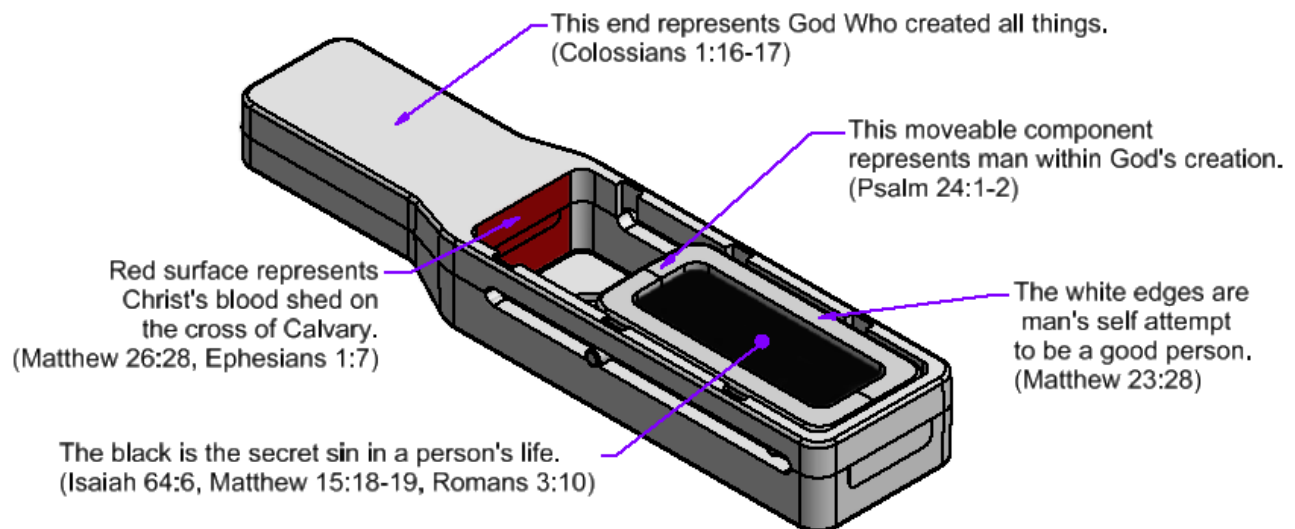


The EZ Witness Evangelism System

The gospel of Christ is easy enough for a child to understand. If a concept can be illustrated visually then it becomes even easier to understand yet. The call on the life of every Christian is to go into all the world and spread the good news of redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. It should be our greatest joy to witness to the lost but unfortunately many are reluctant out of fear or shyness or intimidation. What if there was a way for people to ask you to tell them about Christ without them even realizing it? Wouldn't that be so easy? Now there is!

I don't always remember my dreams and many times when I do they don't make much sense. One cold, Indiana January morning in 2012 I dreamed of an easy way to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the lost. I was so impressed and excited by this dream that I felt it had to be God telling me to develop this into a witness tool. I immediately sketched a design for a tool to accomplish this (...Your old men shall dream dreams...you know). In early spring I modeled a couple of plastic pieces that hold two magnets. After a couple of prototypes and revisions the EZ Witness tool was born. Here is how it works:



The large main component of the tool (as shown below) represents God Who surrounds us with His Omnipresence. This is revealed to us so beautifully in Psalms

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there; if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." Psalm 139:7-12

The tool is white to signify the purity of God and the absence of sin. God is stationary. He does not move nor does He change but He calls us to Himself. He desires salvation for all.

"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38-39

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

The sliding portion within the main large body represents man created by God living within His created world.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.
For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters." Psalms 24:1-2*

The sliding component is partially surrounded by white plastic to illustrate that we can put on an appearance of good but ultimately there is an underlying blackness beneath that appearance of good. It is like what Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23:27-28

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

The blackness that is apparent in the opening surrounded by white is sin in a person's life. We all sin at some point in our lives and not just once. Romans 3:23 tells us this.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The Old Testament paints this picture of us with sin in our lives:

*"But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6*

What we hide in our heart beneath a false front becomes evident to those around us as it cannot be contained. Matthew tells us this in his writings:

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Matthew 15:18-19

Paul also confirms that all sin in Romans 3:10

"As it is written:

*"There is none righteous, no, not one;
There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.
They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."
"Their throat is an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced deceit";
"The poison of asps is under their lips";
"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."
"Their feet are swift to shed blood;
Destruction and misery are in their ways;
And the way of peace they have not known."
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

So what is the big deal if we don't always do what we know we should do? Even the apostle Paul struggled with this.

"For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me." Romans 7:19-20

And James responds similarly with:

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." James 4:17

The problem is that even though God calls us to Himself, sin stands in the way of our being able to come to God, meet Him, and have a close relationship with Him. It separates us from Him.

*"But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear." Isaiah 59:2*

*"You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And cannot look on wickedness..." Habakkuk 1:13*

If sin is never dealt with it will eventually cause an eternal separation from God once this life is over. Paul warns us of this in the first part of Romans 6:23

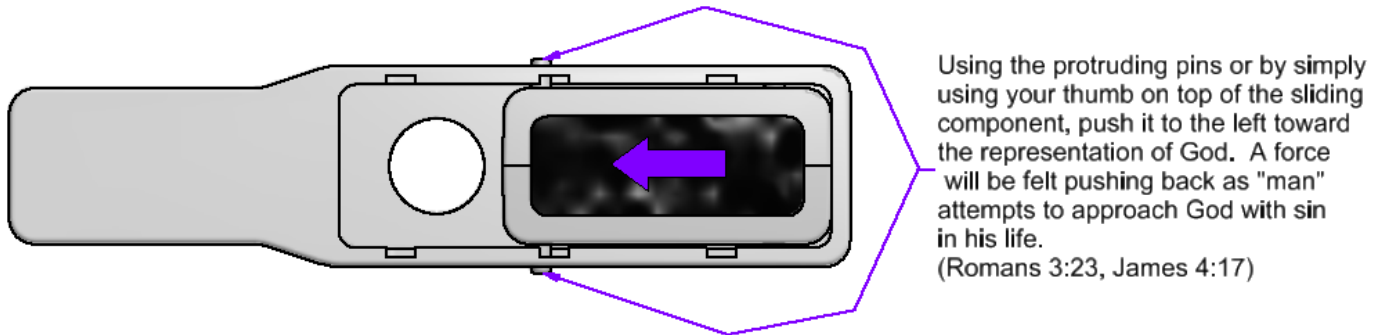
"For the wages of sin is death..."

Further warning is given us in Galatians 5:19-21.

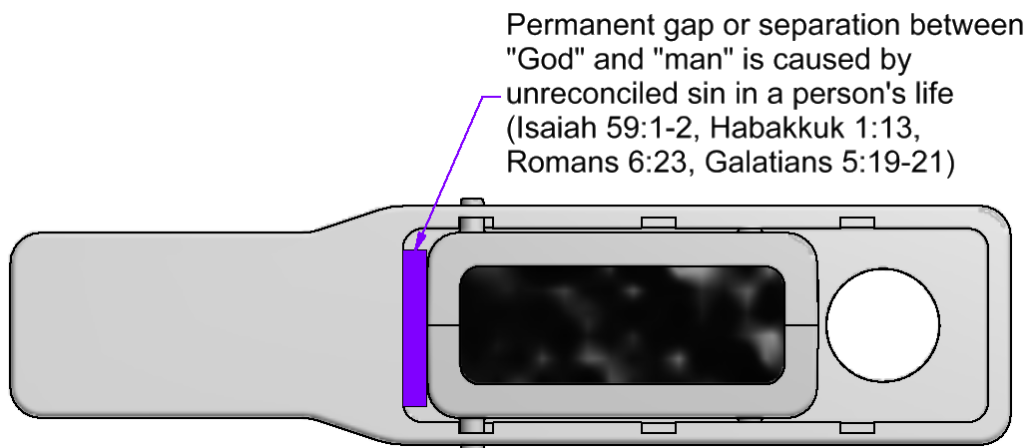
"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish

ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

To illustrate this negative effect sin has to a relationship with a holy God push the sliding component toward "God" The effect of sin can be felt by a force resisting the movement toward "God".



Notice that even when pushed as far as the sliding component can go towards "God" there is still a gap between "God" and "man". Unresolved sin in a person's life creates an invisible barrier between mankind and its Creator.



Let go of the sliding component and observe how it pushes back away from "God" on its own. Repeat moving the sliding component toward "God" and letting go several times for emphasis (and it is quite fun too). Drive the point home by handing the tool to the person you are witnessing to and let them try it as well.

The barrier that sin creates between God and man can also be equated to the exile of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden.

*"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."
Genesis 3:24*

God knew from the very beginning that there would have to be a way to reconcile mankind's sin and remove that barrier. Because He loves His creation so much He sent His Son, the perfect Lamb of God, to shed His blood, die on the cross, and be raised from the dead.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17

Jesus' death and resurrection paved the way for all our sins to be forgiven and affords us the potential for eternal life versus eternal death. It is an absolutely free gift. Jesus is therefore the only path for salvation. No good deeds on our part will ever gain us eternal life. Acts 4:12 states,

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus even told his disciple, the doubting Thomas, in John 14:6,

"... 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

Jesus was also described later in the Bible as the mediator between God and man in James 4:5-6,

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,"

Ephesians 2:8-9 explains,

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Recognizing all this requires action on our part.

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:7-8

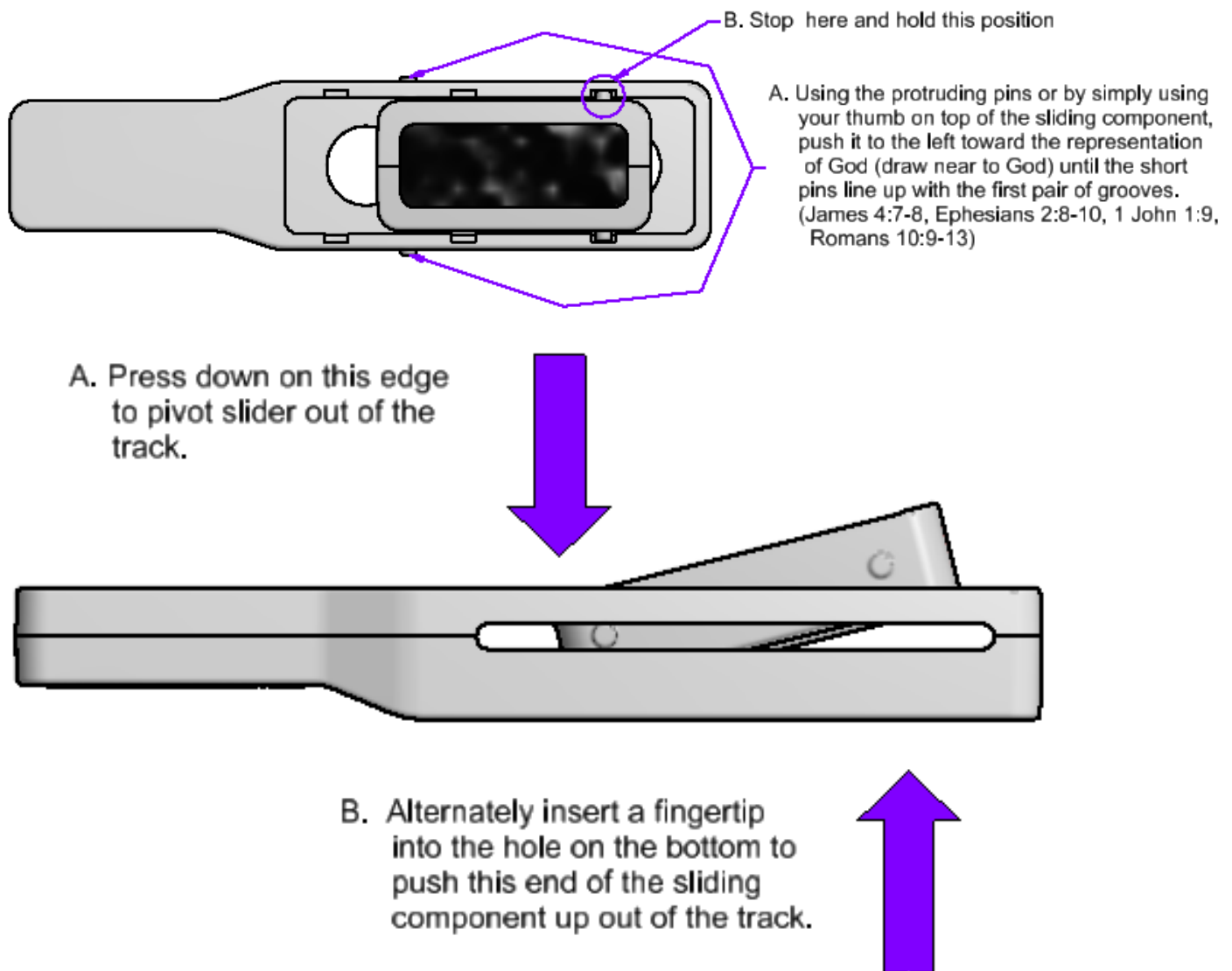
All we have to do now is to turn our life over to God: apply the blood of Jesus to our life asking for His forgiveness for all the wrong things we have done in our lives,

"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For' whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9-13

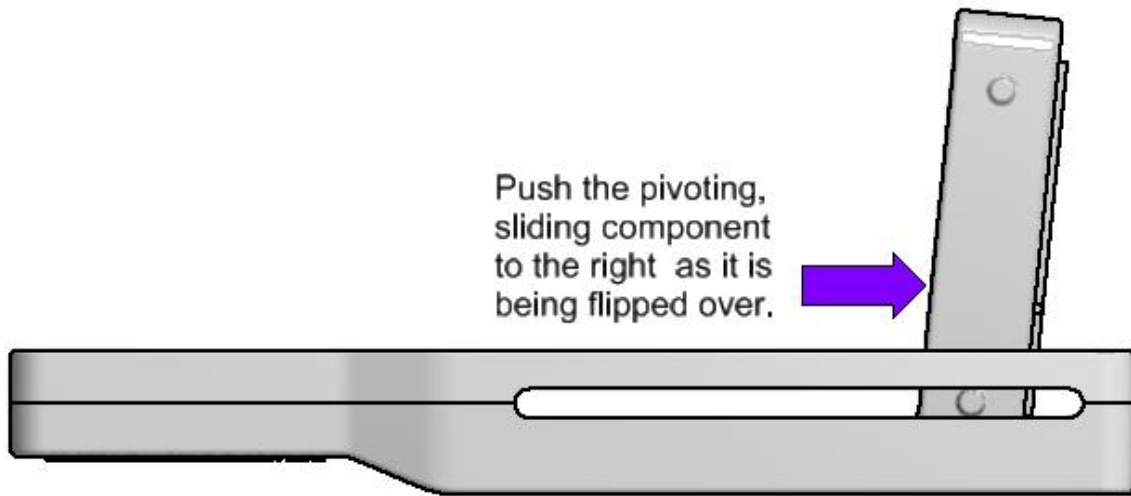
Confession and belief in Christ as Lord and the Son of God leads to the realization of the sin in our life and to a repentant heart. We need to confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

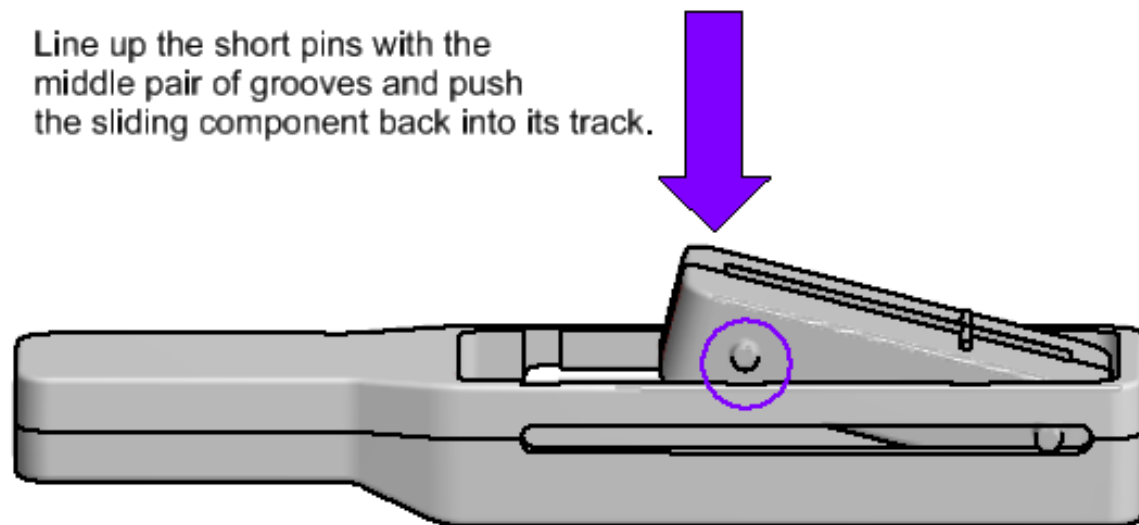
Once we do that the sin barrier no longer exists, we are a new creation, and we can now have a personal relationship with God. This is evidenced in the tool by pushing the sliding component to line up the short pins with the first pair of grooves in the main body as shown below. It is equivalent to moving out of our comfort zone or getting up out of our seat at church to go to the altar.



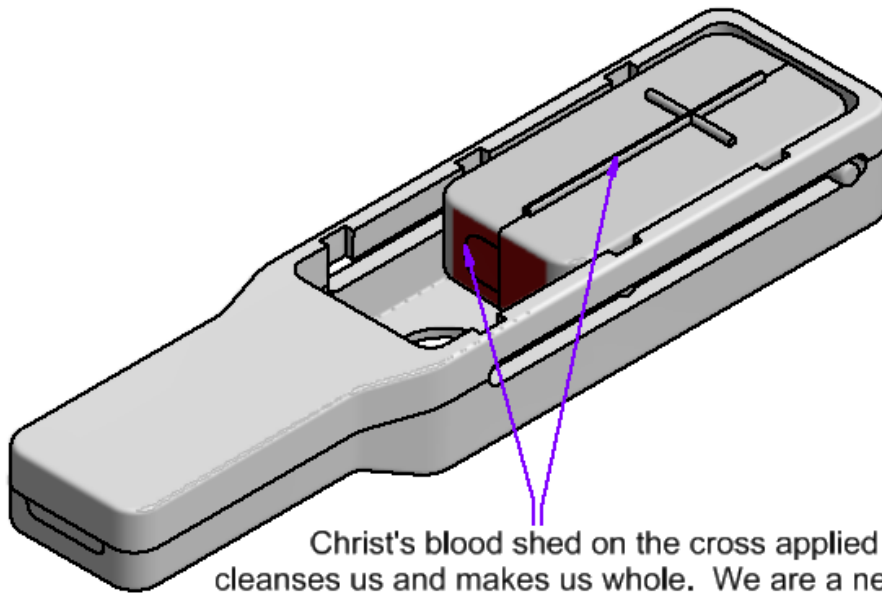
As the sliding component is pivoted out of its track push it toward the right end of the main body as shown below:



Continue flipping the sliding component over and line up the short pins with the middle pair of grooves as shown below to re-insert it back into the track.



Once the sliding component is back in its track hold it in place using the two long pins protruding out each side of the track.



Christ's blood shed on the cross applied to our lives
cleanses us and makes us whole. We are a new creation.
(1 Tim 2:5, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:24)

Explain that just as the sliding component changed so do we when we apply the cross of Christ and His shed blood to our heart and life. Colossians 1:19 -22 states that we are holy, blameless and above reproach because of Christ's reconciling us.

"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight."

We become a new creation.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

We are a new person, renewed and healed.

"that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Now that our sins have been forgiven and we are a new creation we can meet God unhindered and have the relationship we were created to have with Him. We are God's children as we are told in Romans 8:15-16 and 1 John 3:1,

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

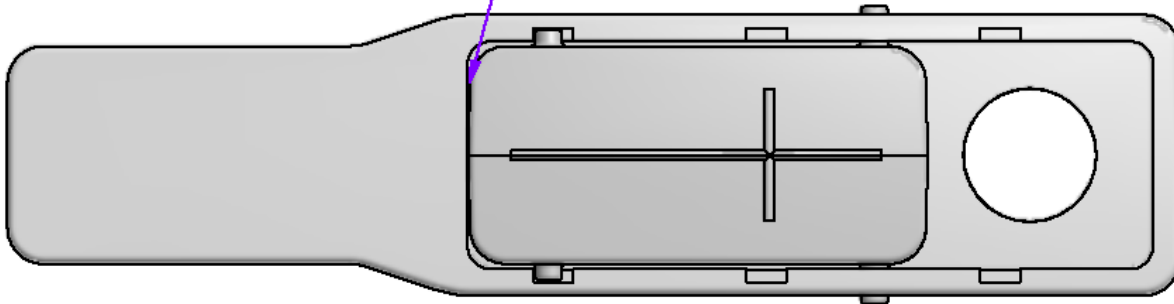
"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

Paul also points this out to us in 2 Corinthians 6:18, quoting:

*"I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty."*

At this point let go of the sliding component and it will snap to "God" on its own.

The previous sin barrier is gone and we are accepted by God and can have the relationship He desires as Father and child.
(Romans 8:15-16, 1 John 3:1, 2 Corinthians 6:18)



Ask the person you are demonstrating the tool to if they understand and would like to have their barrier removed, their slate wiped clean, and become that new creation. If they respond positively offer to pray the following or similar prayer with them.

"God, I realize that I have not always done the things that please you and for that I am truly sorry. I recognize that a barrier exists between You and I because of those things. I understand and believe that You sent Jesus, Your only Son, to die on the cross in my place taking my punishment so that my sins could be forgiven through His death and resurrection. I confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that You raised him from the dead. Forgive me of my sins, remove the barrier between us, and make me a new person. I accept you Jesus as my personal savior and thank you for forgiving me and making me a new person. Thank You for Your grace and for writing my name in Your Book of Life. Amen."

Hopefully another name has been written in the Lamb's Book of Life! If not then it is at least a seed planted that won't be easily forgotten. In that case you definitely give them the tool for something to think about. And let me tell you this tool is hard to put down once you have picked it up. I play with it all the time!

To reset the tool just press down on the right end of the sliding component in this position to flip it back over (or press up through the left hole in the bottom), line up the short pins with the right most pair of grooves and push it back into its track. Don't forget to encourage daily prayer, daily reading of God's Word, and church attendance for fellowship with other believers. God Bless!