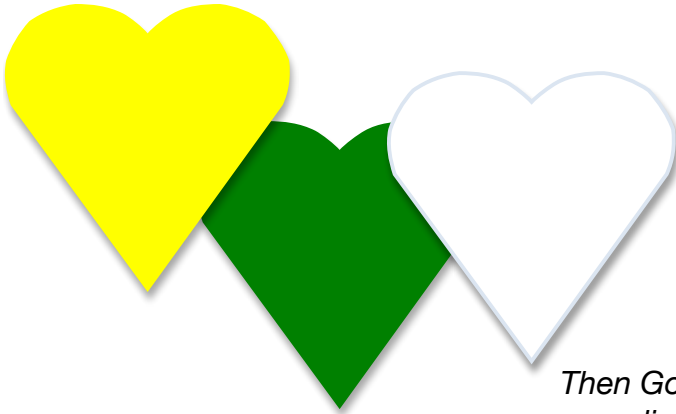
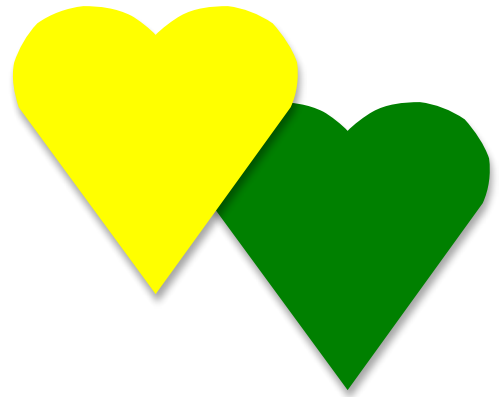




In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1



After God filled the earth with His marvelous creations of animals and plants on the land and in the seas, He created something very different. He made a very special creation in His very own image or likeness. He made people. The world He made was perfect and His relationship with Adam and Eve was perfect.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion ..."
27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27*



Yet, Adam and Eve decided to not follow God's instructions. They wanted their own way. That way led to guilt, shame, fear and separation from God.

24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen. 3:22-24



God reigns as ruler of the universe. He had a rescue plan. He would send His Son to take the punishment for people's sin. God preserves His holiness through judgment just as He protects the tree of life for our future with Him in His forever home.

To the serpent He said in Gen. 3:15, The seed of the woman "will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." NIV
... God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...II Cor. 5:19



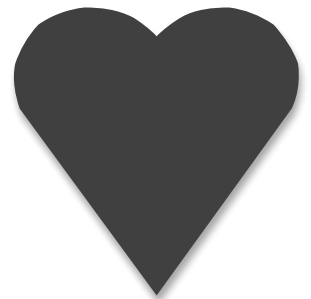
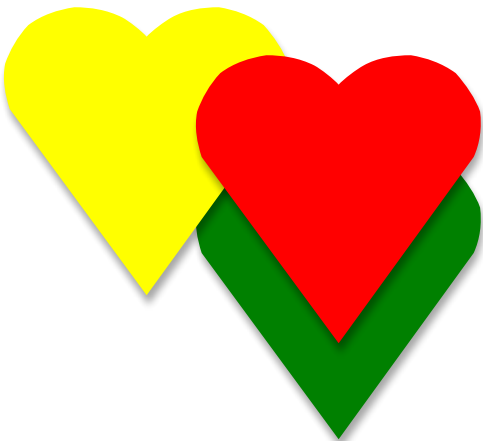
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Col. 1:13-16,19-20

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, ... all things have been created through him and for him. ... **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, ... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

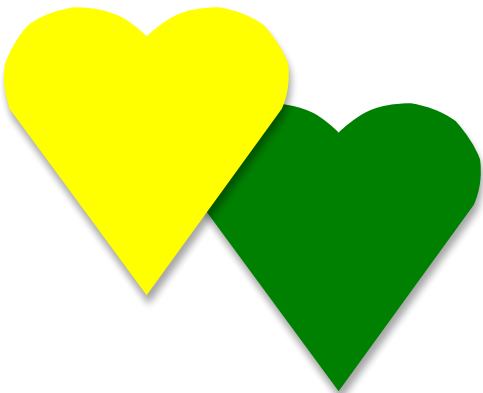


The Son came from the Father to be the sacrifice for our sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him and have eternal life.

Rom. 3:25, I Jn. 4:10, II Cor. 5:21

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9



This Good News “is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.”

Colossians 1:5-6

10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12** and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Col. 1:10-12

We are made ambassadors of Christ, saying, “Come back to God.” II Cor. 5:20 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Acts 16:31

