



The Restored Connection The Restored Connection

Understanding the Mechanics of Salvation, Grace, and New Life



The Imperative of New Birth

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

— John 3:3, 7

Path 1: The Gap

Why we need to be saved.

Path 2: The Bridge

How God provided for our salvation.

Path 3: The Step

How to have that salvation personally.

The Gap: God's Standard vs. Human Reality

Righteousness

Definition: To do right; to be totally innocent before God in regard to obeying His commandments.

The Reality: How many are righteous? None. (Romans 3:10)

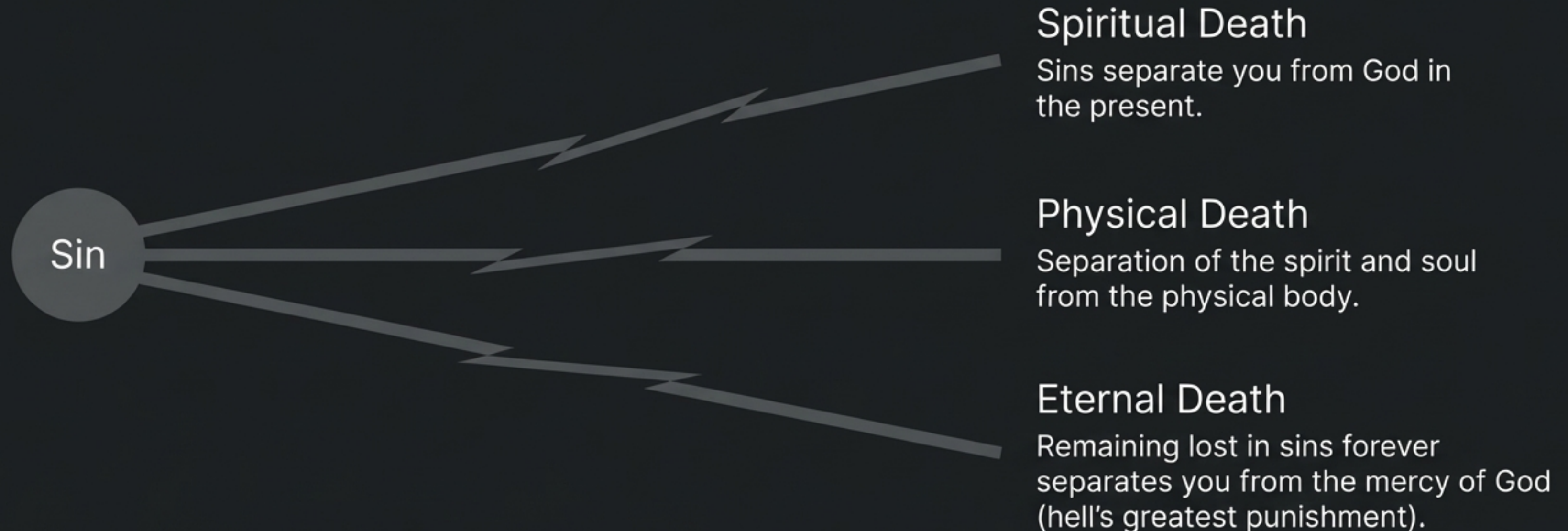
Sin

Definition: The failure to obey any of God's commandments or laws. (1 John 3:4)

The Reality: How many have sinned? All. (Romans 3:23)

The Anatomy of Separation

The result of sin is death (Romans 6:23, James 1:15). To understand the effects of sin, think of death as separation.



The Divine Response Matrix

Concept	Definition	What We Deserve	What God Gives	The Result
Justice	Getting exactly what we deserve	Punishment for sin	Absolute fairness	We would all perish.
Mercy	Not getting what we deserve	Punishment for sin	Forgiveness	The penalty is halted.
Grace	Getting something we do not deserve at all	Nothing	The gift of His Son	Restoration.

The Grace Spectrum

God does not require us to become good enough to be loved. He loved us as sinners, demonstrating His grace while we were still separated (Romans 5:8, John 3:16).



Justice

The baseline of the law.
Negative consequence applied.

Mercy

The halting of the law.
Negative consequence neutralized.

Grace

The gift beyond the law.
Positive blessing applied.

The Singular Bridge

God's Word says sin causes death. Jesus took that penalty upon Himself in our place (1 Corinthians 15:3).



The Mechanism: Faith vs. Works

Works (The Dead End)

Attempting to earn salvation through human effort. The Bible explicitly states we are not saved by works (Ephesians 2:9, Titus 3:5).

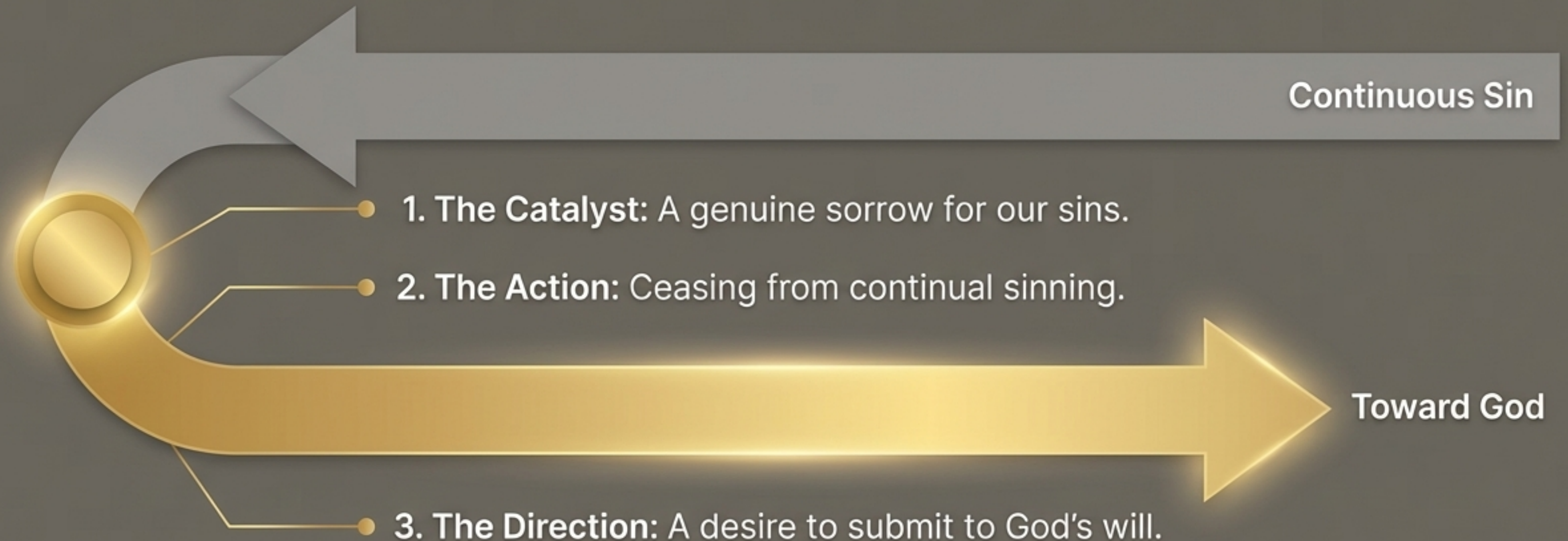
Faith (The Connection)

Accepting as truth things the senses cannot prove; trusting God. We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).



The Repentance Pivot

God's goodness and kindness to us should result in repentance (Romans 2:4). Repentance is a thorough change of mind and heart.



The Personal Action





The Equation of Salvation

- +** [**The Reality: Sin & Separation**] (The Gap)
- ×** [**The Provision: Grace via Christ's Sacrifice**] (The Bridge)
- =** [**The Response: Repentance & Faith**] (The Pivot)
- Justification & New Life** (The Restored Connection)

Salvation requires recognizing the reality of the gap, relying entirely on God's provision, and responding with a true change of heart.

The Cosmic Response

When one person repents, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God. (Luke 15:10)

Have the angels rejoiced over you? To cross the bridge, you only have to pray this simple prayer and mean it in your heart:

Jesus, I know I am a sinner. Forgive my sins and take control of my life. Amen.