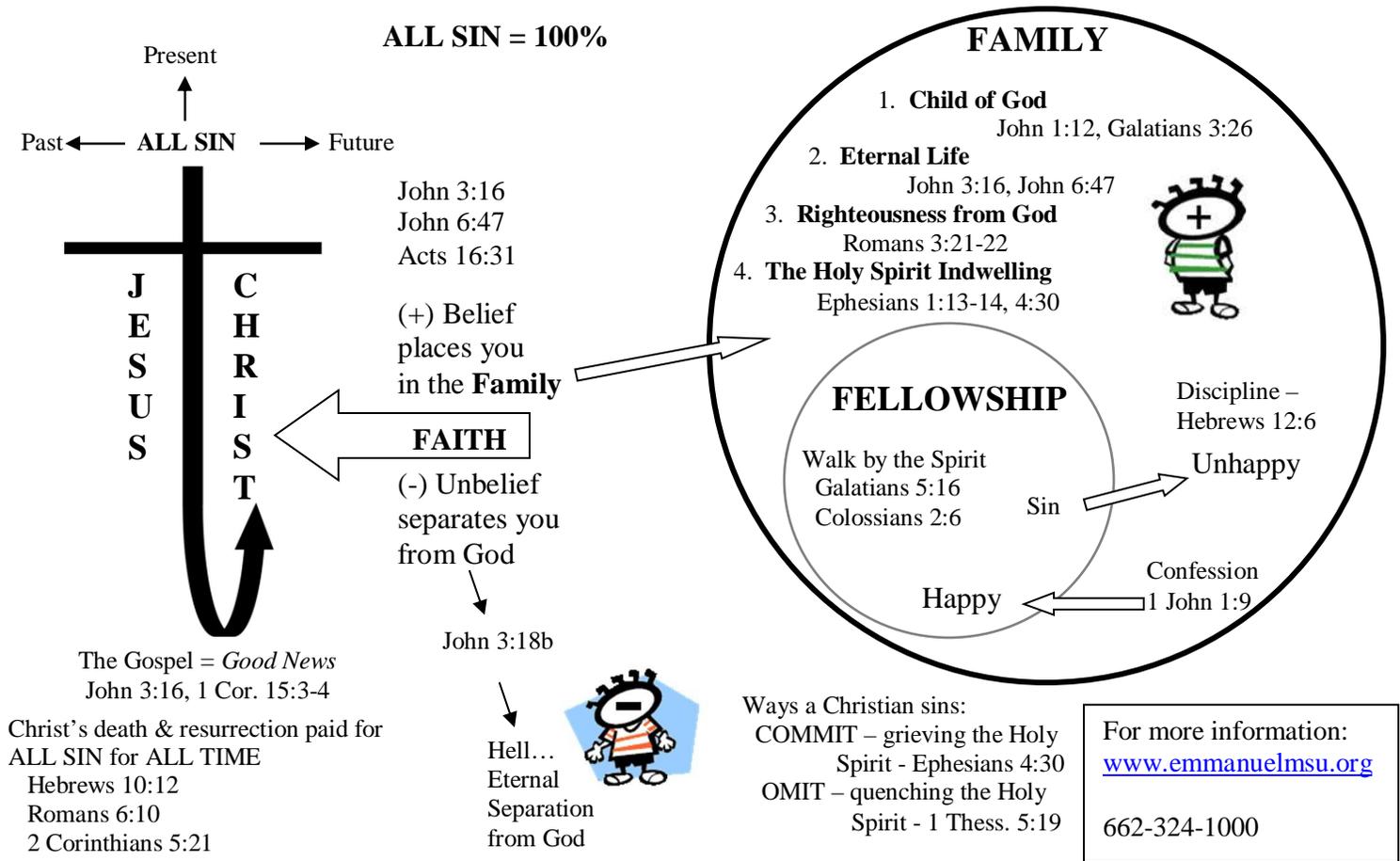


# ETERNAL SALVATION is by FAITH ALONE in CHRIST ALONE



## EXPLANATION

- Christ's death on the cross was for the complete payment for ALL sin, past – present – and future!  
Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death..."  
Hebrews 10:12, "but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God."  
Romans 6:10, "For the death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God."  
2 Corinthians 5:21, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
  - The GOSPEL is the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the payment for all sin.  
1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,"
  - To receive the gift of eternal life a person must believe, have faith, in Jesus Christ.  
John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."  
John 6:47, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."  
Acts 16:31, "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved, you and your household.'"
- Faith is always in an object! It is not the amount of faith or the quality of the faith... it is Who our faith is in!
- What separates a person from God is unbelief. To die in unbelief is to spend eternity separated from God.  
John 3:18b, "...he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

5. When we believe in Christ (and Christ alone) as our Savior we are born again and become members of God's family. In the illustration we are placed into the large circle. Many things occur the moment we trust Christ. Four are stated.
  - A. We become a child of God.
 

John 1:12, *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,"*

Galatians 3:26, *"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."*
  - B. We receive eternal life. John 6:47
  - C. We receive a righteousness from God.
 

Romans 3:21-22, *"But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction."*
  - D. We are indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit.
 

Ephesians 1:13-14, *"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."*
  
6. As a child of God we should walk in fellowship with God.
  - A. This can only be accomplished by walking in the Spirit.
 

Galatians 5:16, *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."*

Colossians 2:6, *"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."*
  
7. Sin in our life as believers separates us from fellowship. Sin can never separate us from the family because sin, in the sense of God's justice, has been completely paid for. There are two ways a believer can sin:
  - A. Sins of commission, or grieving the Holy Spirit.
 

Ephesians 4:30, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*
  - B. Sins of omission, or quenching the Holy Spirit.
 

1 Thessalonians 5:19, *"Do not quench the Spirit;"*
  
8. When we do sin we should immediately confess our sin to God so that our fellowship walk will not be broken.
 

1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
  
9. Un-confessed sin in our lives will bring God's discipline.
 

Hebrews 12:6, *"For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives."*

Most people do not understand the difference between being in the family of God (justification) and living like a child of God (sanctification). When these two concepts are mixed together then the gospel message becomes very confusing.

JUSTIFICATION	<u>SALVATION</u> SANCTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
Free from the Penalty of sin Romans 3:28, 4:5	Free from the Power of sin Romans 6-8, Galatians 5:16-25	Free from the Presence of sin 1 John 3:2, 1 Corinthians 13:12

ENTRANCE into God's family is by faith, and faith alone in the person and work of Jesus Christ.  
 FELLOWSHIP (inheritance) in God's family is by faithful walk and service to Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

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