

The Role of Friends

Choose godly friends for close friendships.

1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. (good character)

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

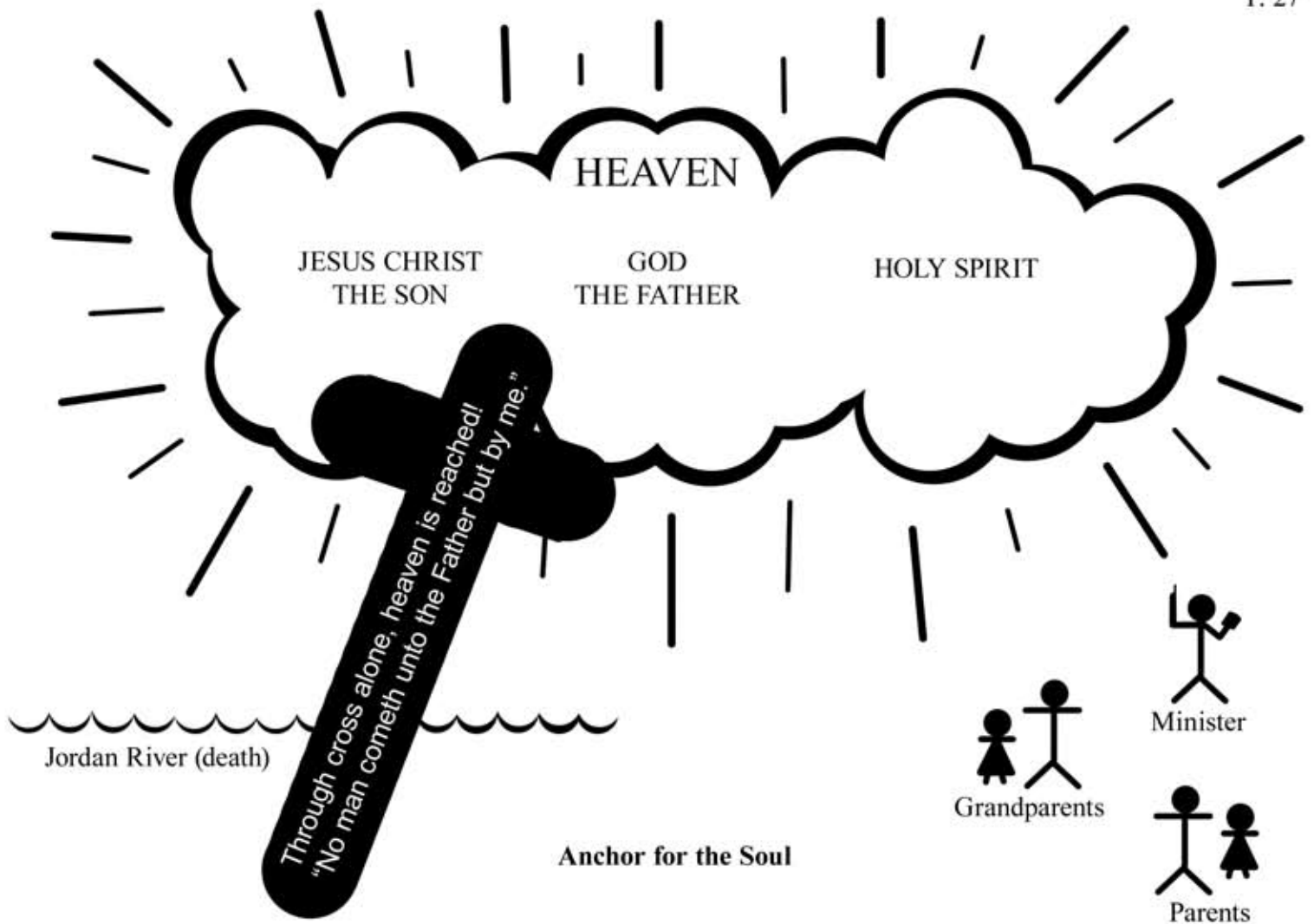
1 Th 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

2 Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

1Pe 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.



Cross of Christ - YES

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Ps 61:2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

People - NO

Ga 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Heartwrenching as it is, people are falible and the potential exists for falling away. If our anchor is in people, we are in for serious disappointment. The Bereans were recorded in the Scriptures for one reason. Why? Let's read:

Acts 17:11 ...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

The Bereans were anchoring in the Rock. If there was conflict between man's teaching and God's Word, God's Word was final rule!

By anchoring in Christ, even if the person that pointed us to Christ were to fall away, our anchor is in the one and only solid Rock.