Is there a way back?

The problem

God is holy, which means that He is completely pure and good. Anyone who is sinful cannot come near to Him and live. What is more, because God is righteous (He does what is right), He must punish sin and the punishment of sin is death.

Look up **Isaiah 59:2**.

The plan

Yet, because God is also a God of love, He had a plan. He would save man from sin and still punish sin as He had to do. Someone who is sinless would take the whole world's sin on Himself.

God's plan was that Jesus, His only Son, would come down to earth and be that person. He would take the guilt for the sin of everyone, as well as the punishment for the sin, as if He had sinned.

Look up **John 3:16**.

The promise

God promised that He would crush the devil's power through someone born as a human – Jesus, who was born of the Holy Spirit and His human mother Mary.

This is what God said to the serpent (the devil), "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

These promises became true on the day that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and took away Satan's power over sin and death, and his control over us!

Look up **John 6:40**.