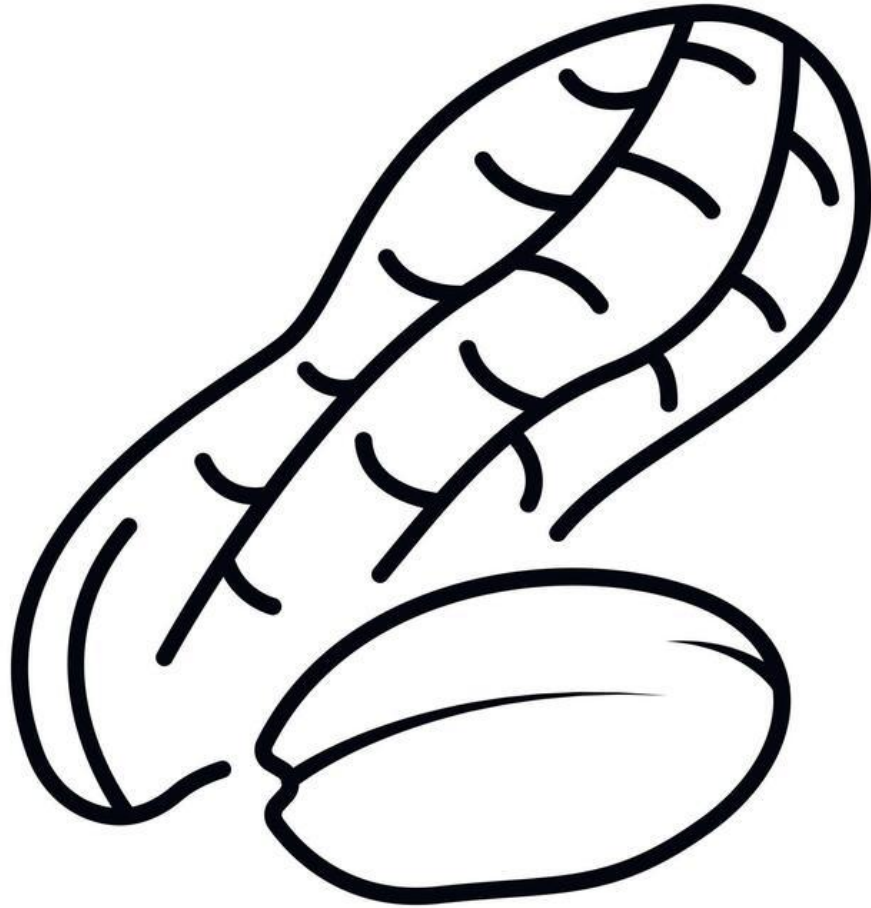
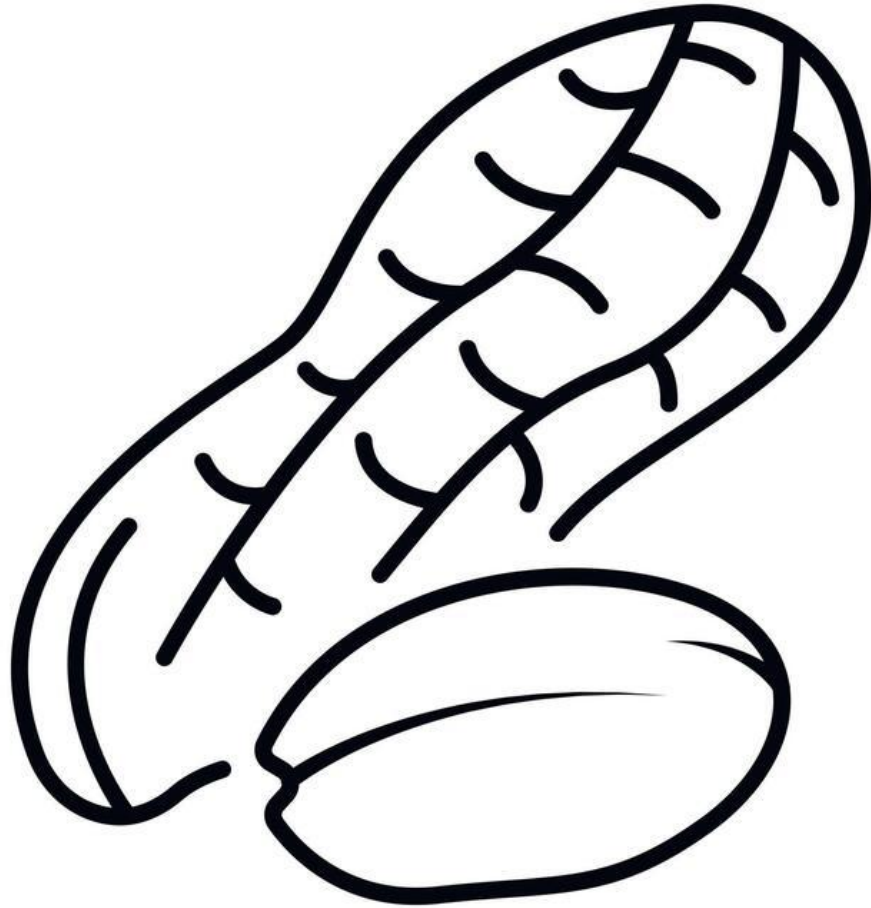




The Christian Life by Grace in a Nutshell

Galatians 2:20-21



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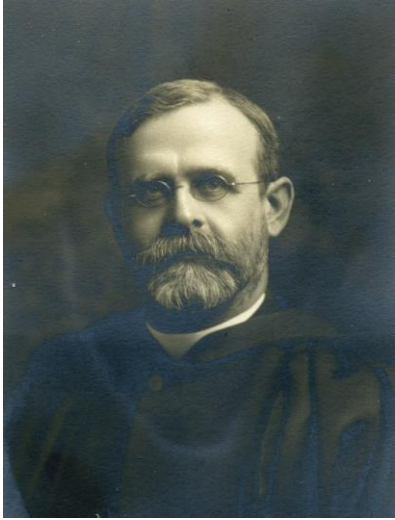
Galatians 2:20-21

FOR TO ME
TO LIVE IS
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IS GAIN.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

The theme of Christianity is not a theory, not an institution, not a book, not a set of rules, not simply a code of morals nor a system of philosophy, and not even a statement of truth or principle. . . .



No, Christianity is a living Person, with whom all these things are connected and from whom they proceed.

W. H. Griffith Thomas, *Studies in Colossians and Philemon*, pp. 63-64.

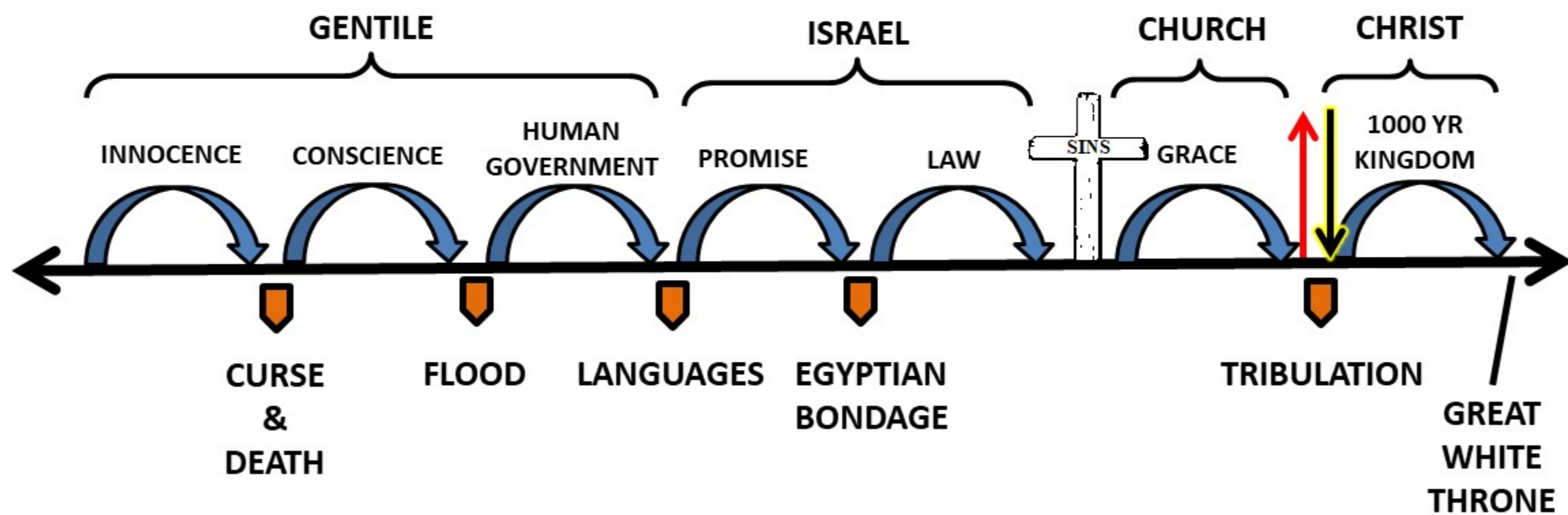
- 1. We have a position in Christ and identification with Him that is the key to walking in daily fellowship with Him.**
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- 3. The Christian life is designed by God to be a daily walk of dependence on Christ as the trustworthy object of our faith.**
- 4. The motivation for our Christian life is our Savior's love for us that is a gracious love which knows no bounds or limits.**
- 5. God's grace toward us for salvation and the Christian life was only made possible by Christ's sufficient, finished work.**



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Israel under the Law



GRACE

The Church under Grace



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● Tarsus

● Antioch

Gal. 2:11-14

Cyprus

SYRIA

● Damascus

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● Jerusalem

Gal. 2:1-10

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Galatians 2:19-21

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***A sinner in
Adam's sinful family.***



***Crucified
with Christ.***



Buried with Christ.



***Raised with Christ
as a new person
in Christ.***

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“I have been crucified with Christ”

1. As a believer in Jesus Christ, your **POSITION** in Christ or **IDENTITY** is that you **DIED** with Him. (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 6:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 4:5)

The Old Creation



* Spiritually dead



God's New Creation



* Spiritually alive

BANKRUPTCY

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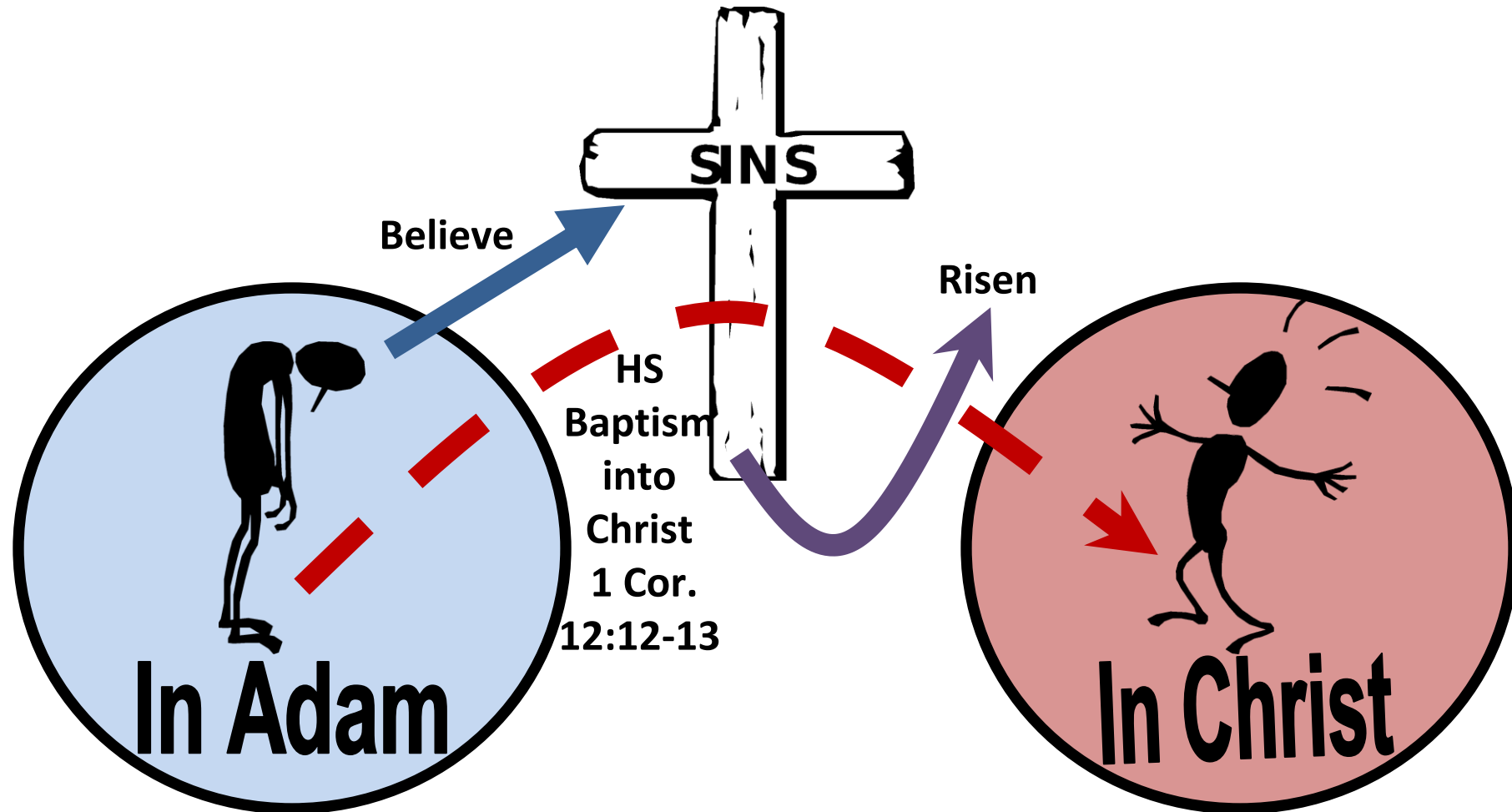
12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

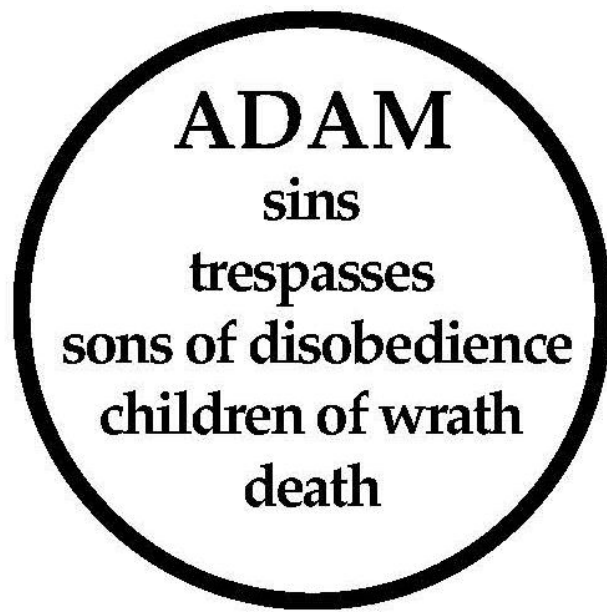
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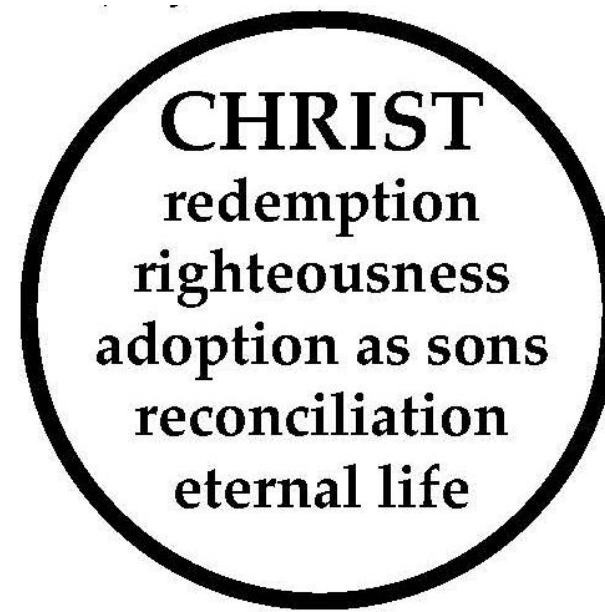
1 Corinthians 15:22

“For as **in Adam** all die,
even so **in Christ** all shall be made alive.”





John 8:24
Rom. 5:12
Rom. 8:7
Eph. 2:1-3
Col. 1:21
Rev. 21:8
Rev. 22:15



John 20:31
1 Cor. 1:30
2 Cor. 5:19, 21
Eph. 1:5-7
Eph. 2:13-15
1 John 2:2
1 John 4:10

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he
is a new creation. The old has passed
away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

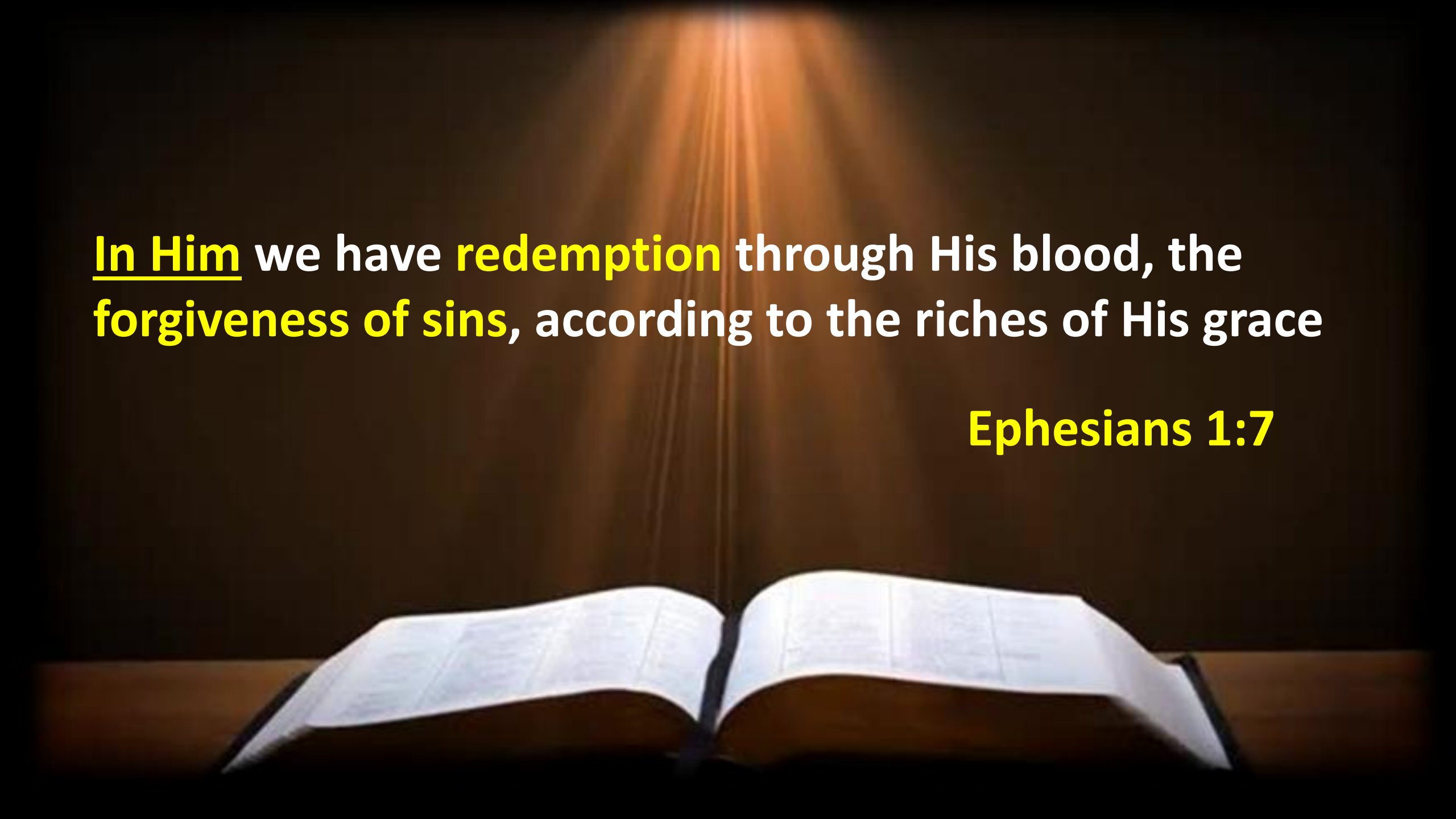
That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption**
that is **in Christ Jesus**,

Romans 3:24



An open book lies flat on a dark surface. A bright, golden beam of light descends from the top center of the frame, illuminating the pages of the book and creating a dramatic, spiritual atmosphere. The light rays are visible as they fan out from the top.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 1:7

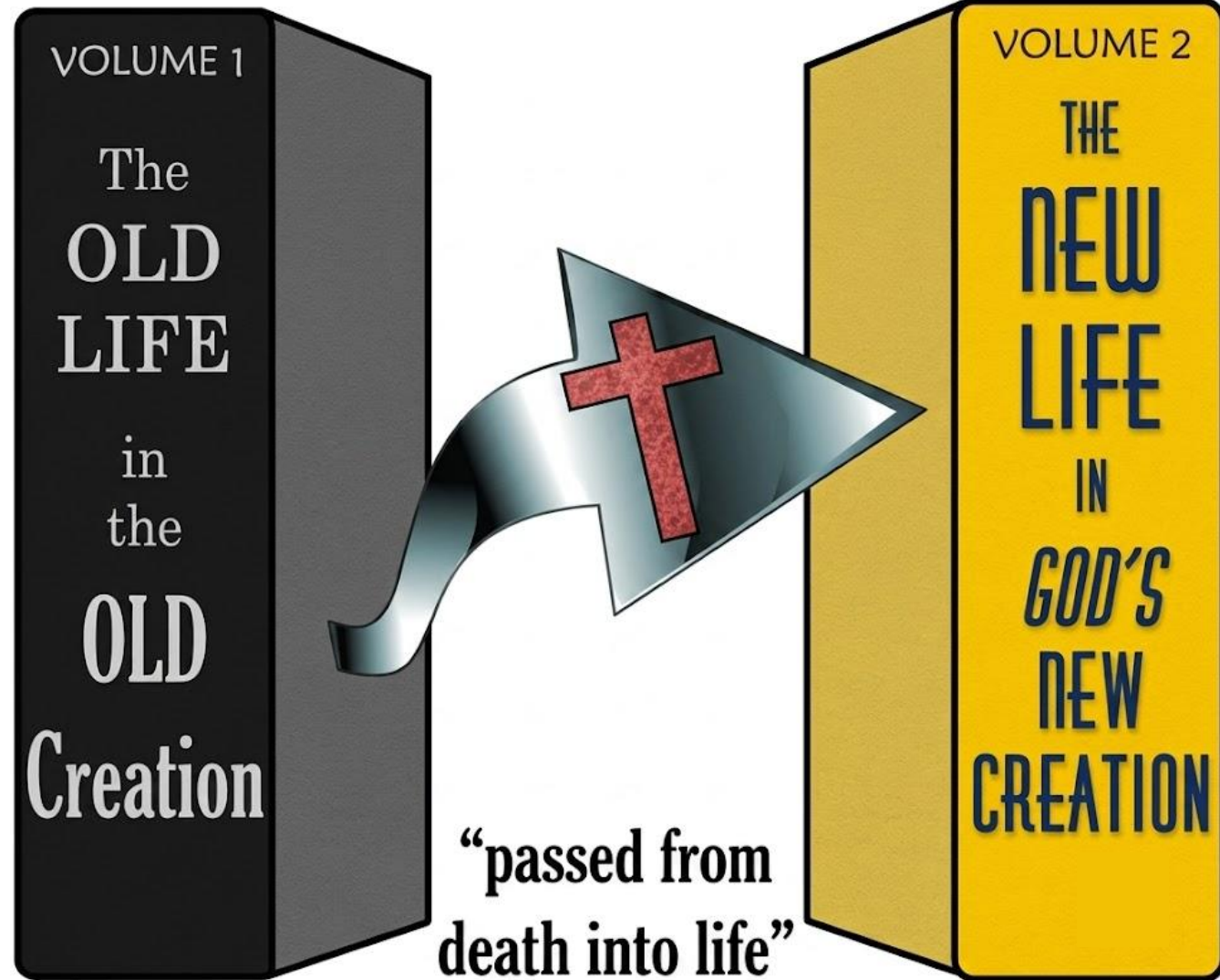
But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us
wisdom from God—and **righteousness** and **sanctification**
and **redemption**

1 Corinthians 1:30



In Adam

In Christ



“In Christ”

“In Adam”



A person stands with their back to the camera, positioned centrally in front of a large, weathered stone cross. The cross is illuminated from within, casting a bright glow that silhouettes the person and highlights the texture of the stone. The background is dark, making the illuminated cross and the person stand out. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and pants.

I am positionally in Christ

I am a new creation in Him

**We may be forgiven because He died in our stead;
we may be delivered because we died with Him.
God's way of deliverance for us, a race of hopeless
incurables, is to put us away in the cross of His Son,
and then to make a new beginning by recreating us
in union with Him, the Risen, Living One (2 Cor. 5:17).**

—Ruth Paxson

As quoted in “Principles of Spiritual Growth” by Miles Stanford, p. 73.

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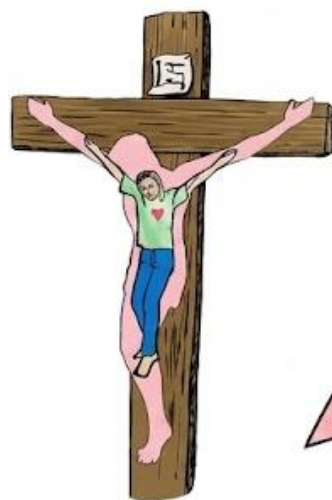
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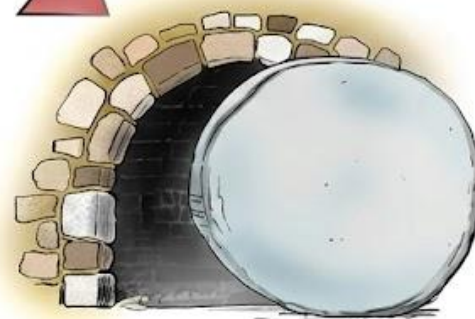
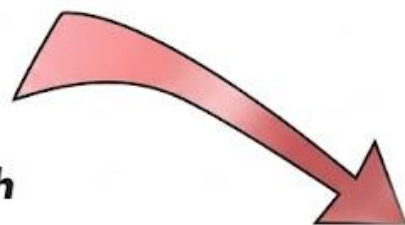
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Crucified with Christ

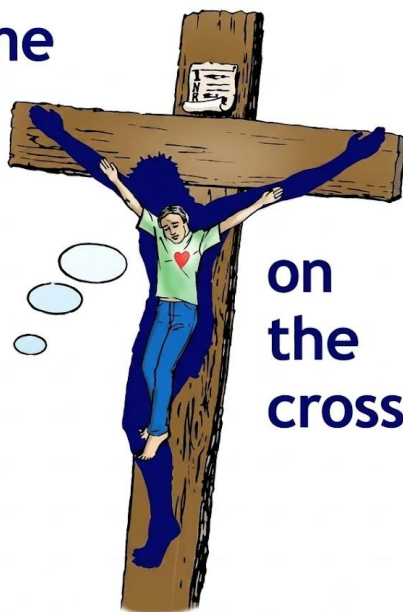
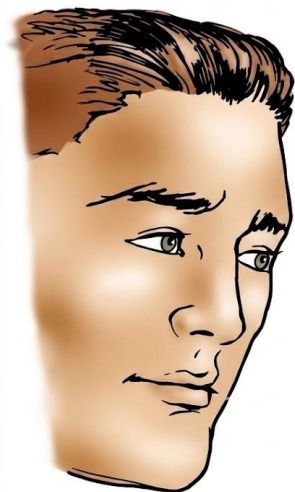


Buried with Christ



Seated with Christ

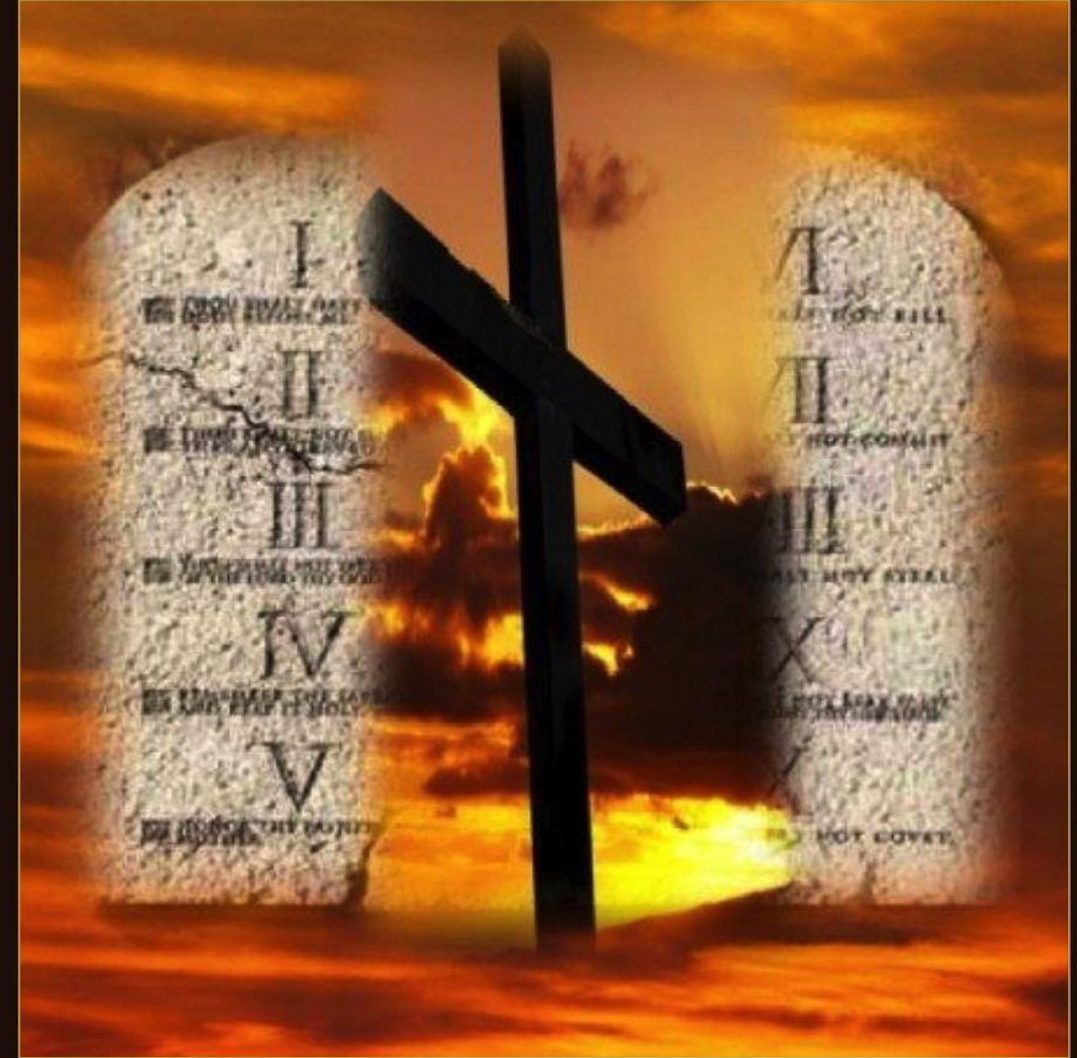
God put me
in Christ



on
the
cross.

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into His death**?

Romans 6:1-3



**NOT UNDER LAW
BUT UNDER GRACE**

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. **Romans 6:4-7**



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¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

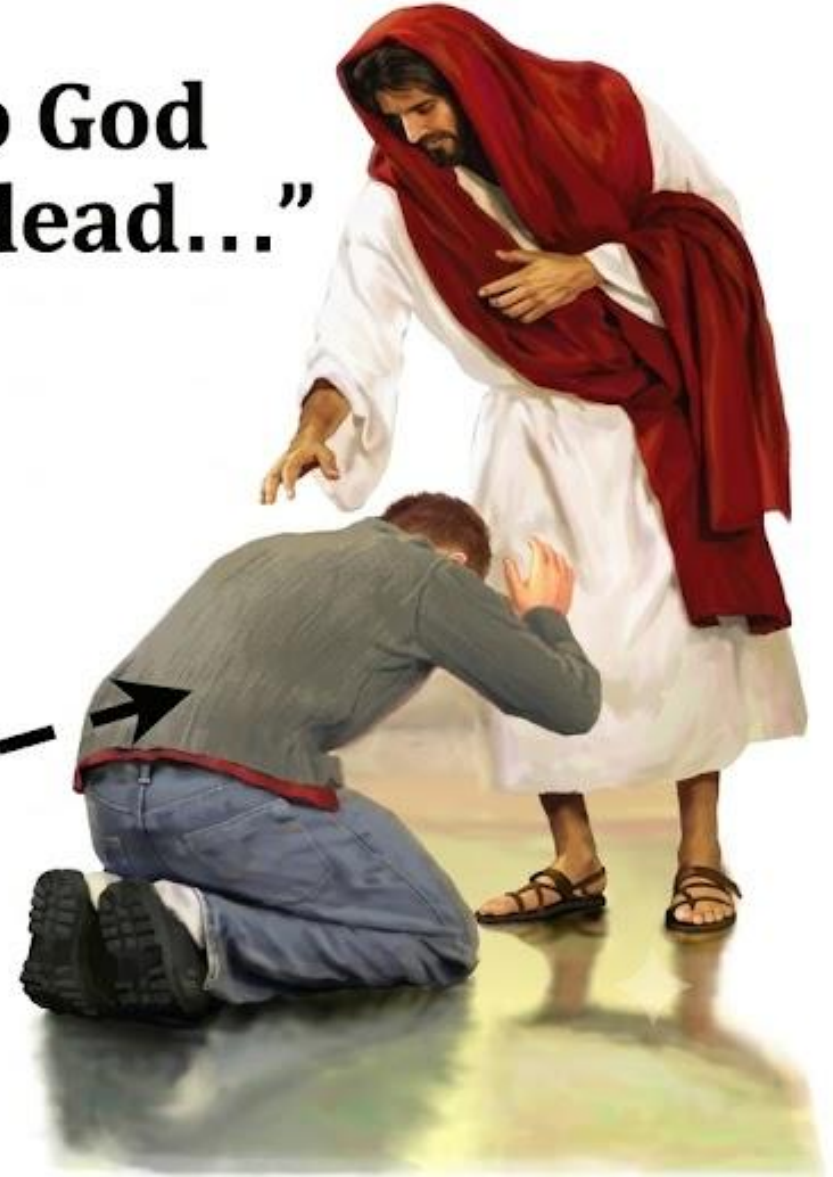
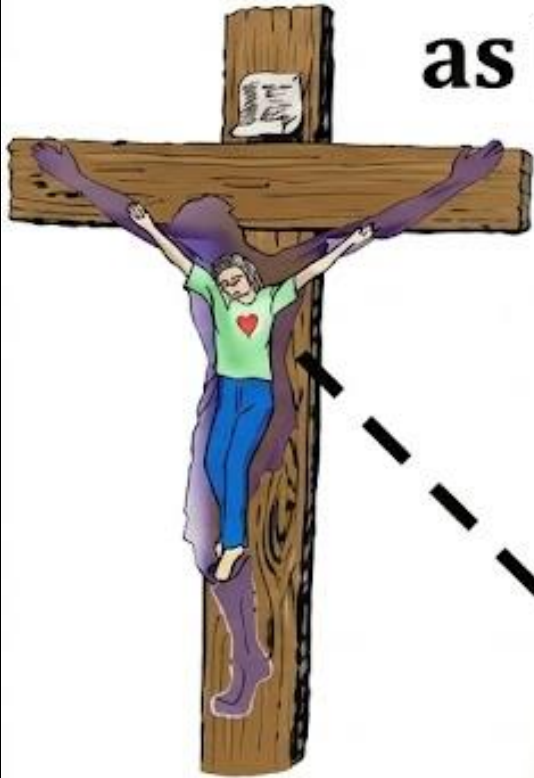
¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for **you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:11-14**

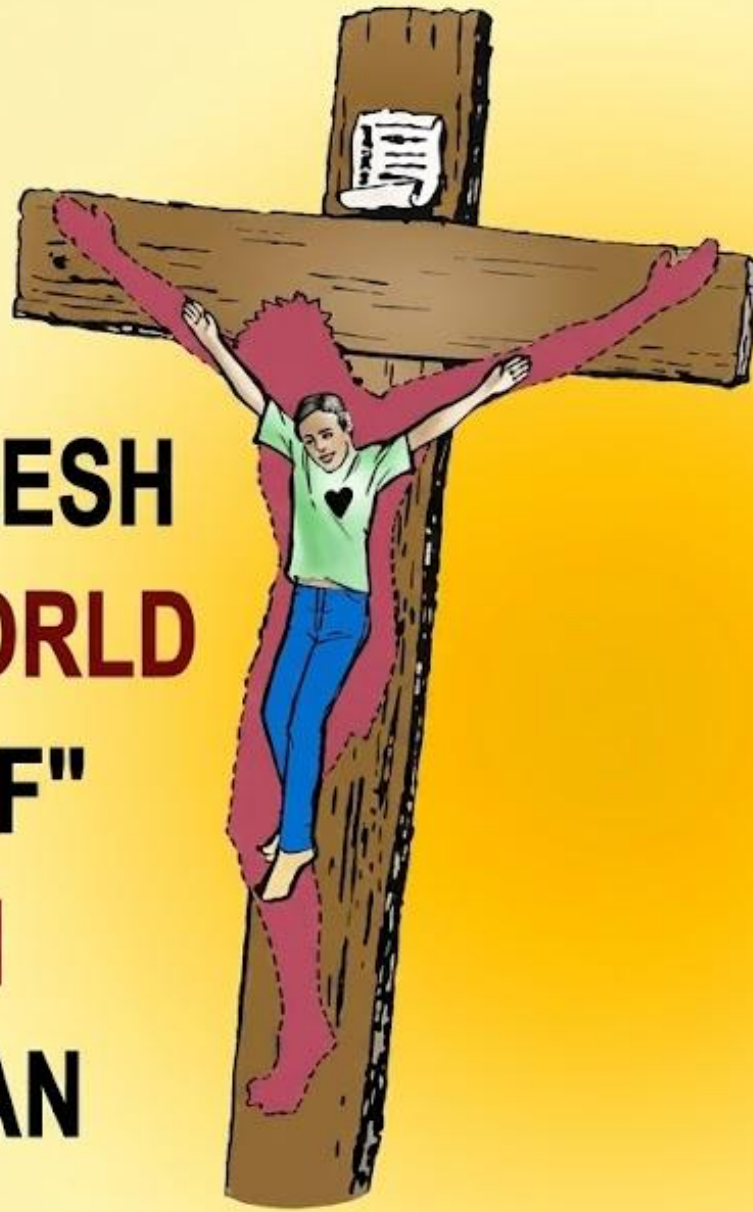


**NOT UNDER LAW
BUT UNDER GRACE**

**“present yourselves to God
as being alive from the dead...”**



THE FLESH
THE WORLD
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I died with Christ! Christ lives in me!

Self-love
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Self-pity
Self-seeking
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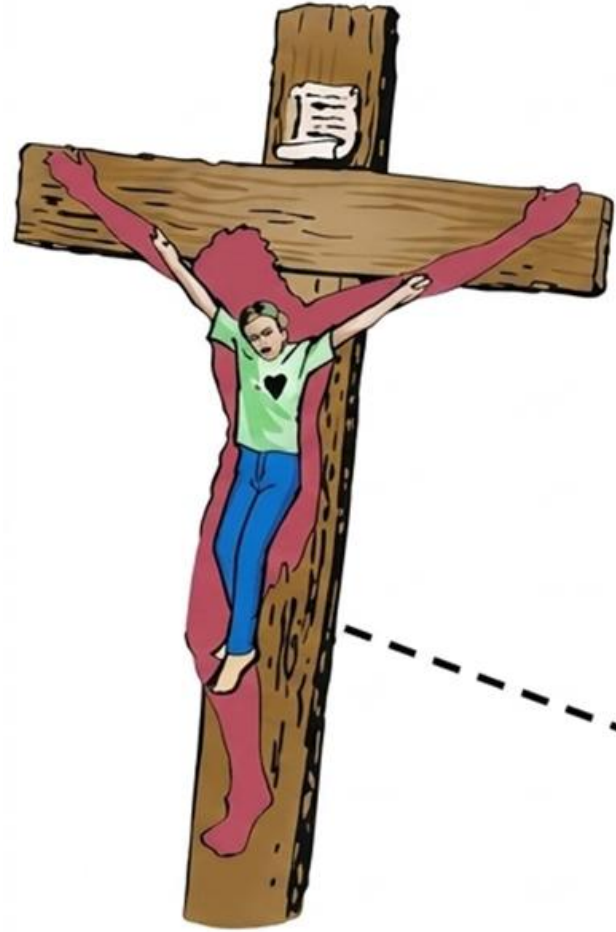
We should no longer live unto ourselves...

but unto Jesus who died for us & rose again.

and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

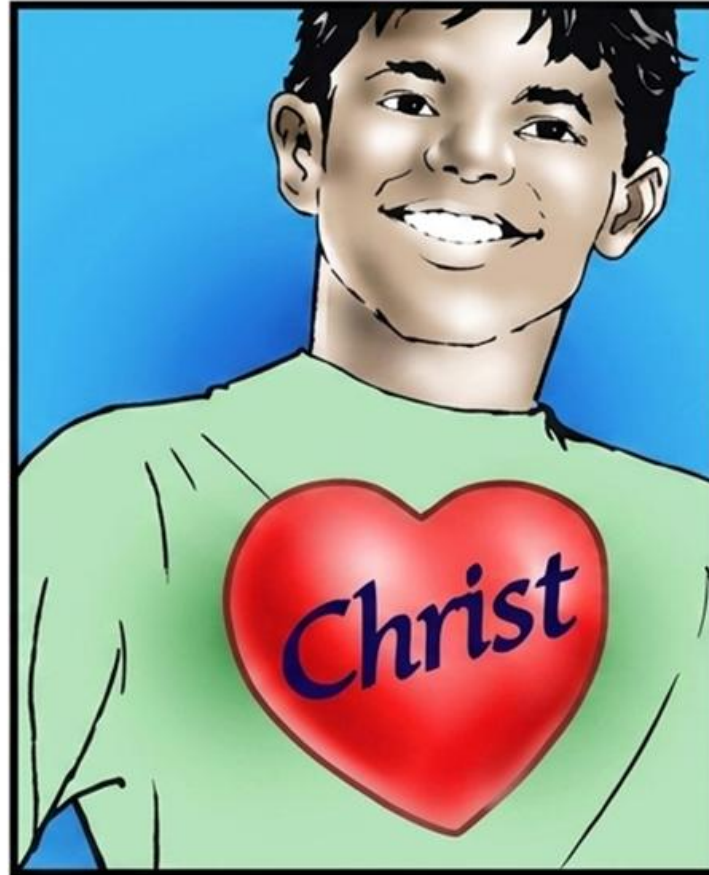
2 Corinthians 5:15





I have been
crucified with Christ

"It is no longer
I who live, but
Christ lives in me!"



"That life which I now
live in the flesh,
I live by faith..."



Galatians 2:19-21

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“it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me”

2. The SOURCE of your Christian life is JESUS CHRIST living in you. (John 14:23; 15:1-5; Eph. 1:13; 3:16-19; 4:6; 5:18; Col. 1:27)

Christ
in me



I am in Christ and Christ is in me!

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR OBJECT IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

- **Jesus Christ is the object of our faith for salvation because He died for our sins and rose again. (1 Thess. 4:14)**
- **Jesus Christ is the object of our hope because He's coming again. (Titus 2:13)**
- **Jesus Christ is the object of our affections because He is risen and seated at God's right hand and He is our life. (Col. 3:1-4)**
- **Jesus Christ is the object of our obedience because He is Lord and Head of the Church. (Eph. 1:22)**

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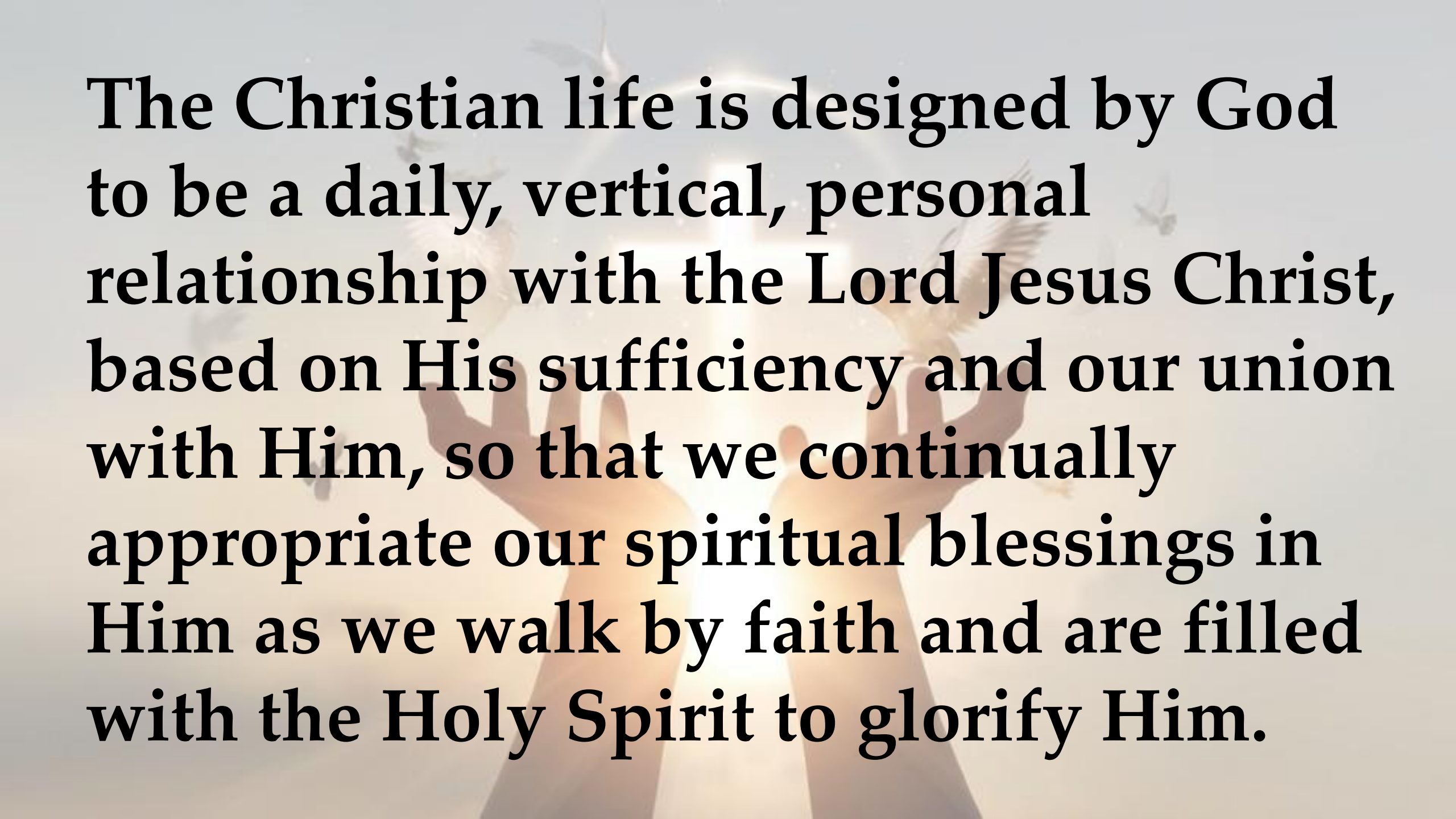
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The branch
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- **Jesus Christ is our object of worship because He is the worthy One. (Rev. 5:12)**

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The Christian life is designed by God to be a daily, vertical, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, based on His sufficiency and our union with Him, so that we continually appropriate our spiritual blessings in Him as we walk by faith and are filled with the Holy Spirit to glorify Him.

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***“and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God”***

3. The **MANNER** of your Christian life is a walk of **DEPENDENCE** upon the Lord. (John 15:5; 2 Cor. 3:5-6; 5:7; Col. 2:6; Heb. 11:6)

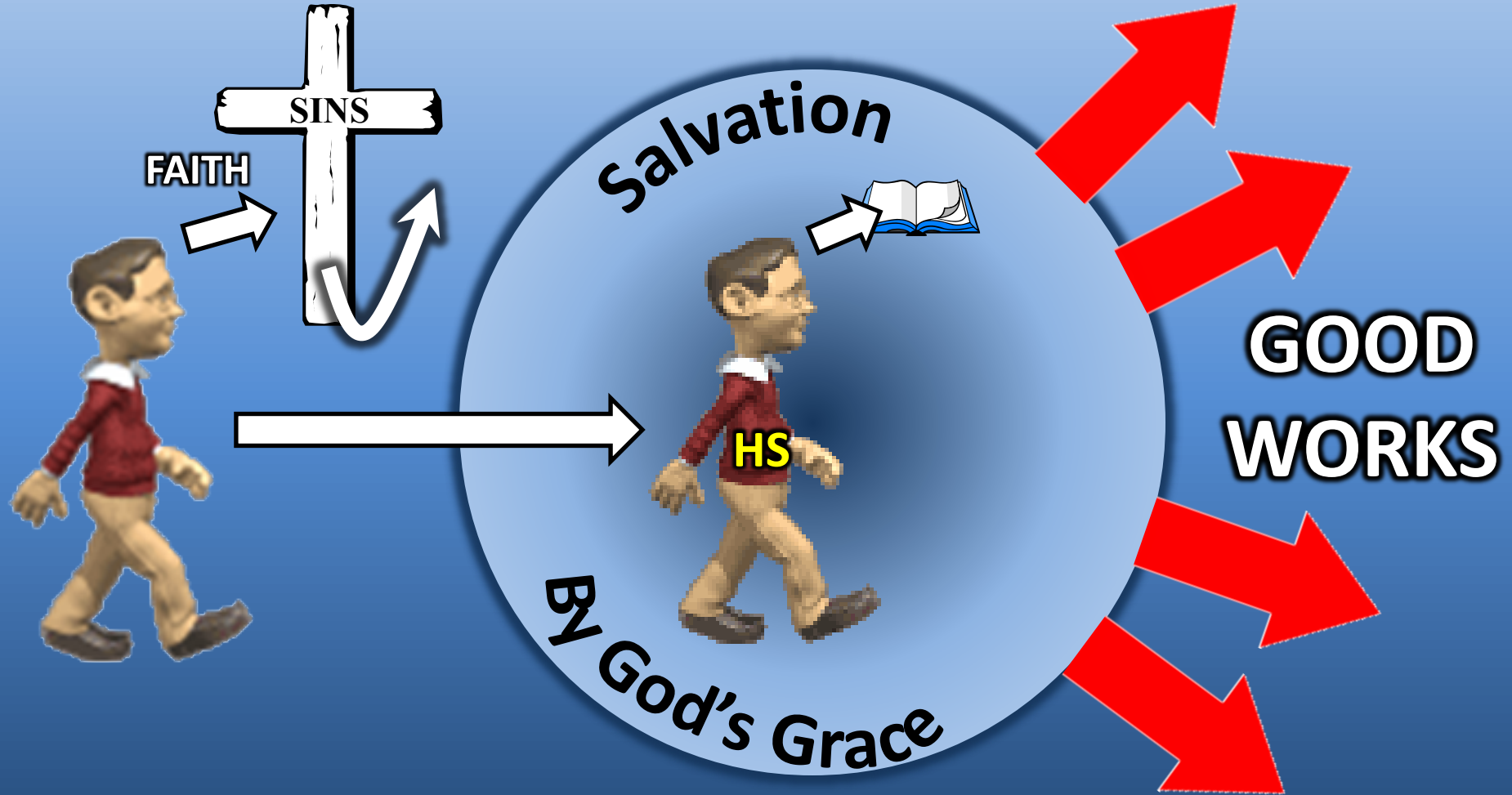
What is the best way of promoting Christian holiness and guaranteeing the true fruits of faith in our lives? The supreme spiritual danger of the Christian life is that of legalism, for there is an inevitable tendency to assume that although Justification is by faith, Sanctification is somehow by struggle, that although the sinner is powerless in regard to salvation he is not so in the matter of holiness. The result of this view is frequently to cause trouble in the Christian life, making the believer feel that though he is unable to become justified apart from himself he cannot possibly be sanctified unless largely aided by his own efforts. But in reality there is one great principle of faith, covering the whole of the Christian life,



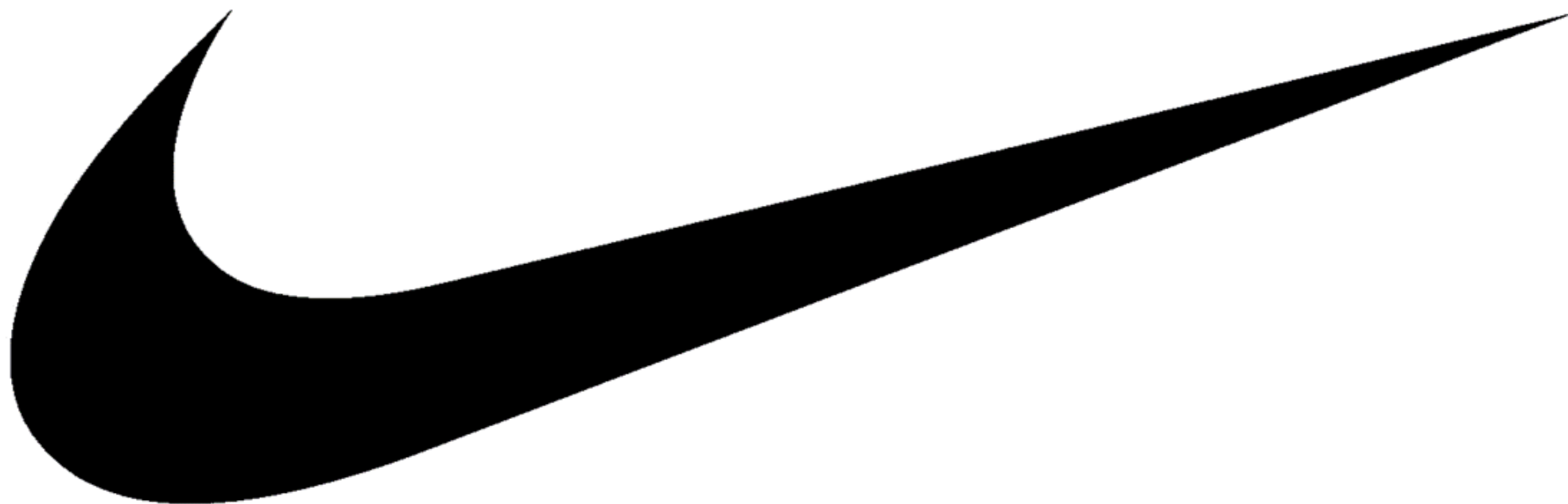
which shows beyond all question that those who are fullest, freest, and frankest in their proclamation of Justification by faith are thereby enabled to show that **Sanctification is likewise to be received in Christ by faith,** and that there is one dominating principle throughout. **We receive Christ Jesus by faith, and we are to walk in Him by the same principle (Col. ii. 6),** and when this is fully realized and properly emphasized in relation both to Justification and Sanctification the outcome is liberty, joy, and practical holiness, which answer fully to the New Testament requirement of the Christian life.



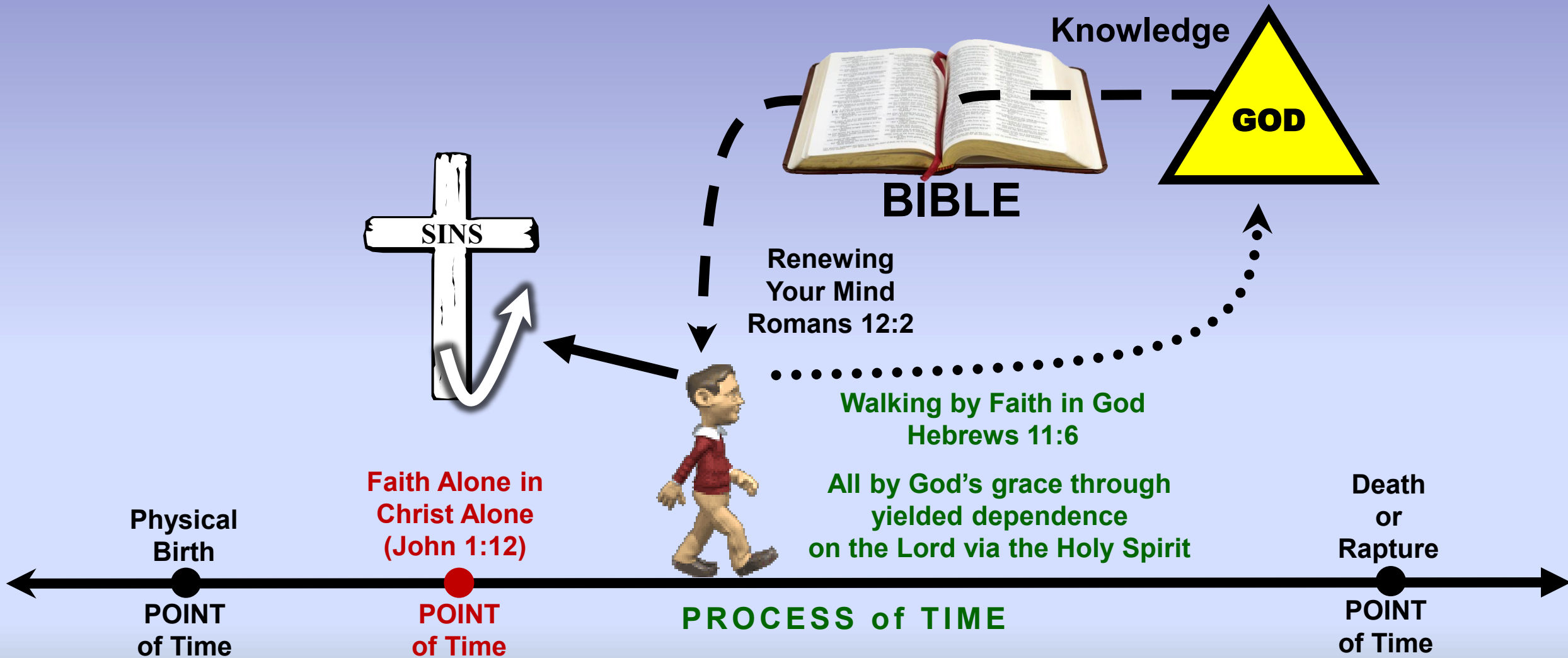
The Proper Place of Good Works



Just Do It !



Walking By Faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)





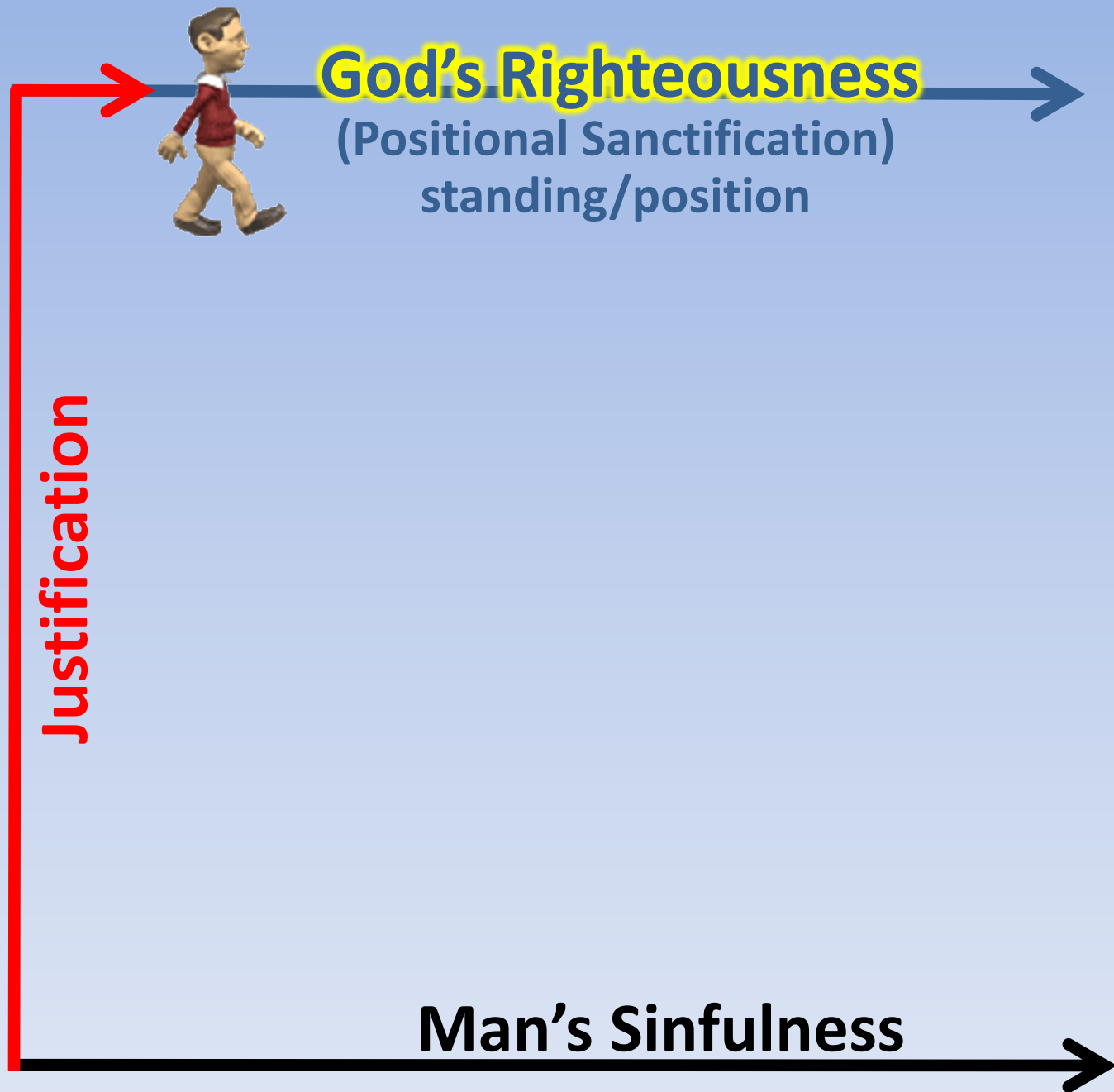
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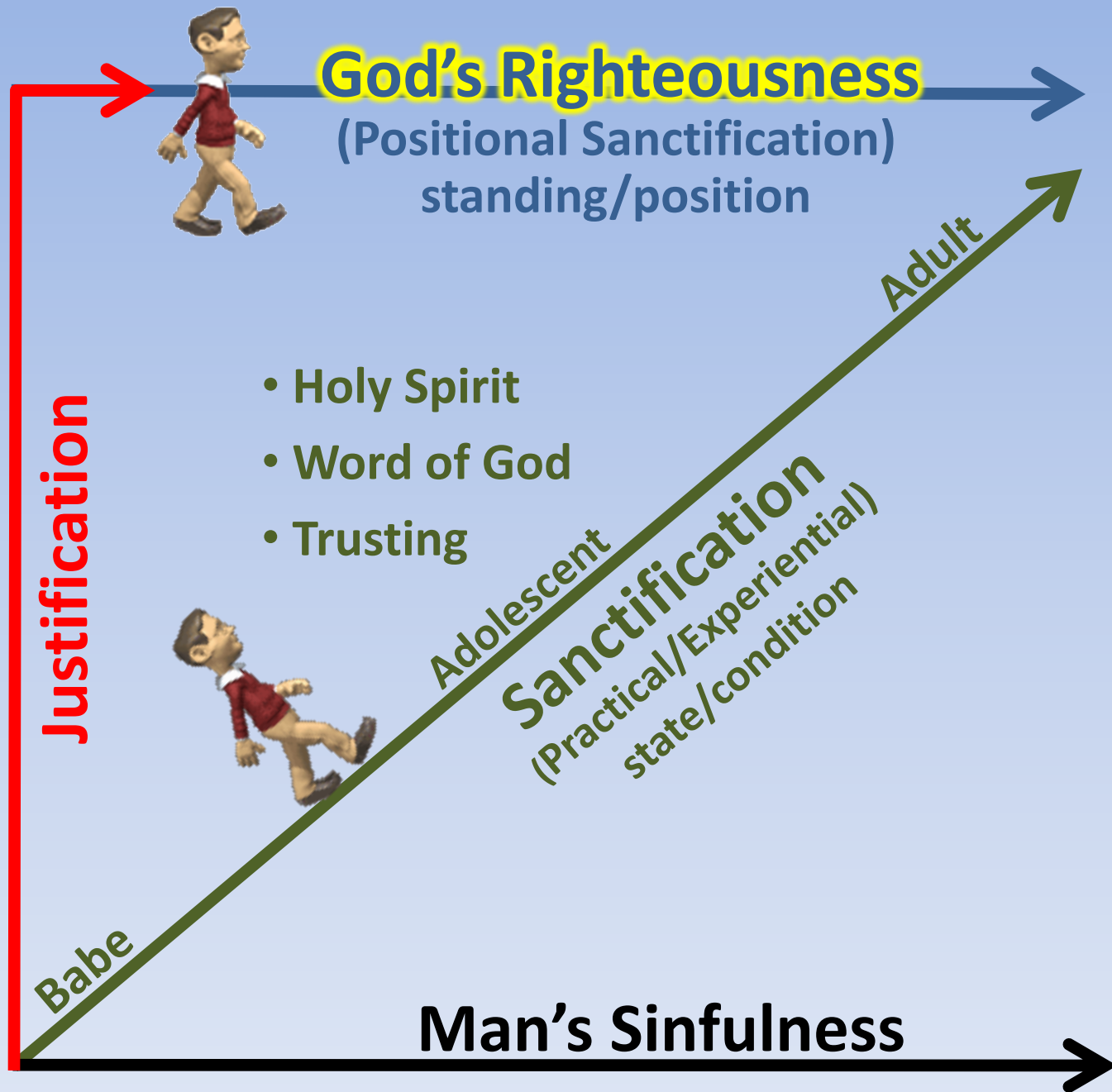


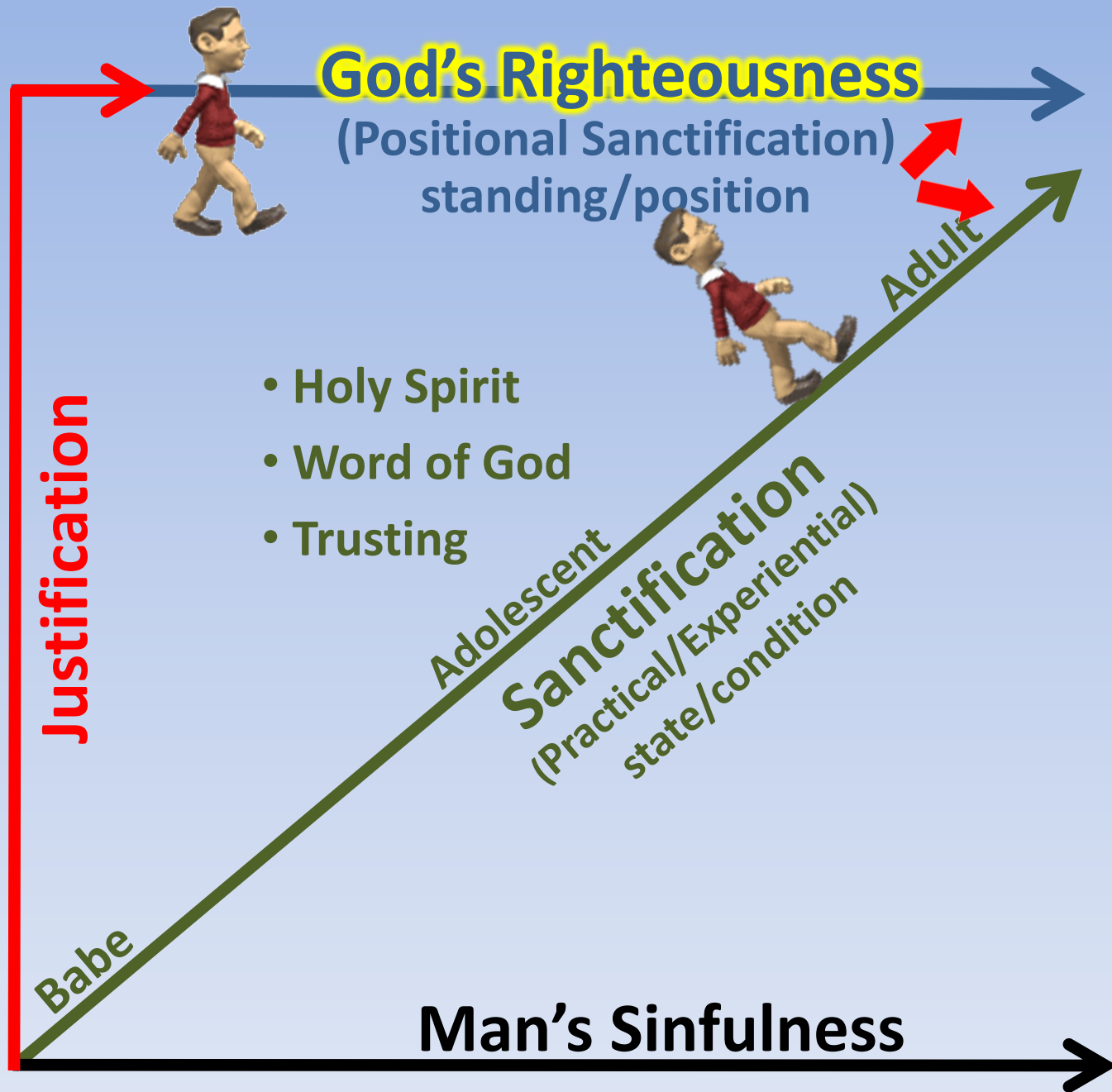
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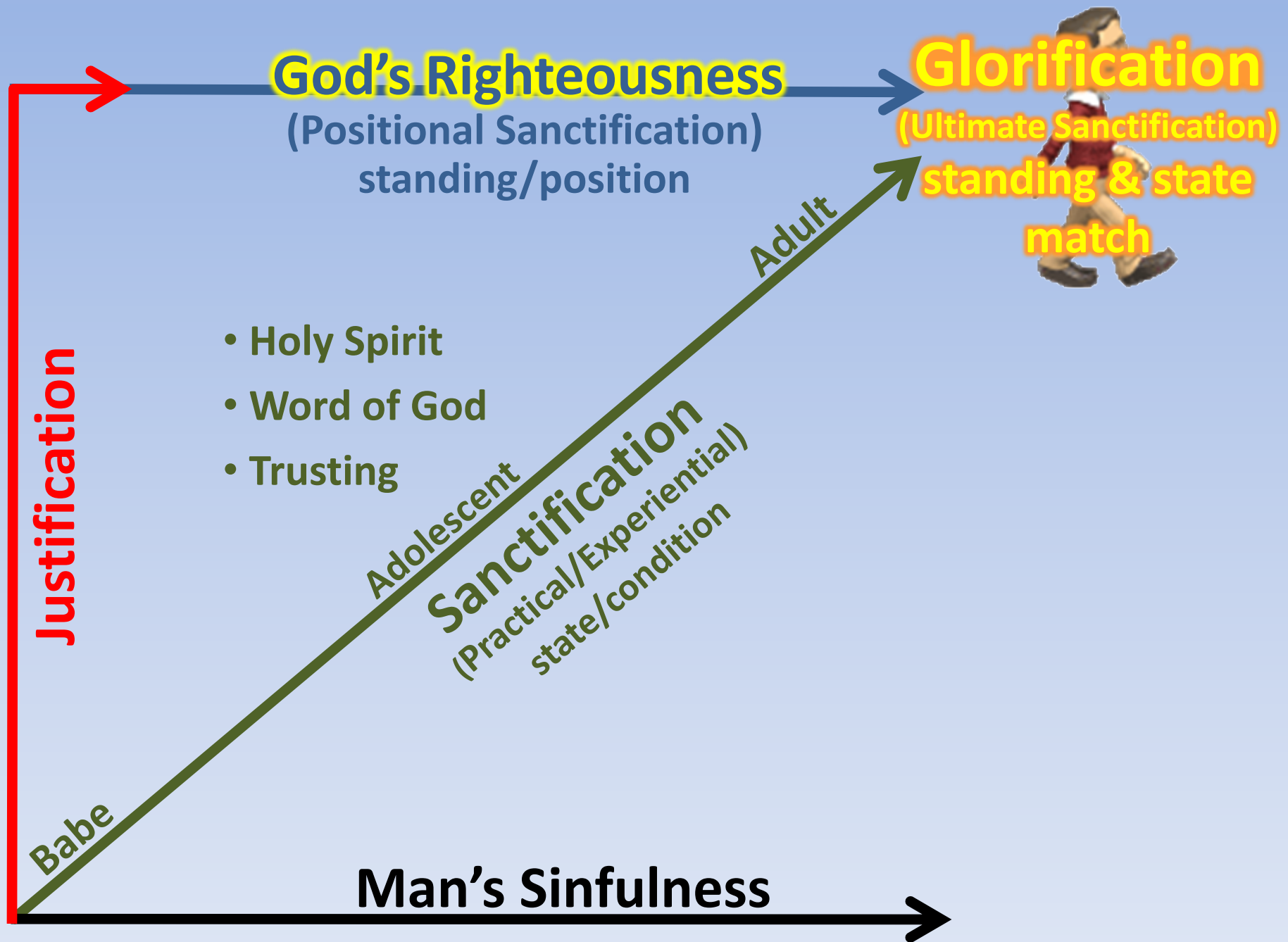


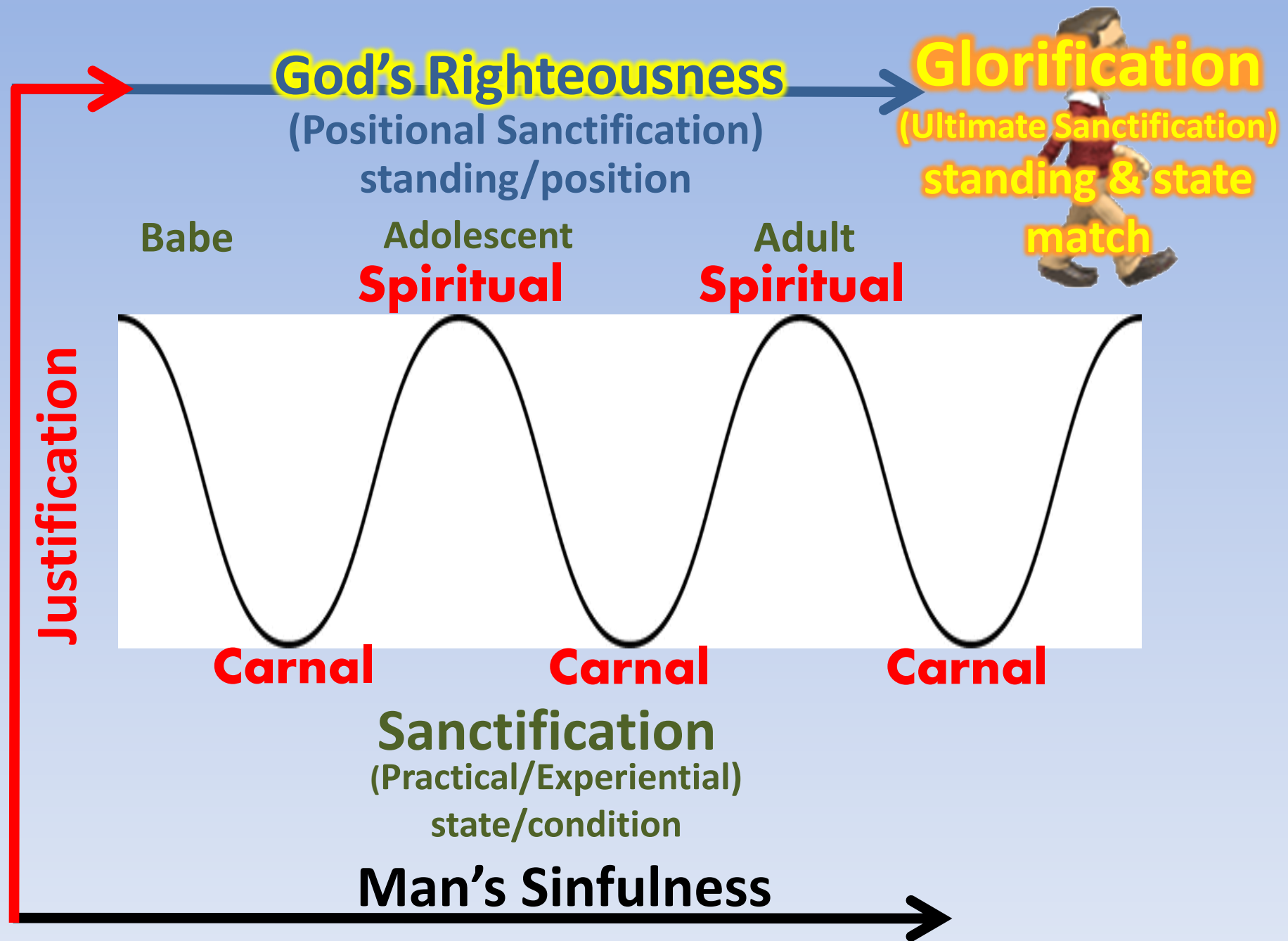
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“who loved me and gave Himself for me”

4. The MOTIVE of your Christian life is the LOVE of Christ for you. (2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 1:6; 3:17-19; 1 John 4:19)



Galatians 2:20 is a lot like John 3:16...

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Notice, God spells “love” . . . “g.a.v.e.”

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...but have eternal life.
16 ¶ For God so loved the
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believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting
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17 For God sent not his Son
into the world to condemn
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Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9

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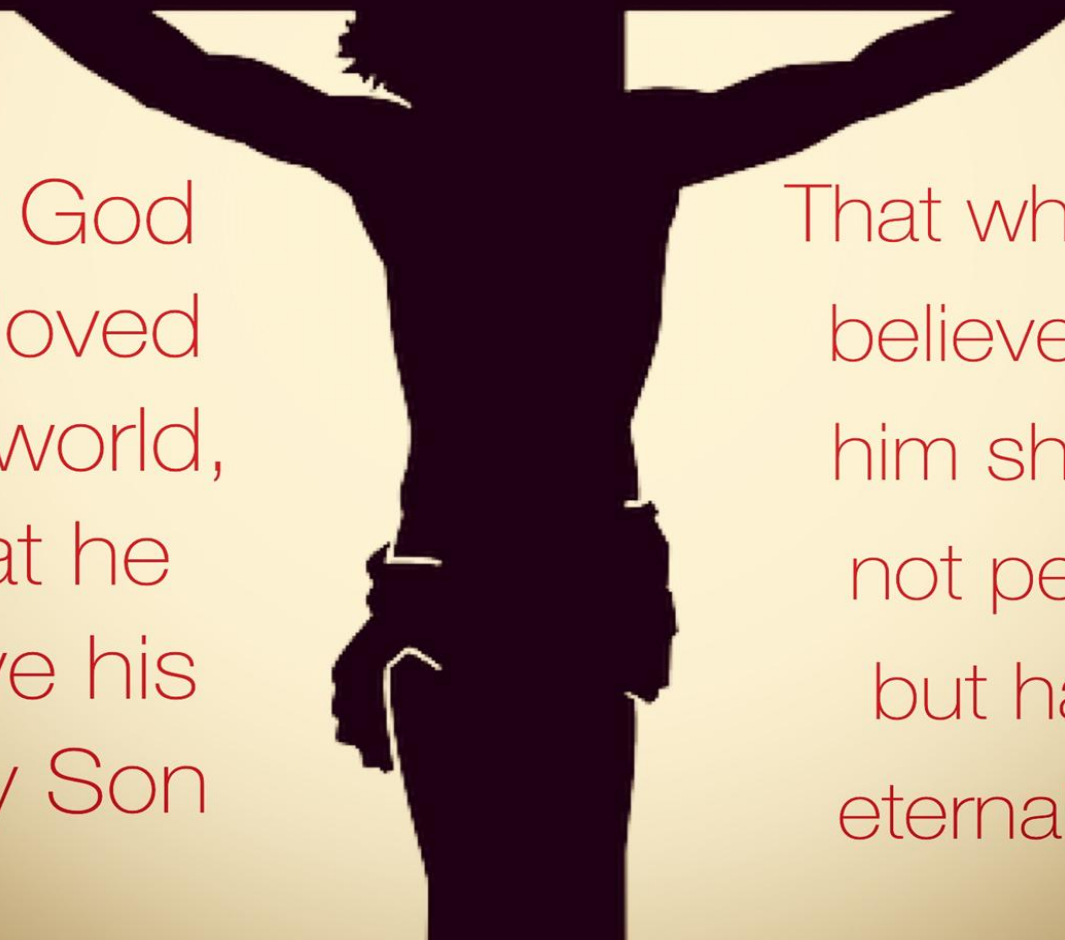
JOHN

3:16

GOD LOVES YOU THIS MUCH

For God
so loved
the world,
that he
gave his
only Son

That whoever
believes in
him should
not perish
but have
eternal life.



Ephesians 3:17-19 (NKJV)

- 17** that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that
you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is
the width and length and depth and height--
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that
you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

He loves me . . .

He loves me not . . .



Eternal Security in Christ



WE LOVE HIM



1 John 4:19

**Because He
First Loved Us**

PROPER MOTIVATION

***"I died for you,
would you be willing to live for Me?"***



Galatians 2:19-21

¹⁹ For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

²⁰ 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.

**²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God;
for if righteousness comes
through the law, then Christ died
in vain.**



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5. The BASIS of your Christian life is Christ's WORK and God's GRACE. (Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 2:2; 15:3-4, 14)

How Good is Good Enough?



Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2-2-17

I

Have no other gods

II

**Do not make an idol
or any likeness**

III

**Do not take the name of
the Lord God in vain**

IV

Remember the Sabbath

V

**Honor your father
and mother**

VI

You shall not murder

VII

**You shall not
commit adultery**

VIII

You shall not steal

IX

**You shall not bear
false witness**

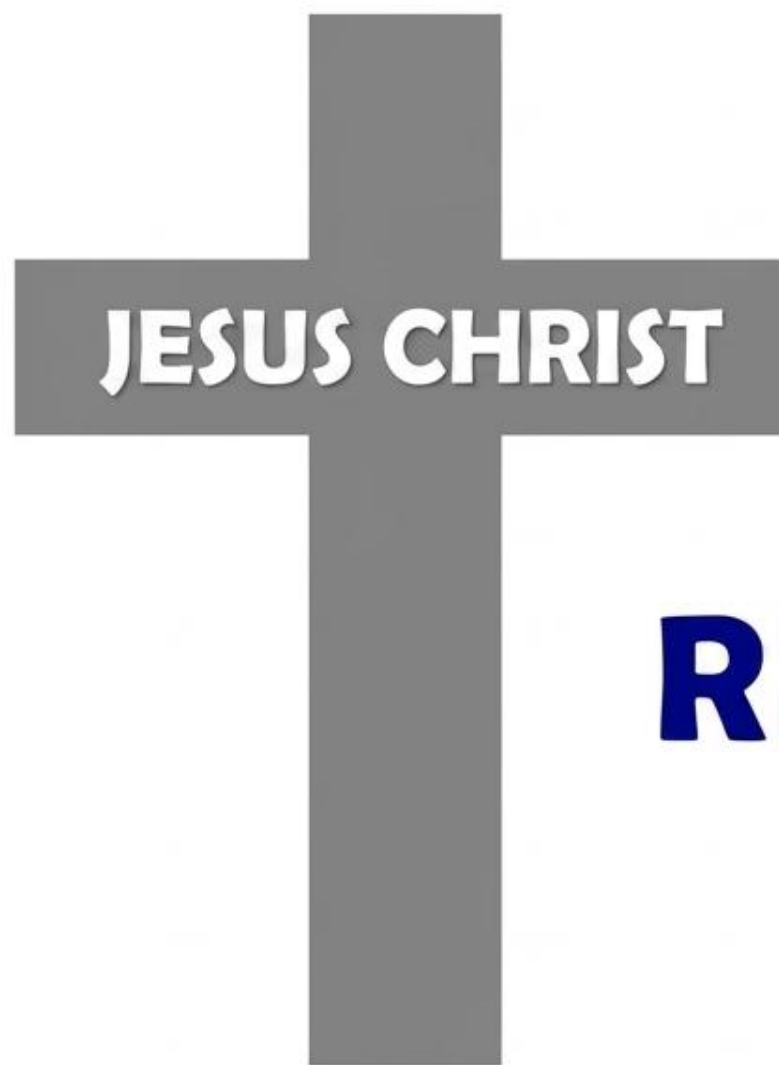
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**You shall not covet
anything that belongs
to your neighbor**

No Balance

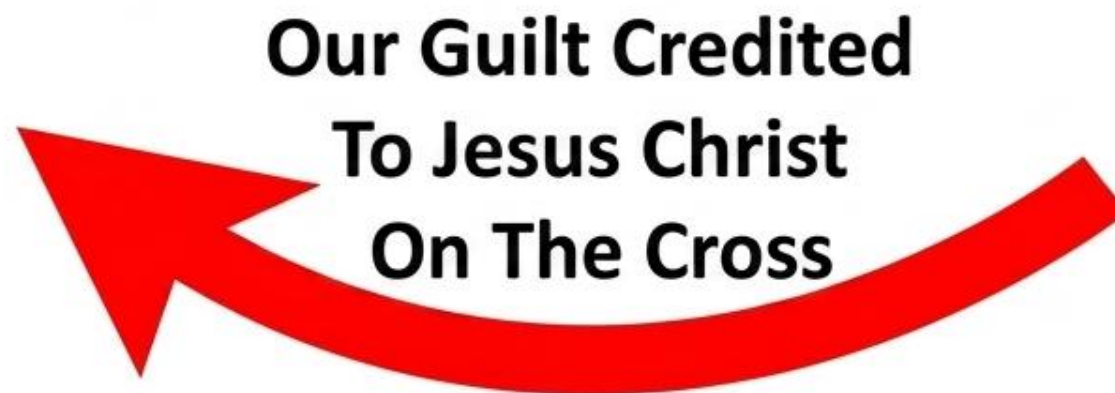


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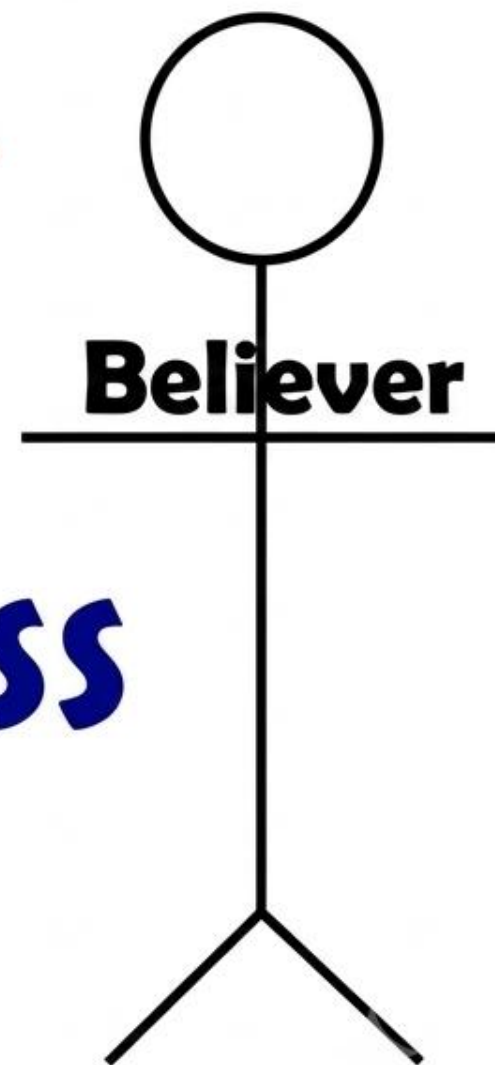


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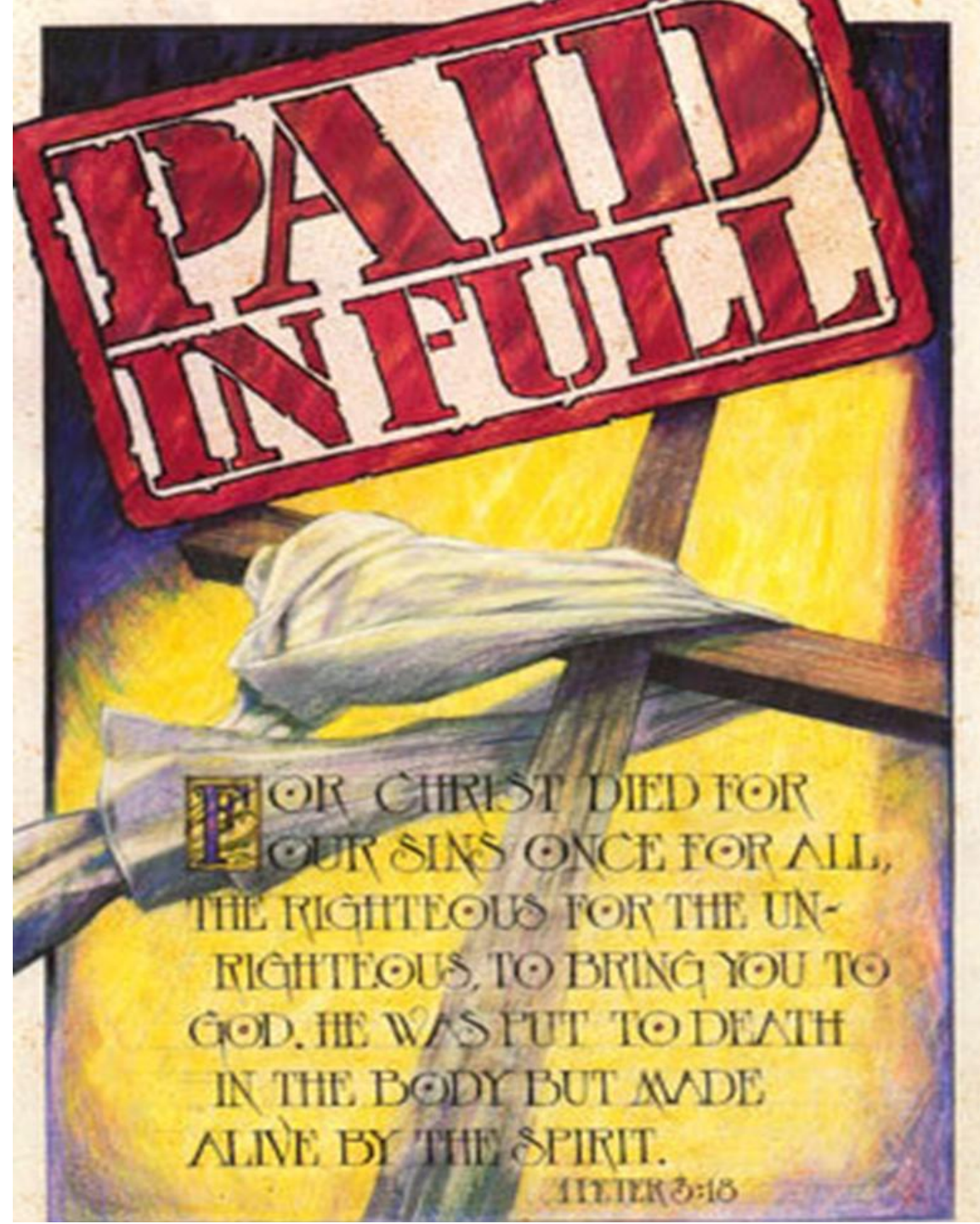
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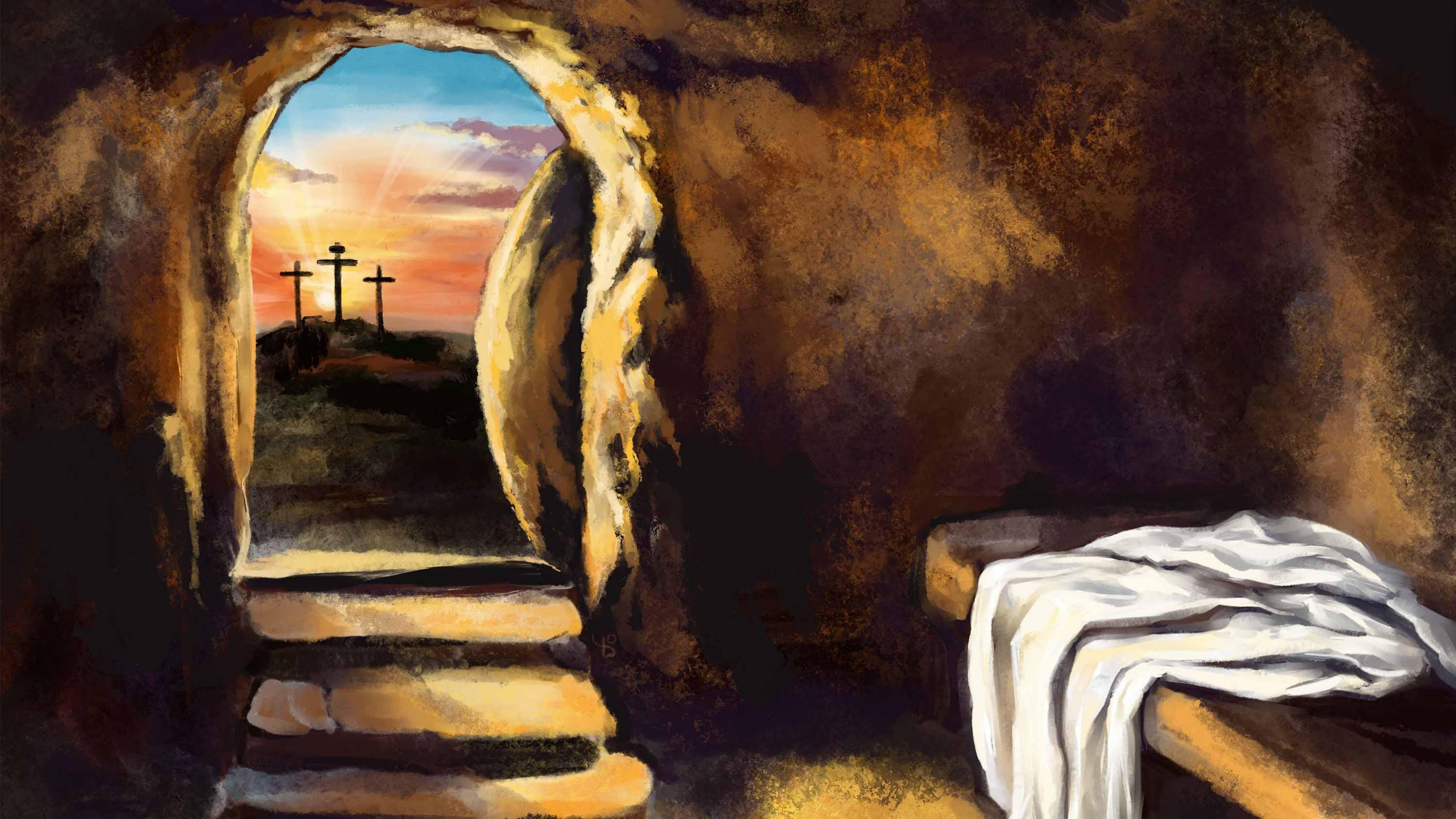


Our Guilt Credited
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On The Cross



Believer





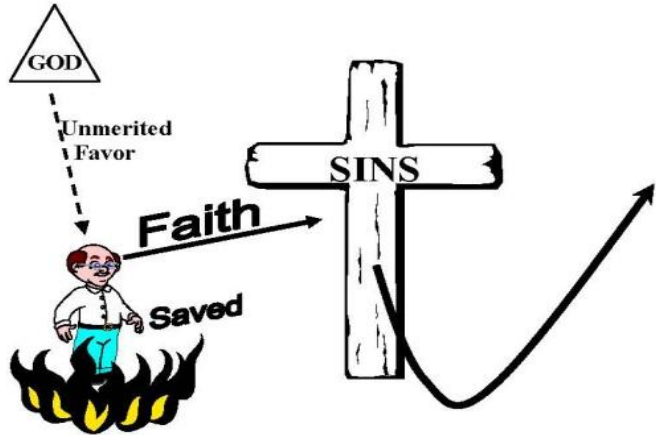


DO VS. DONE

It is finished!

Ephesians 2:8-9

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.



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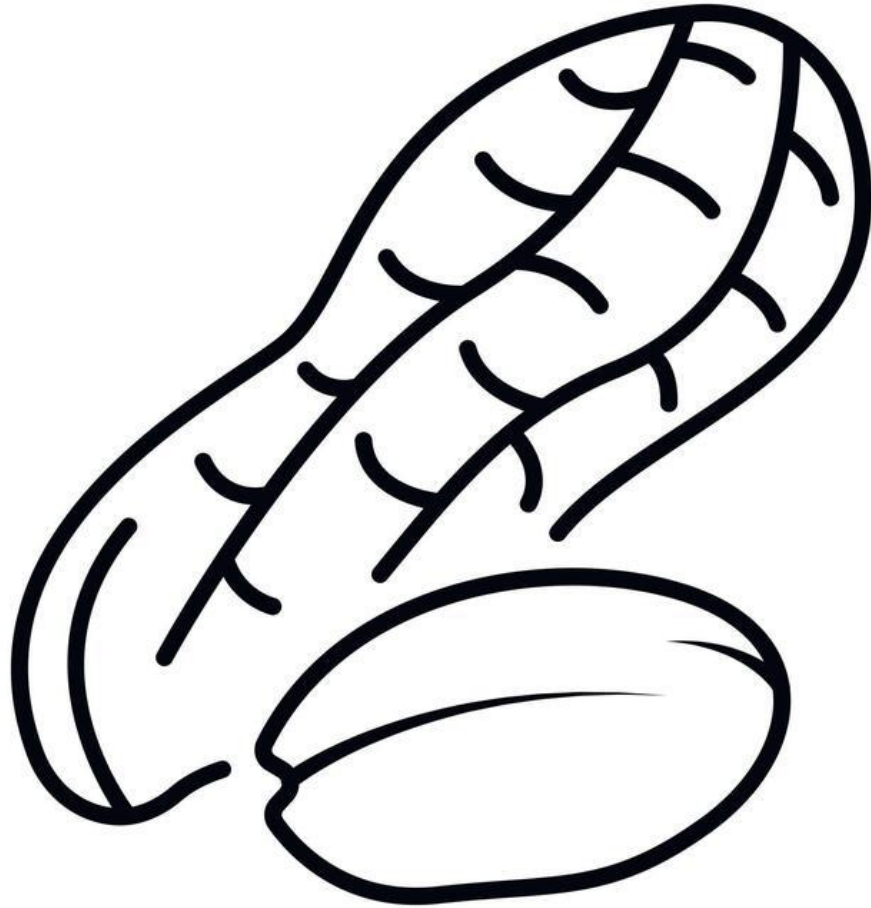


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The Christian Life by Grace in a Nutshell

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