

# On Mission during Quarantine and Beyond

ACTS 1:1-11



- **A disciple is a learning, loyal, loving, lifelong follower of Jesus.**
- **A witness is someone who tells what they know to be true and what they have experienced.**

# ICF'S MISSION

Matthew 28:18-20

*Jesus said, <sup>18</sup> "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*<sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing*

*them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and*

*teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am*

*with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Hear the Word of the Lord**

# **1. Christ's mission, our mission, is a CONTINUING mission (1-2a).**

*Acts 1:1-- In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*

**ACTS 28:**

***30—For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. <sup>31</sup>Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **2. Christ's mission, our mission, is ours because the HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN US (3-5).**

*Acts 1:3--After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

### **3. Christ's mission, our mission, is possible because THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. (6-8).**

*Acts 1:6--Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

*<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*



- **Telling your story**

- 1. My life before coming to Christ.**

- 2. How I committed my life to Christ.**

- 3. How my life is different now that Christ is in it.**

## **4. Christ's mission, our mission, is a PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL JESUS RETURNS (9-11).**

*Acts 1:9--After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

*<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*



## **The Bridge to LIFE**

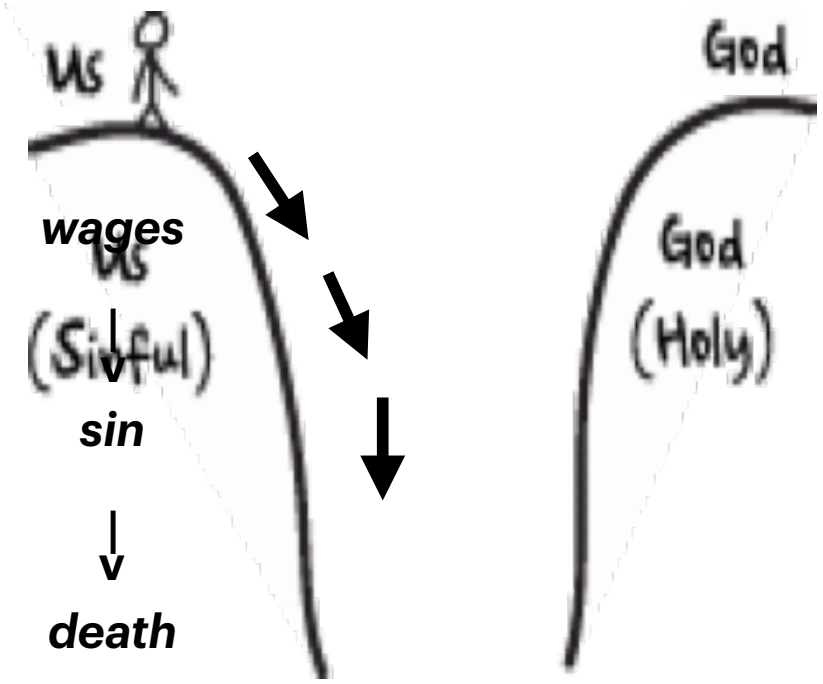
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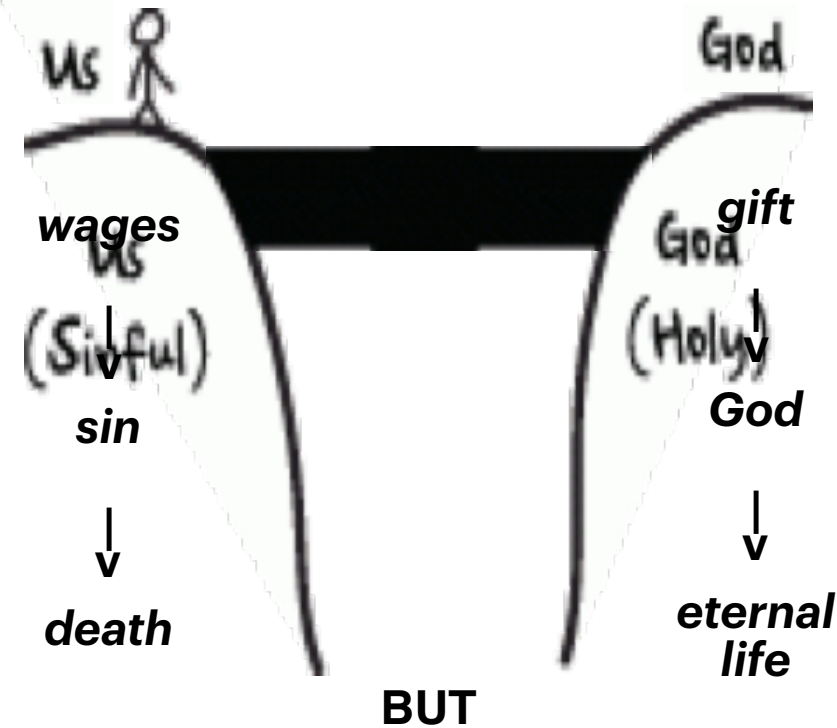
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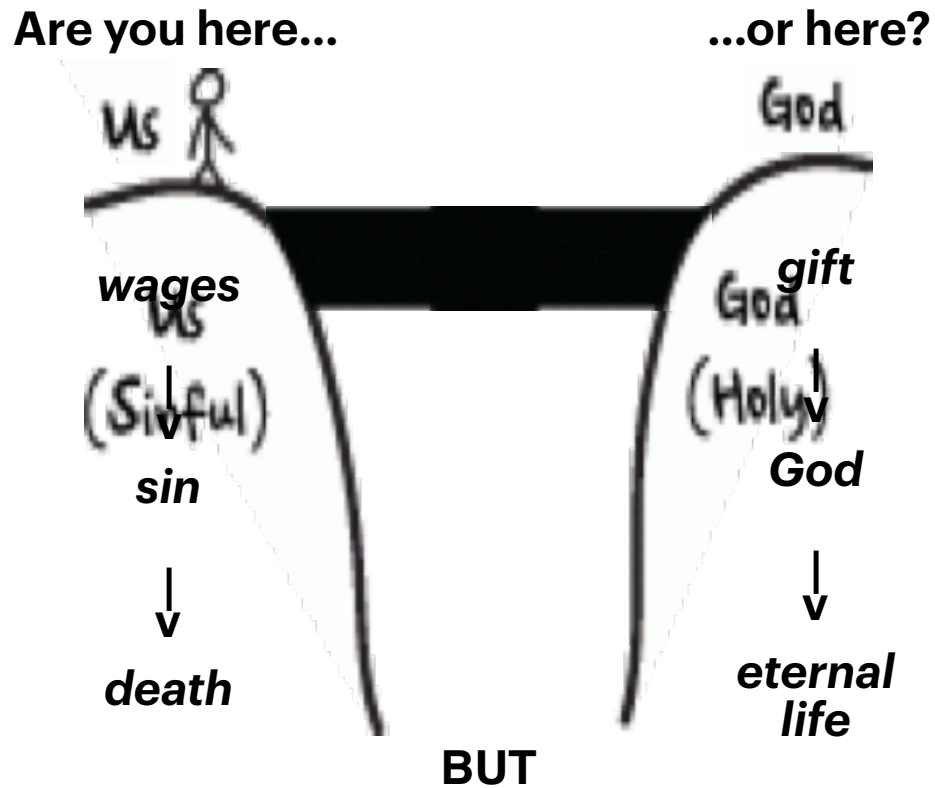
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# **Applications for living on Mission:**

- 1. Have you chosen to cross the bridge from death to eternal life? If not, will you choose to do it today?***
- 2. Will you choose today to say, “Lord, what are you doing today around me? I will watch to see what you are doing and join you in your mission.”***
- 3. Will you surrender to the Holy Spirit’s prompting? “Lord, fill me so that I can have the courage, compassion, and power to be your witness.”***