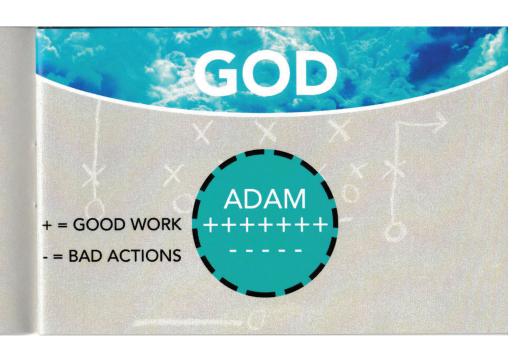
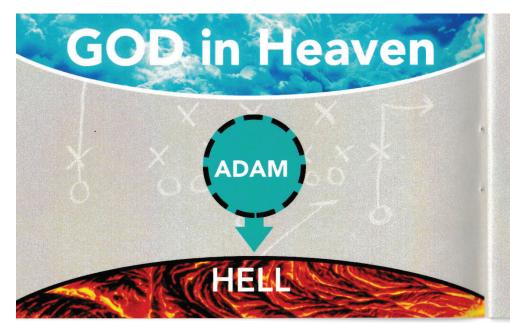


Man recognizes his position in sin and his practice of sinning, and he earnestly seeks a way of deliverance.

Man believes his "good" works will somehow outweigh his "bad" works, and he will gain acceptance with God. But, like one with a serious disease needs a competent physician, man in his sin needs God to affect his deliverance.

(Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6)





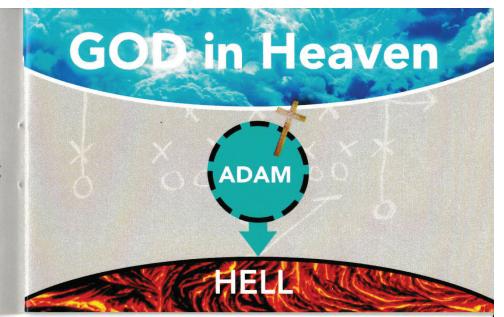
Since the family of Adam is eternally doomed to hell, man's only hope is to abandon that family.

Then, God, who is rich in mercy and grace, gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sin.

(Romans 5:6)

Christ came to Earth and went willingly to the Cross (Romans 5:8)

In His death on the Cross, Jesus Christ wrote an end to the "Adam family," and began a new family of His own. (Romans 6:5-11; 1 Corinthians 15:22)

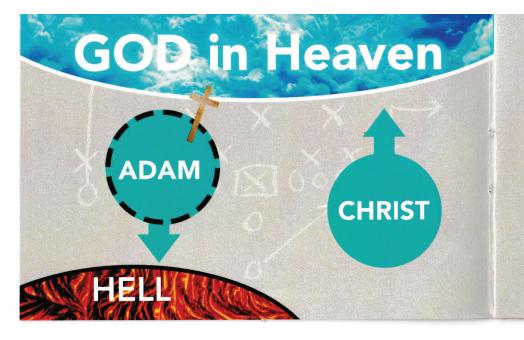


Christ's family is filled with His living presence here on Earth. His family also holds to the promise of an eternity with Him in heaven.

(John 14:2-3; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 1:3)

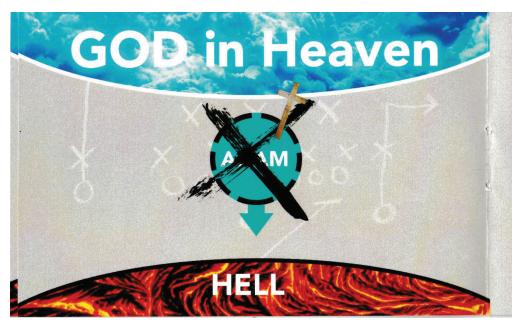
As you came into the family of Adam through physical birth, so you must be "born again" spiritually into the family of Jesus Christ.

(Romans 6:5-11; 1 Corinthians 15:22)



Getting out of the family of Adam requires death. Jesus Christ died to put an end to your relationship with the "Adam family." You must willfully repent of (repudiate and cancel) your position in Adam, and believe (trust thoroughly) in Christ's death and resurrection.

(Romans 10:9-10)

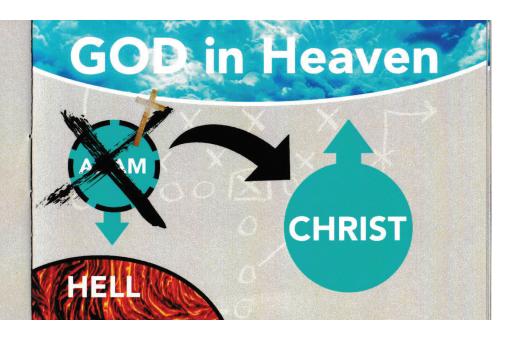


Immediately upon your repentance of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit of God places you once-for-all-time into the "Christ family."

(Hebrews 9:25-26)

This placement into Christ is the baptism of the Holy Spirit - not what the Spirit does to you, but what He does with you.

(1 Corinthians 12:13)



The man in Christ has become a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). His old position in Adam is passed away. Gone are the reasons for his guilt and the feelings of guilt over past sins.

(John 8:10-11)

Defeated by Christ's Death and Resurrection are the Satanic powers that plagued the weaknesses of his flesh (Romans 6:5-7). What the believer has is a new position: he is "in Christ." He also has a new power: the Holy Spirit dwells in his body.

(1 Corinthians 6:19)

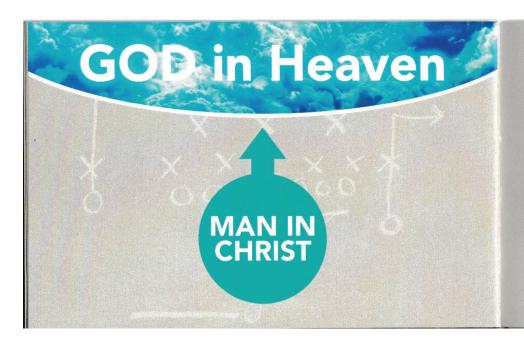
He has Christ's Life within him – the Life the grave could not hold captive.

(1 Corinthians 15:20-22)



Now that the man in Christ has Christ's Eternal Life within him, sin should no longer be his practice. (1 John 5:18)

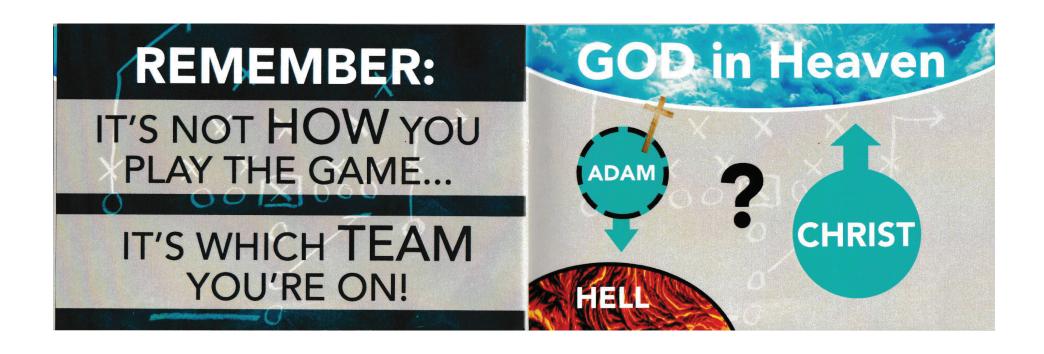
Sin is the opposite of God, and His indwelling Spirit fights to keep sin out of the believer's life. (Galatians 5:17) At the same time, the Spirit works to build the believer up into the very likeness of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:22)



Where are you right now? In Adam or in Christ? You can be in Christ!

Consciously, willfully turn away from sin.
Renounce your position in Adam.
Trust Jesus Christ, who died for you and arose to make you acceptable unto God the Father. Trust Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour.

(Acts 4:12; 16:31)



Pray this prayer in your heart and mean it sincerly before God:

"Lord, I know that I am a sinner.

I know I've done many wrong things in my life.
I'm sorry for my sin. I know that Jesus
loves me, and that He died and rose again
to save me from my sin. Right now, in my
heart, I willingly turn from my sin. By faith,
I receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my
Saviour. In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen."

Now, if you sincerely prayed that prayer, take God at His word and believe that you are a "born again" Christian! Jesus said, "... him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Nor can you ever again be lost outside of Christ. For Jesus said, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:28).

As a born again believer, you are thoroughly and forever secure in Jesus Christ!

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