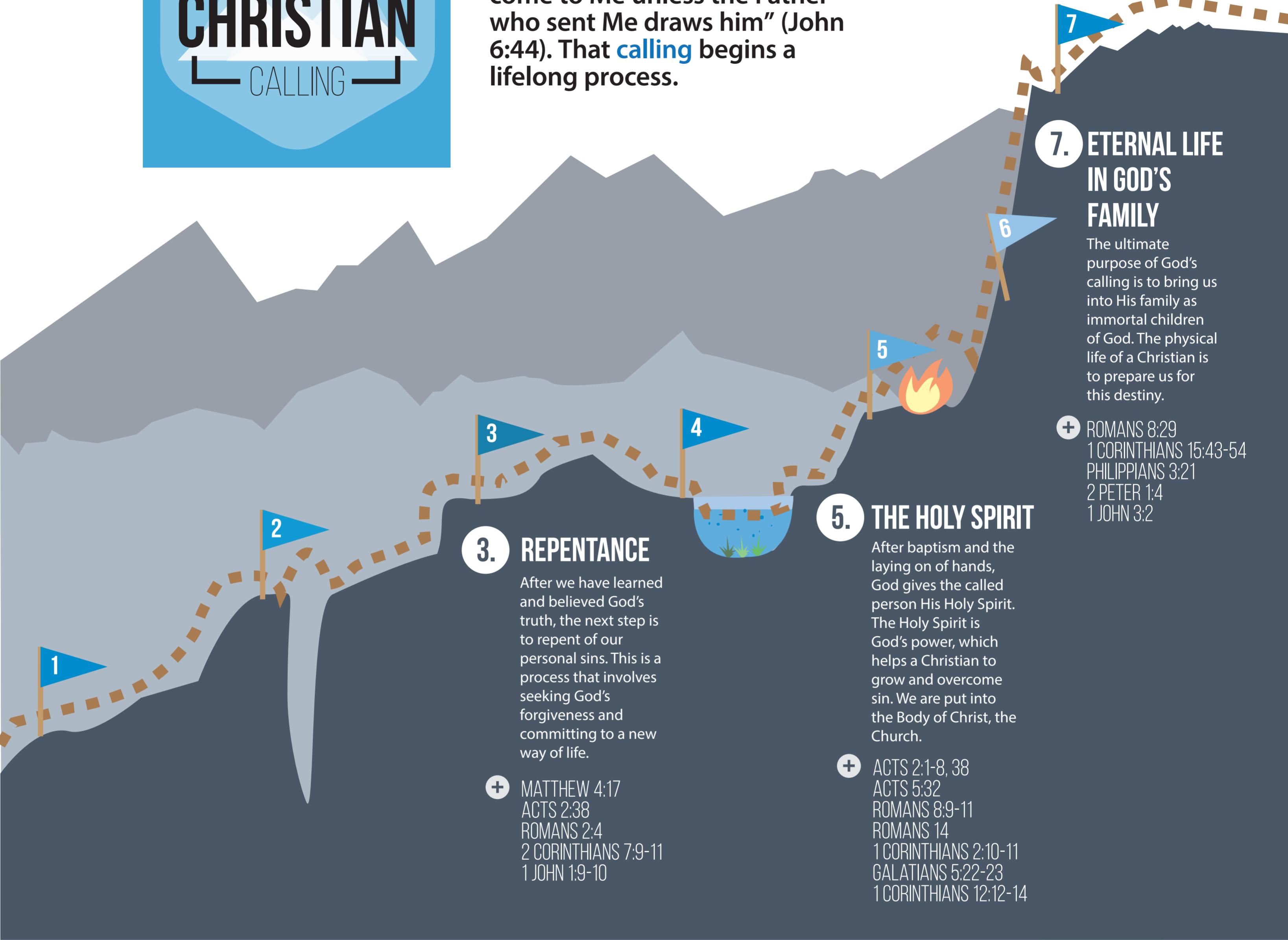


7 STEPS of the **CHRISTIAN** CALLING

Jesus taught that “no one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (John 6:44). That **calling** begins a lifelong process.



1. THE FATHER DRAWS

In order for someone to become a Christian, God must specifically draw him or her by opening his or her mind to understand the truths of the Bible, particularly the true gospel.

- + LUKE 24:45
- + JOHN 6:44
- + ACTS 2:39
- + ACTS 5:7
- + 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29

2. FAITH IN GOD

After God begins opening someone's mind to His truth, he or she has to decide to either believe through faith or reject it. We move forward in the calling when we faithfully believe and put into practice what we learn about God's way of life.

- + ROMANS 5:1-2
- + ROMANS 10:17
- + EPHESIANS 2:8

4. WATER BAPTISM

When we have made the decision to commit our lives to God, we will seek baptism and the laying on of hands to formalize our lifelong commitment to true Christianity.

- + MATTHEW 28:19-20
- + MARK 16:15-16
- + ACTS 2:38-39
- + ACTS 22:16
- + ROMANS 6:3-4

6. LIFELONG OBEDIENCE AND GROWTH

The Christian calling is a lifelong growth process. By fellowshipping with the Church of God, a converted person grows through service to others, especially the brethren. Christians must remain faithful throughout their lives—continuing to overcome sin and develop godly character.

- + MATTHEW 3:8
- + MATTHEW 24:13
- + PHILIPPIANS 1:6
- + 2 PETER 1:5-10