

The Child's Relationship with Parents After Conversion

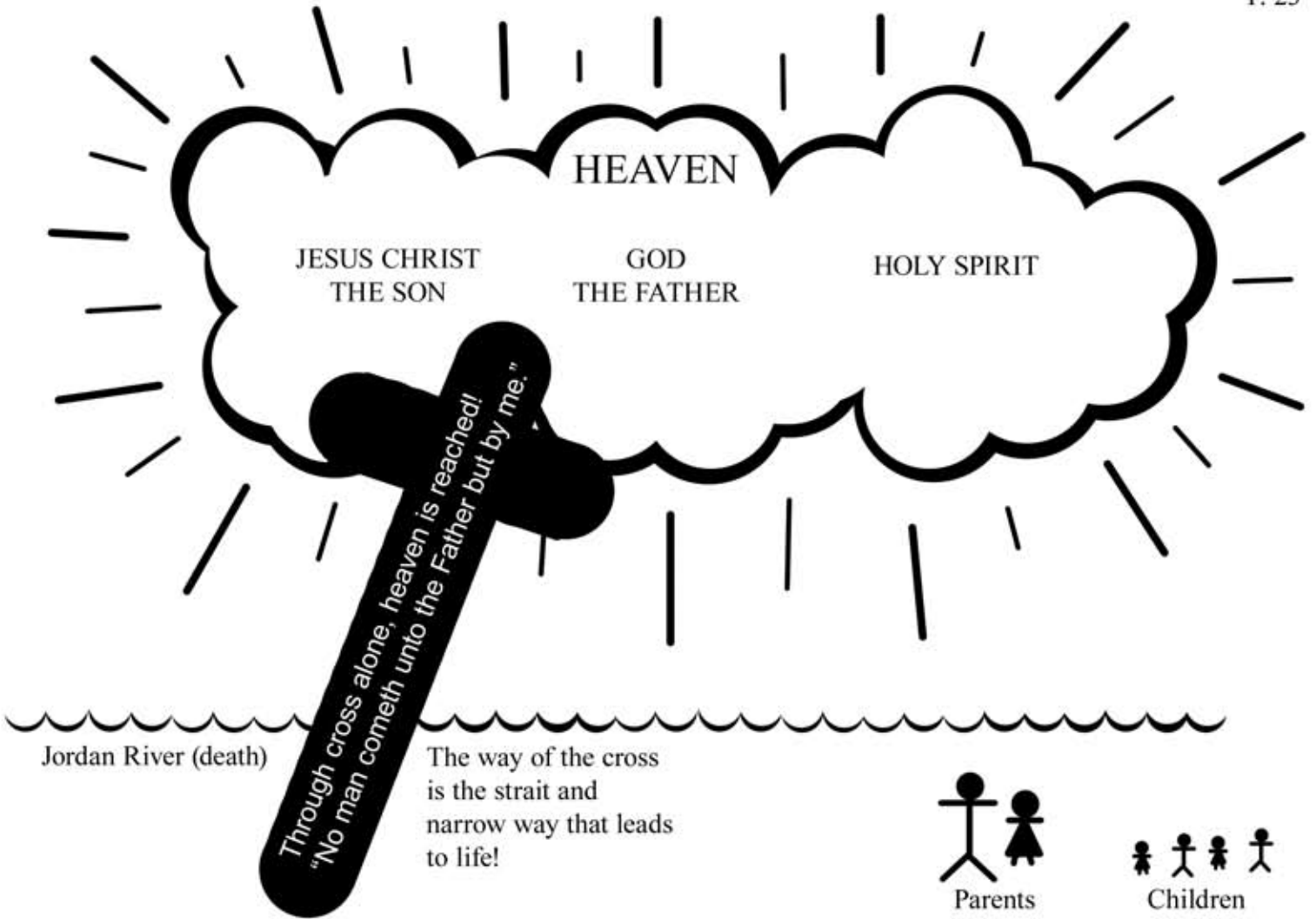
The child's allegiance moves from the earthly father to the heavenly Father. God's perfect plan is for this to bring joy to the home - all members living for Him. That makes a happy home. However, not all children have godly homes. Some children will be at odds with their family the very moment they become Christians. When this happens, God's way is the right way. If we take another way, we leave the straight and narrow pathway and we will not get to heaven.

Lu 14:26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Scriptural interpretations need to be made in the context of other Scriptures and not taken out of context. We know we are not suppose to hate people. What does this verse then mean? It means to love less. Our first love is to Jesus Christ, after all, it is He alone that has provided a way for us to get home to the Father. We must love Him and our relationship with Him above all earthly relationships.

1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Youth is an age to live for Christ. Patterns and habits are developed that follow through life. When old and senile, people often only remember the early days. May those memories be pleasant ones instead of filled with remorse. Also, many youth die. To not be ready has horrible, eternal consequences.



The Parent's Relationship with the Child After Conversion

We need to release the child to God's will. Yes, God uses parents to help children understand His will for their lives. God uses His Holy Word. God also uses the church and other circumstances. Parents need to allow God to guide. It is not possible for parents to know how all God will guide His child. That is why releasing them to God is necessary.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.