

THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST PART 3:

THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST'S PROMISE

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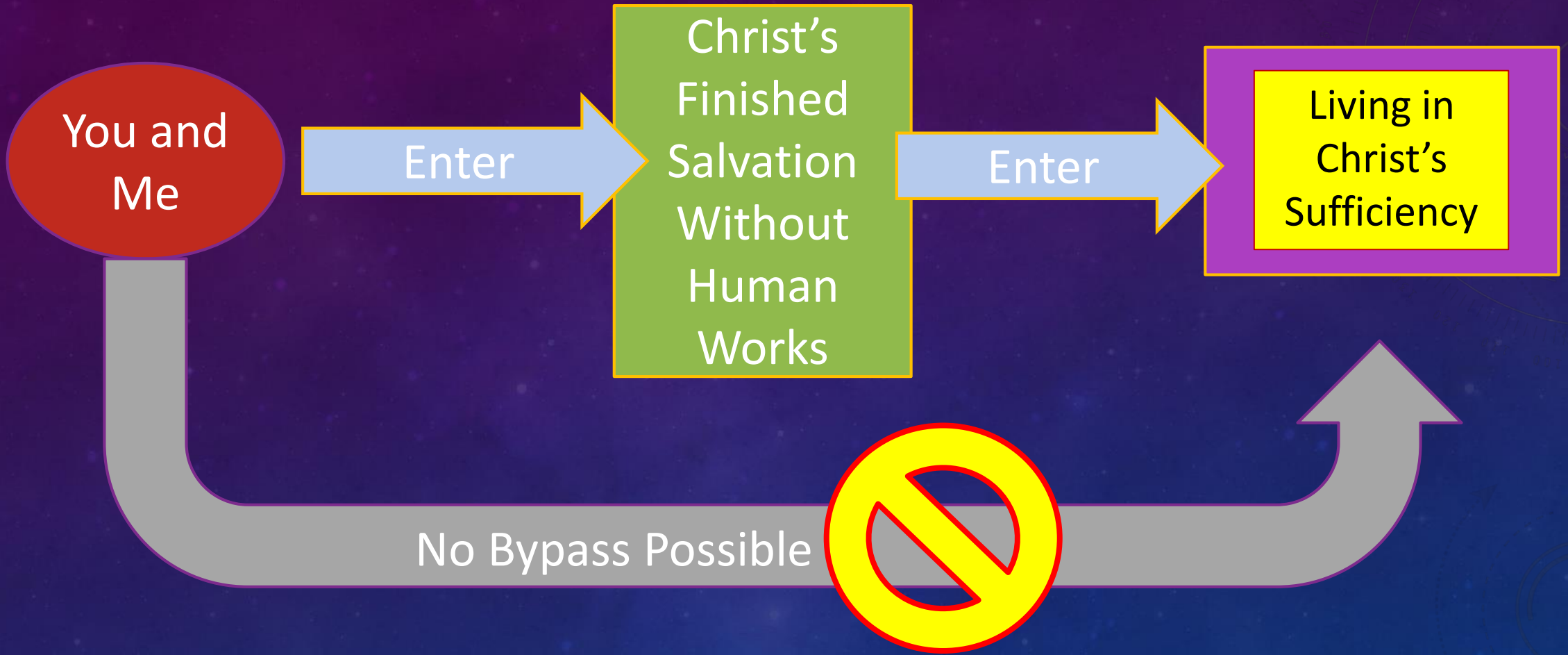


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- **Colossians 2:6 (ESV)**

⁶Therefore, **as you received** Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk** in him,



- **Colossians 2:13 (ESV)**

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made alive** together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

- “Regeneration”

- **Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)**

¹ And you were **dead in the trespasses** and sins

² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

- ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
⁵ even when we were **dead** in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—
⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
¹⁰ For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

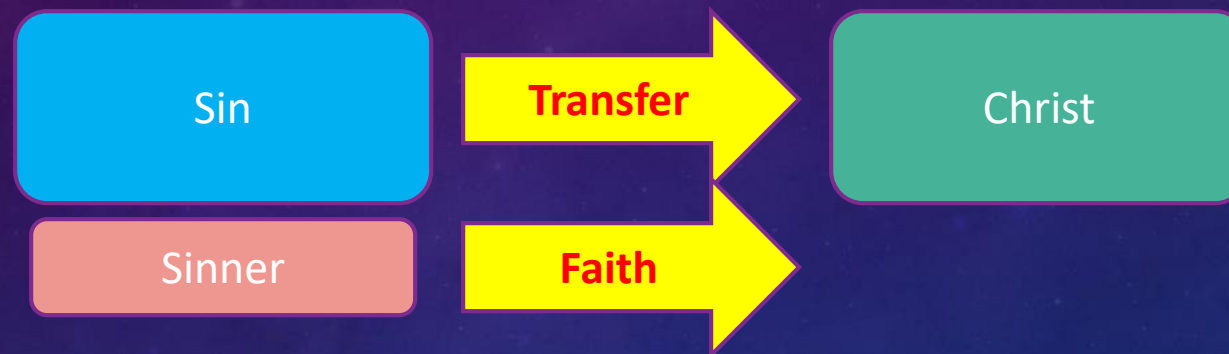
- **Colossians 1:13 (ESV)**

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and **transferred** us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

OUR PROBLEM



OUR SOLUTION



- **Ephesians 4:14-15 (ESV)**

¹⁴ so that we may **no longer be children**, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in every way** into him who is the head, into Christ,

- **2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)**

¹⁸ But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

THE BOOK
OF
HEBREWS

Jesus is Better!

REASON 1 NOT TO GIVE UP

- **Hebrews 10:32-36 (ESV)**

³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,

³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

³⁵ **Therefore do not throw away your confidence**, which has a great reward.

³⁶ For you have **need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

REASON 2 NOT TO GIVE UP

- **Hebrews 10:37 (ESV)**

³⁷ For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith

- **Hebrews 10:38 (ESV)**

³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."



- In like manner you are a sinner. You cannot atone for your past sins; you cannot change your heart and make yourself holy. But **God promises to do all this for you** through Christ. **You believe that promise.** You confess your sins and give yourself to God. You will to serve Him. Just as surely as you do this, God will fulfill His word to you. **If you believe the promise,**--believe that you are forgiven and cleansed,--**God supplies the fact;** you are made whole, just as Christ gave the paralytic power to walk when the man believed that he was healed. It is so if you believe it. {SC 51.1}

- **Do not wait to *feel*** that you are made whole, but say, "I believe it; **it is so**, not because I feel it, but **because God has promised.**" {SC 51.2}

- **Hebrews 10:39-11:1 (ESV)**

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

¹ Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction of things not seen**.

- **Hebrews 11:7 (ESV)**

⁷ **By faith** Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, **in reverent fear constructed** an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

- **Hebrews 11:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ **By faith** Sarah herself **received power to conceive**, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

- **Romans 4:18-21 (ESV)**

¹⁸ In hope **he believed against hope**, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."

¹⁹ He **did not weaken in faith** when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰ **No distrust made him waver** concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

²¹ **fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.**

- **Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV)**

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, **offered up Isaac**, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,

¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

¹⁹ **He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead**, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

SANCTIFICATION

- **Sanctification is NOT me trying hard and hoping God assists me**
- **Sanctification IS stepping out in raw, naked faith into the sufficiency of the promise and the promise-giver (Christ)**
 - **Risk failure! (what if . . .)**

FACING TEMPTATION

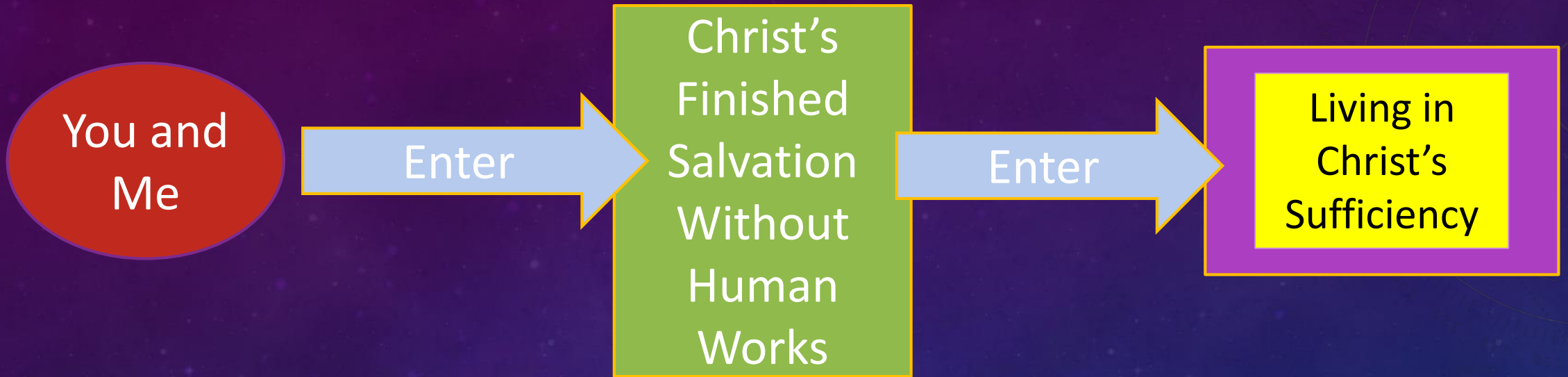


- Ephesians 6 – Armor of God – Sword of the Spirit
 1. Word of God = promise
 2. With all prayer (context = intercessory prayer)

FACING TEMPTATION



1. Claim the Promise – New Creature/Slave of Christ
2. Refer the Argument to your slave master
 - Resting in Christ – let him do the arguing!
3. Prayer-bomb Satan's kingdom with Intercessory Prayer
 - Get's mind off self
 - Resting in Christ's sufficiency
 - Going on the offensive

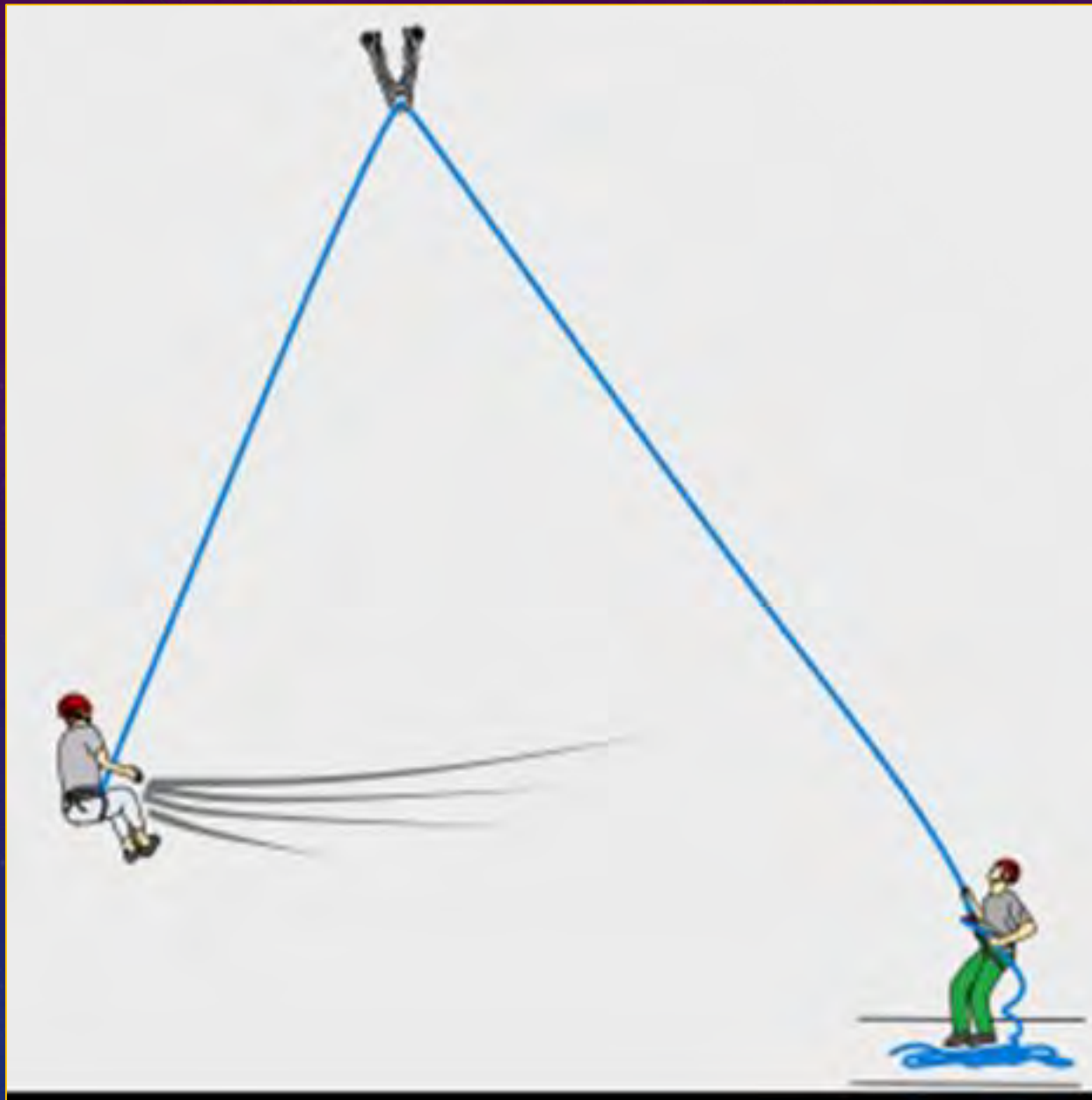


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