

Steps for The Line Diagram

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Step 1. Draw the line with two arrows across. John 1:1, Rev. 13:8, Heb. 13:8

Step 2. Write under the line that it is Eternal Life—eternal means no beginning and no ending. (Everlasting life has a beginning and no end).

Step 3. It is Christ's Life 1 John 5:11 Write Christ's Life.

Step 4. Draw the manger and temple on the line Luke 2:7, Luke 2:46

Step 5. Write In Adam in circle at top of the page. Talk about what it means to be in Adam. Romans 5:12, Hebrews 7:9-10 (most important) 1 cor. 15:22, 45. Write to side--Whatever happened to Adam happened to me; whatever is true of Adam is true of me. When he was naming the animals, I was naming them, when he walked in the garden, I walked there. When he sinned, I sinned. This is why we are born into sin.

Step 6. Show or draw the dotted line goes to the right bottom of page (hell, separation from God)

Step 7. Draw a stick figure on the dotted line which is me, and the hatch marks going back to Adam are my father, grandfather, great, great great, etc. back to Adam. I am (was) going to Hell because I am in Adam, not because of what I did, sinned. Before salvation I am a sinner, it's who I am (was).

Step 8. When I am saved, I exchange my old life in Adam for Christ's eternal life. Draw stick figure onto the line with two arrows. Put the cross on that line. Talk about this line is not about time. So whatever is in Christ is not bound by time.

Step 9. Write to side Whatever happened to Christ happened to me; whatever is true of Christ is true of me. I am in Christ. 1 Cor. 1:30, John 1:12, 3:3; Romans 10:13.

Step 10. Galatians 2: 20, Ephesians 1, Romans 6:6

Step 11. Draw the line from the cross under arrow line then up to circle above at right top. Write Heavens in that circle. Christ was crucified, buried, raised and seated. Romans 6:4, Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 2:1, 12, 13. Romans 5: 19; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor; 6:17; Romans 8:1 (Goes with number 9)

Step 12. We can walk in victory because we are in Christ. We have exchanged our life for His. We don't have to ask Him for qualities, He is those and so are we. (Patient, kind, loving, peaceful, etc.) Who we are is different than what we do. (meowing does not make me a cat.) So we separate personhood from behavior. He says we are holy, righteous, blameless, complete, loved, accepted in the Beloved and many more things.

Step 13. The question is who am I in—Adam or Christ? What is true of Christ is true of me. My behavior may not match up all the time, but the more I believe and take that I am in Him the less I will want to sin. I will know who I am in my personhood and my behavior will follow. I will live and change from the inside out. Trying to get better or more spiritual by keeping rules, living in my will, and/or fixing the outside is living from the Law. See Galatians. Faith says that what God says is true is true even if I don't look like it is or feel like it is. What I take will take me.

We have a body, soul, human spirit. This change is in the spirit where the old is crucified and the Holy Spirit comes to join to our new spirit. Our body is for earth. Our soul is our personality that makes us unique. The soul is where wounds and damages are. The soul needs healing and growth in maturity. Our spirit, joined to the Lord, is fine.