

MY GOD IN MOTION...

# What Is Your New Identity “In Christ”?

*“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*

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

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# Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How
- Discussion
- Resources
- Feedback & Future Topics
- Closing & Send off

# Purpose & Opening

## Purpose: Exhort one another into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,  
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Opening Prayer:

Thank you for opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See wonderful things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the person You intended us to be

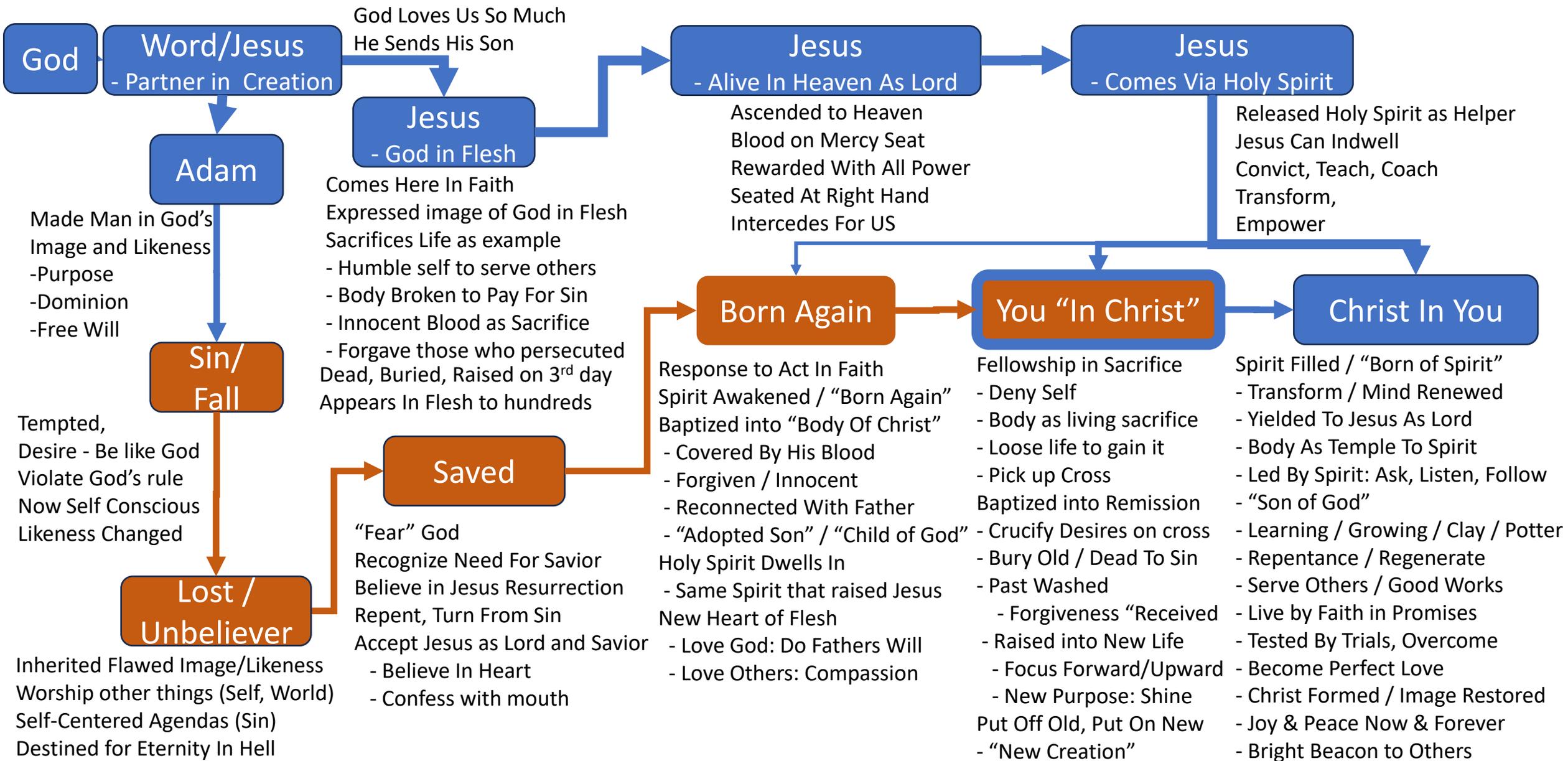
Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring You glory in all we do

# Topic

- What: What Is Your New Identity “In Christ”?
- Why:
  - God put us here with a purpose
  - We are corrupted and accumulate baggage in this fallen world
  - Jesus offers us a new start, a chance to break from our past
  - When You Accept Jesus as Lord and Savior we are born again
  - Submitted “In Christ”, under His blood, we become a new creation
    - Unburdened by what has been... able to focus forward and upward
    - A Born Again Child of God, Righteous and Holy
    - Living for God, Shining as a Beacon

# You "In Christ" vs "Christ In You"



# What Is Your Identity “In Christ?”

- Believe, Turned from Sin, Accept Jesus as Savior
  - Born Again
  - Member, Body of Christ
- Baptized into Remission (Crucify Flesh, Dead to Sin, Bury body of Sin, Raised into new life)
  - Born of Water
- Fellowship With Jesus Suffering (Deny Self, Pick Up Cross, Sacrifice for Others, Forgive)
  - Adopted Son, Heir
  - Child of God
  - Righteousness of God
- Put off the old, and Put on the New
  - New Creation
- When Led by the spirit
  - Born of the Spirit
  - Son of God

# Born Again

## John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he gave the right** to become **children of God**, who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

## John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

## John 3:5-6

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

## Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a **heart of flesh**. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to **walk in My statutes**, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

# Member of Body Of Christ

## 1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## Colossians 1:18

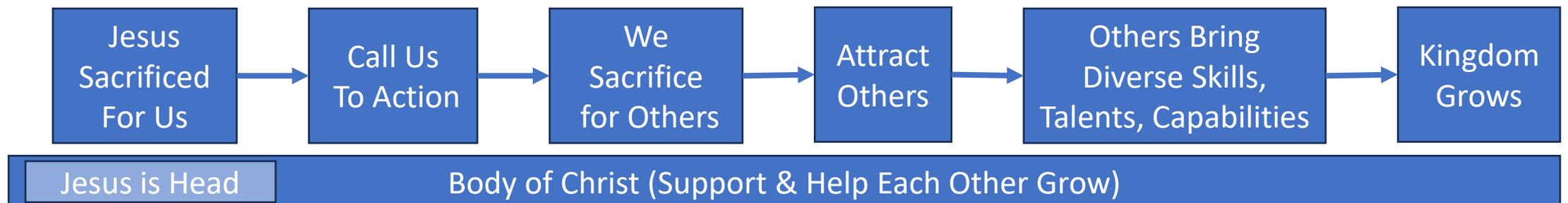
And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

## Romans 12:4-5

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

## Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



# Righteousness of God, Holy and Blameless

## Ephesians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ 4 just as He (God the Father) chose us in Him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy and without blame before Him** in love, ...

## Colossians 1:21-22

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you **holy, and blameless, and above reproach** in His sight

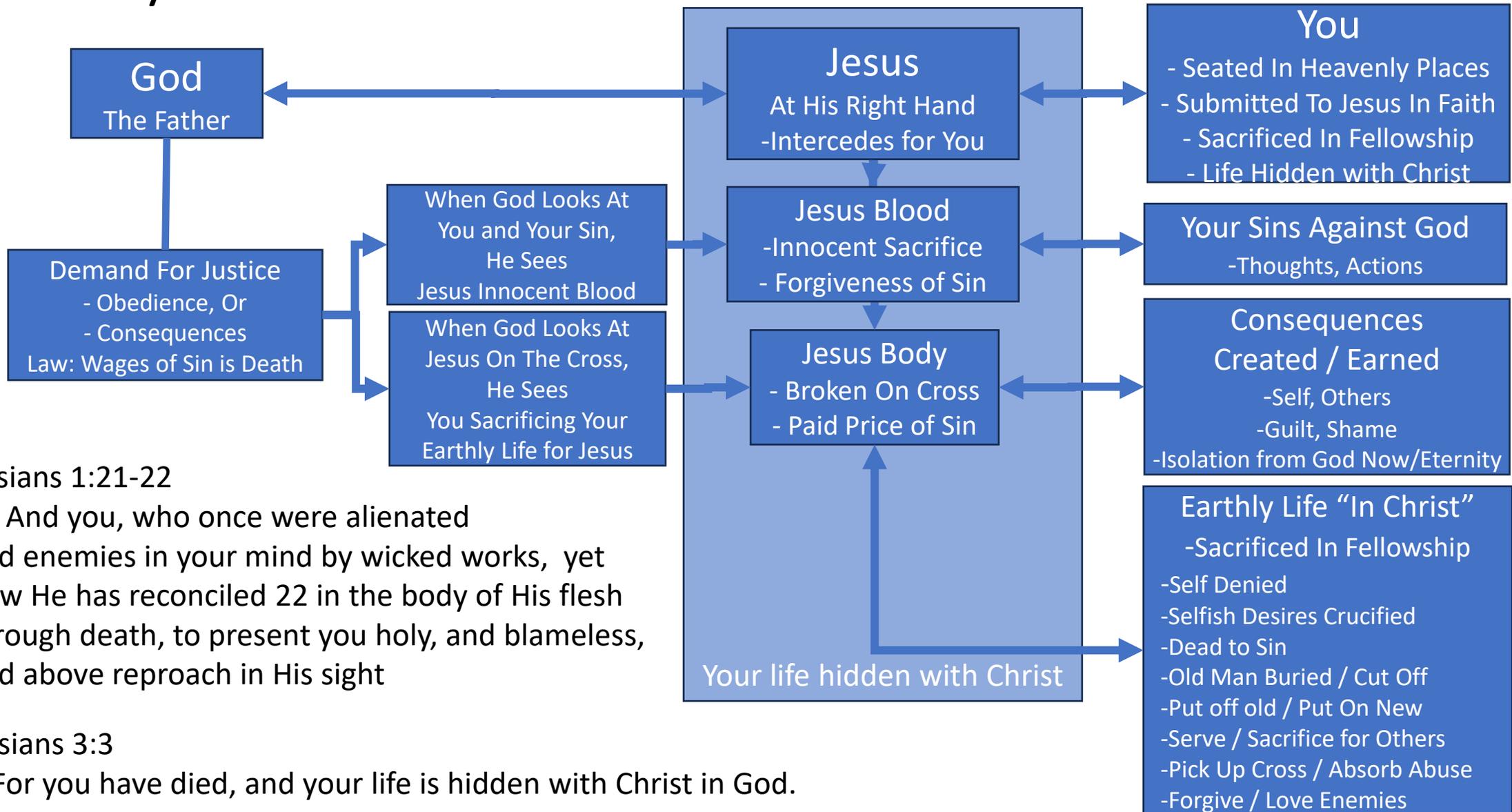
## 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

# Holy and Blameless "In Christ"



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Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

# New Creation: Put Off The Old Man, Put On Christ

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; old things **have** passed away; behold, all things **have** become new.

## Ephesians 4:17-23

“...you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

## Galatians 3:26

For **in Christ** Jesus you are all **sons of God**, through faith.. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**.

# Children of God

If we practice righteousness and love our brother...

1 John 3:10

By this it is evident who are the **children of God**, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Romans 8:16

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**,

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**,

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

# Adopted Son, Heir To Promises

If we put On Christ and Suffer with Him...

Ephesians 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Galatians 3:27-29

27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put **on Christ**. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all **one in Christ Jesus**. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise**.

Romans 8:15-17

15 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." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**, 17 and if children, **then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him**, that we may also be glorified together.

# Son Of God

If you are lead by the sprit, and effectively live the desired Christian life of Love and Peace.

Romans 8:14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**.

Matthew 5:9

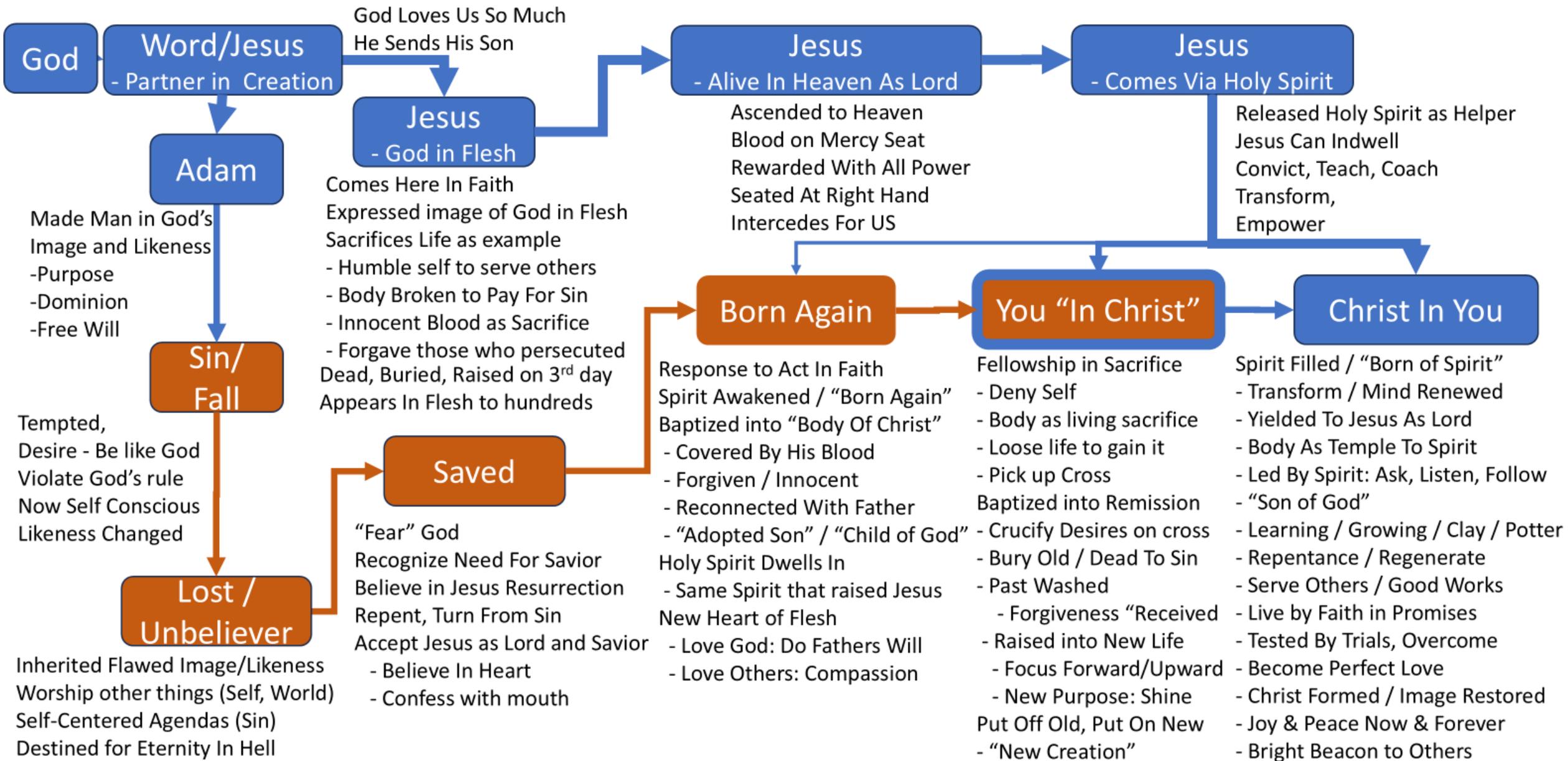
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called **sons of God**.

# Chosen

## Ephesians 1:3-5

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# You "In Christ" vs "Christ In You"



# Check The Fruit

| <u>Aspect</u>     | <u>Old Man</u>                    | <u>New Man / Christ</u>                    |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| God               | Deny, Ignore, Blame               | Love 1st, Worship, Serve                   |
| Self              | Worship, All about ME             | Denied                                     |
| Others            | Use, Control, Ignore, Blame, Hate | Precious, Love, Serve, Sacrifice For       |
| Fleshly Desires   | Thrive, Corrupting                | Crucified, Dead                            |
| Worldly Passions  | Lust of Eyes, Flesh, Pride, Greed | Self-Control                               |
| Sin               | Slave, Consuming                  | Set Free                                   |
| Past              | Guilt, Shame, Condemnation        | Forgiven, Erased, Washed                   |
| Spirit            | Dead                              | Born Again – Alive In You                  |
| Lead By           | Flesh                             | Spirit: Ask, Listen, Hear, Follow          |
| Heart             | Hardened, Corrupted               | Flesh – Compassionate, Receptive, Pure     |
| Eyes              | Blinded                           | Opened – See God’s Kingdom                 |
| Ears              | Deaf to God’s Voice               | Hear - Understand & Do God’s Desires       |
| Conscience        | Compromised / Suppressed          | Active / Effective                         |
| Mind              | Double, Darkened, Futile          | Single, In Light, Renewed in His image     |
| Identity          | You In This World                 | You as Eternal Child Of God, Innocent      |
| Purpose           | Me Now, Get To Heaven Someday     | Do All for Glory of God, Live, Love, Shine |
| Emotions          | Defensive, Reactive, Irrational   | Compassion, Stable, Rational               |
| Thoughts          | Run Free                          | Taken Captive                              |
| Attitude          | Fear, Anxiety, Despair            | Hope, Peace, Joy                           |
| Trials/Challenges | Fear, I’m in control              | Cherish, Trust in God, Opportunity to Grow |

# Not seeing the fruit?

- Have you truly repented of your sins and sinful nature?
  - Do you see the harm they cause you, others?
  - Do you see how your sin can impact God's plans to use you?
  - Do you see the consequences ahead if you do not repent?
- Do you believe Jesus suffered and died to pay the price for your sins?
- Do you believe He was raised from the dead in the flesh in fulfillment of scripture?
- Have you given your life to Jesus in return for His sacrifice for you?
- Have you “Embraced and Received” His finished work?
- Have you joined in fellowship of suffering with Him:
  - Denied self, Picked up cross, Become dead to sin
  - Crucified fleshly desires on His cross, Buried old self in His grave? Been resurrected?

# How: Reflection, Gratitude, Intention

- Watch for ME in thoughts/words/actions
  - Undesired / Instigative thoughts from Selfish desires
  - Self-centered Agendas / Activities – What is your why?
  - Lower view of others
  - Efforts To Raise Up Self Image
- Purposefully Raise God Up
  - Praise – Private and Public – Give Him Credit
  - Gratitude / Thankfulness – Mornings, Evenings, Gratitude Journal
- Find ever more ways to flow love to others
  - Smile
  - Encouraging words
  - Random acts of kindness
  - Serve Others / Good Works

# How: Pursue Transformation

What to do when we notice an issue / opportunity / barrier?

- Run to God, Seek His Face
- Thank Him for helping your notice, Caring is a critical first step in change
- Seek to understand the driver (What aspect of self-centered will is not yet yielded)
- Hate the Evil – Understand how It harms others, or limits your usefulness
- Repent, Turn from Evil as Sin against God
- Cut off / Crucify your motive – Declare it Unwanted, Nailed to Cross, Dead
- Yield to the Spirit for Help uproot / overcome / replace the flawed motive
- Claim Promise / Calling to become better
  - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me
  - I bury the old me in the grave with Jesus, I am raised into new life with Jesus
  - I am born again, All things old pass a way, Behold ALL things are new
  - I am clay, He is the potter, He will shape me and show His power through me.
  - I am his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works
  - With His Help, I will shine in this dark world and bring Him glory.

# Discussion

## Does this make sense?

- Questions
- Clarification
- Other Inputs

## Practical Experiences?

- Struggles / Barriers
- Strategies to Overcome
- Success / Lesson Learned

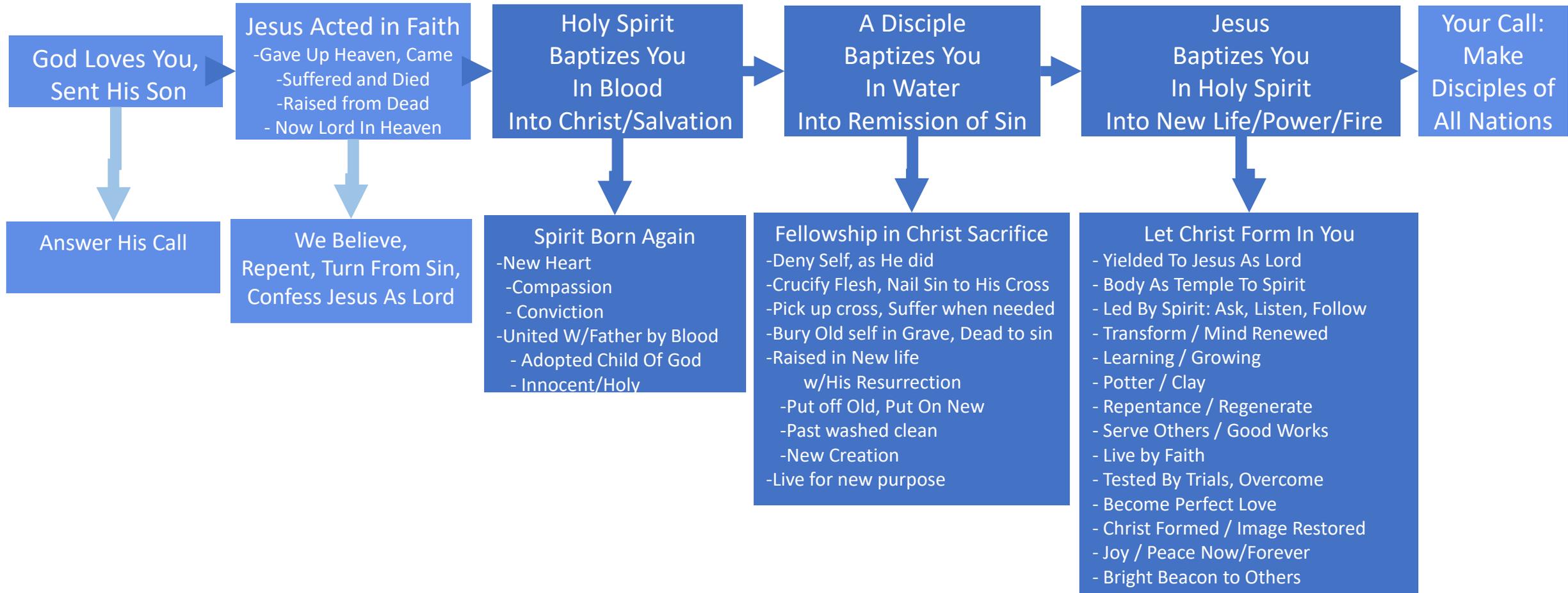
Q: How many times should a Christian be baptized?

A: I pulled up a back up slide that shows the three different baptisms a Christian will experience:

- Baptism by the Holy Spirit with Blood into the Body of Christ
- Baptism by a Disciple with Water into Remission of Sins
- Baptism by Jesus with the Holy Spirit into Life / Power / Fire

That slide follows

# We are Changed by a Progression of Baptisms



Baptism: Emersion in something for purpose of permanent change

# Resources

## Identity and Purpose

- Dan Mohler: How to live each day with purpose <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2fzsxXwapE>

## Transformation

- Spirit, Soul & Body: 3 Part Animated Video By Andrew Wommack talking about “Born Again”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5aAGTNWNBA>
- Dan Mohler: Water Baptism is a big deal [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF\\_vyFvVGy8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF_vyFvVGy8)
- My Blog: Deny Yourself and Pick up your cross  
<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/deny-yourself-pick-up-your-cross-daily-follow-jesus/>

## Become Love

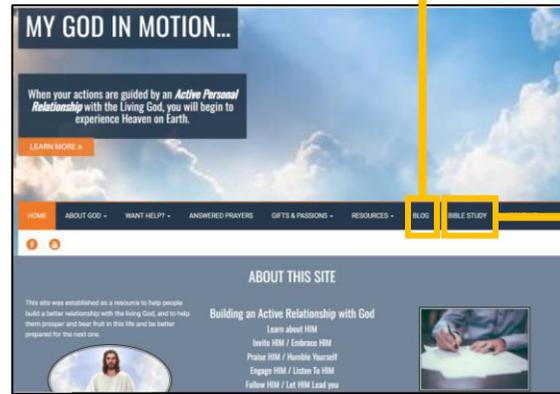
- Random Acts of Kindness: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>
- My Blog: Become Like Jesus, Become Love  
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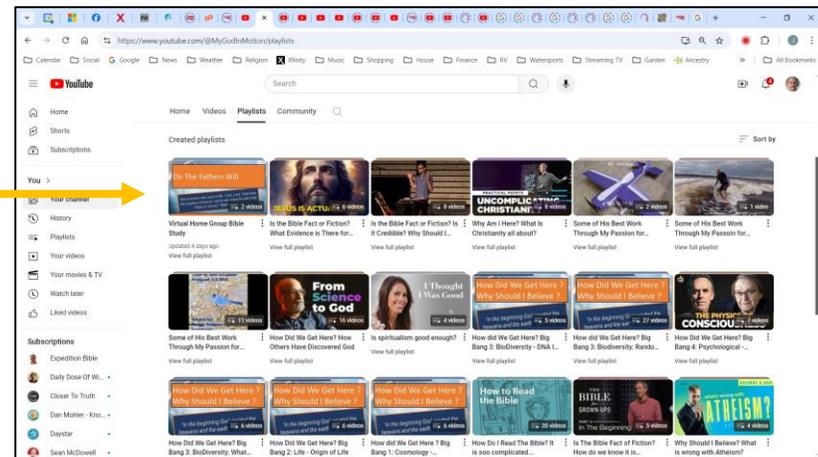
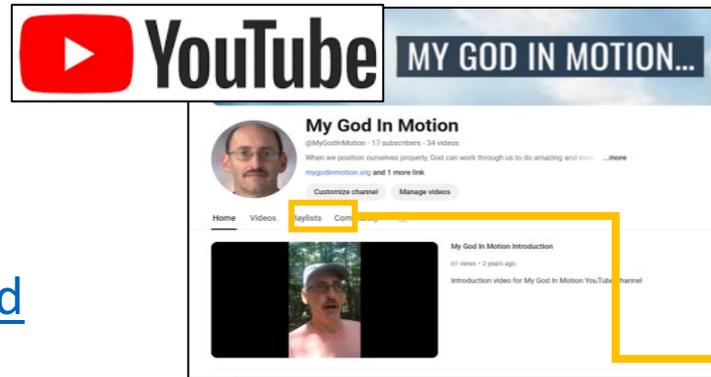
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# Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
  - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
  - ✓ Good Mix - Content & discussion
  - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
  - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
  - ✓ Let folks do a quick intro to get familiar
  - ✓ Host to log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
    - Set dog up for success to avoid distraction

# Future Topics

## Candidate topic for next week:

- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
  - Acting in Bold Faith to make room for Amazing Grace
  - Executing Transformation
  - Positive affirmation, Thankfully claiming a promise
  - Standing in Faith in end times

## Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
- How do you Eat the Word of God?
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!

## Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times

Comment: Positive Prayer Is Powerful,  
ex: Thanking God for the promise that is  
coming, rather than asking Him.

Agreed examples may help others

Candidate topic above  
emerged during  
discussion connecting  
these two and  
participant comment

# Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light
- May we shine as a light in this dark world
- May we become bright beacons for Your kingdom
- May we do all in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14