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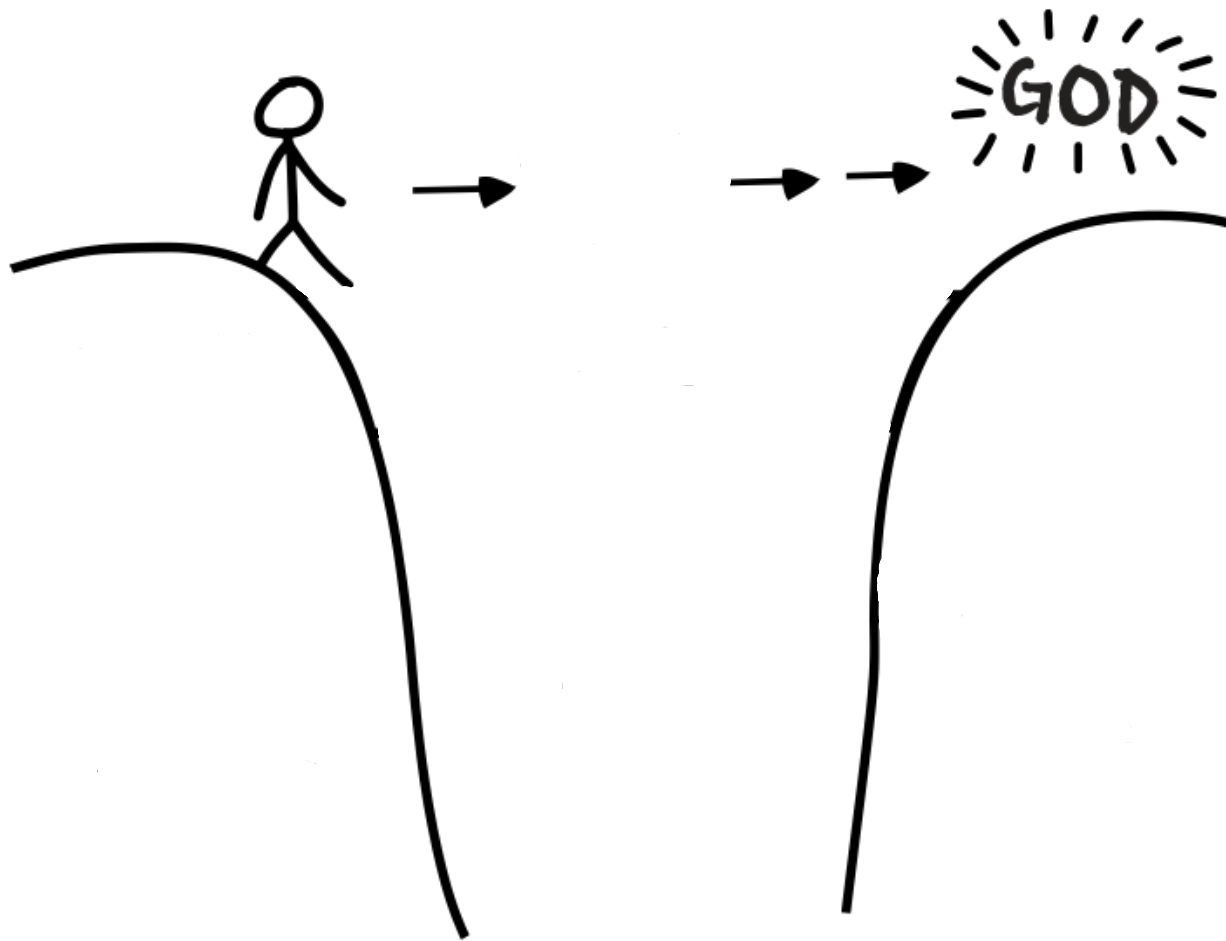
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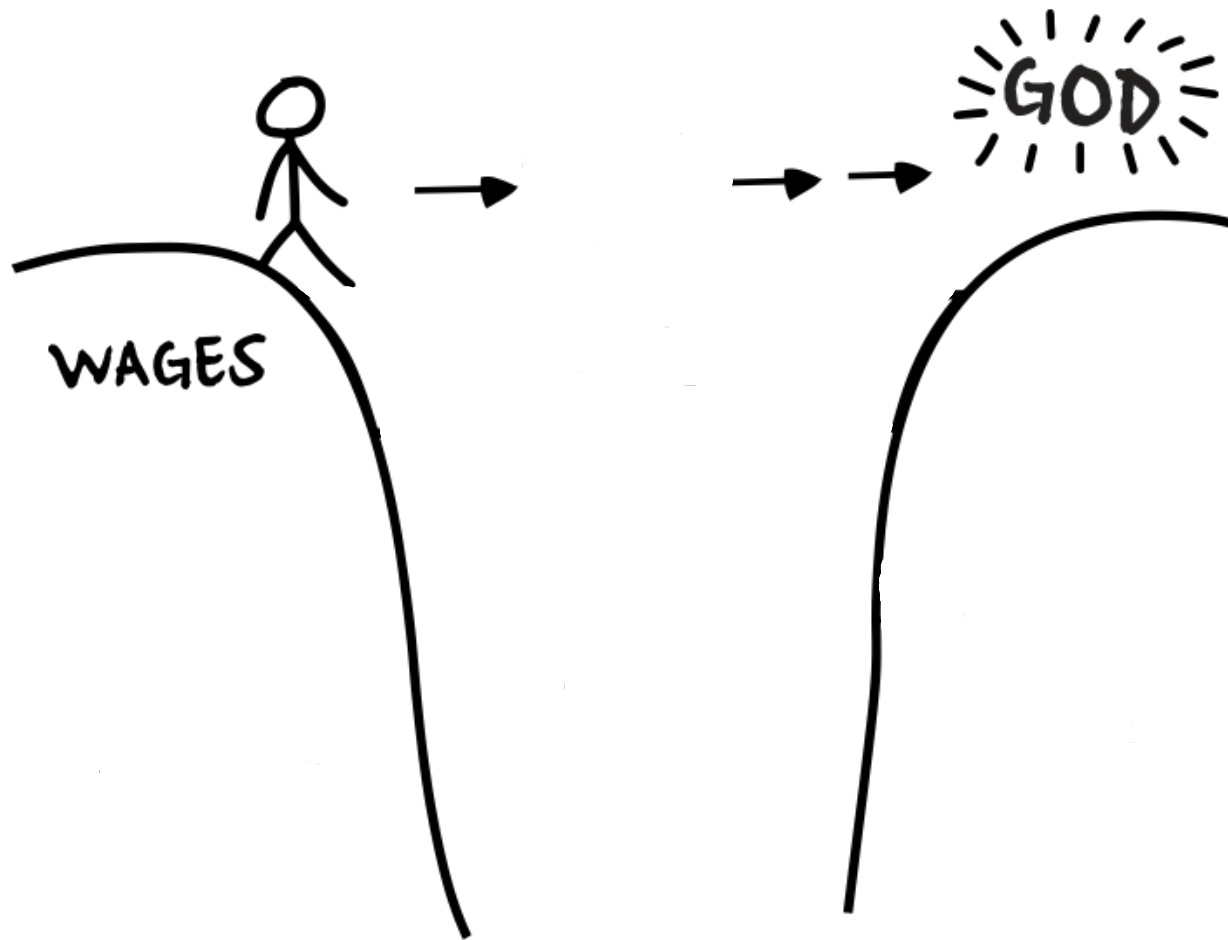
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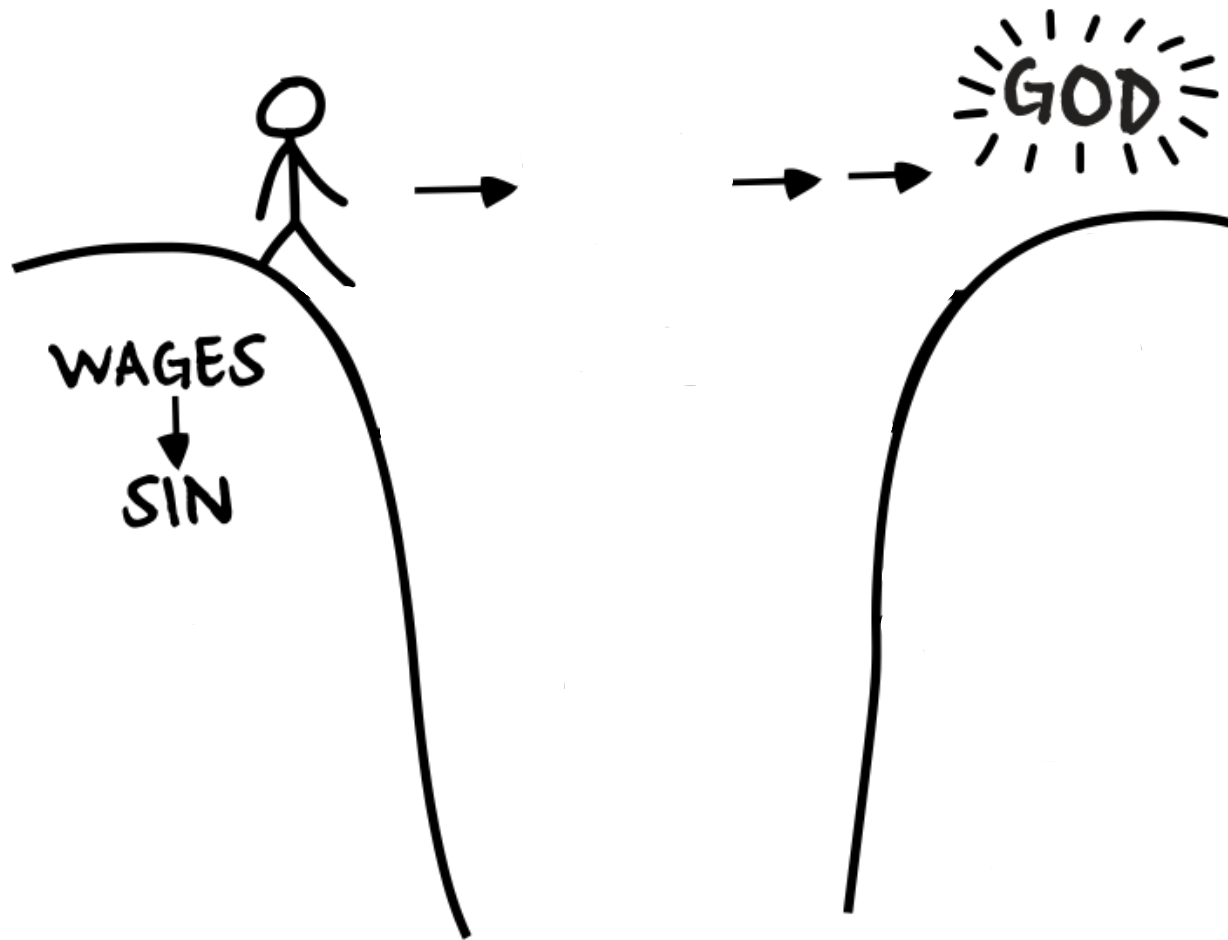
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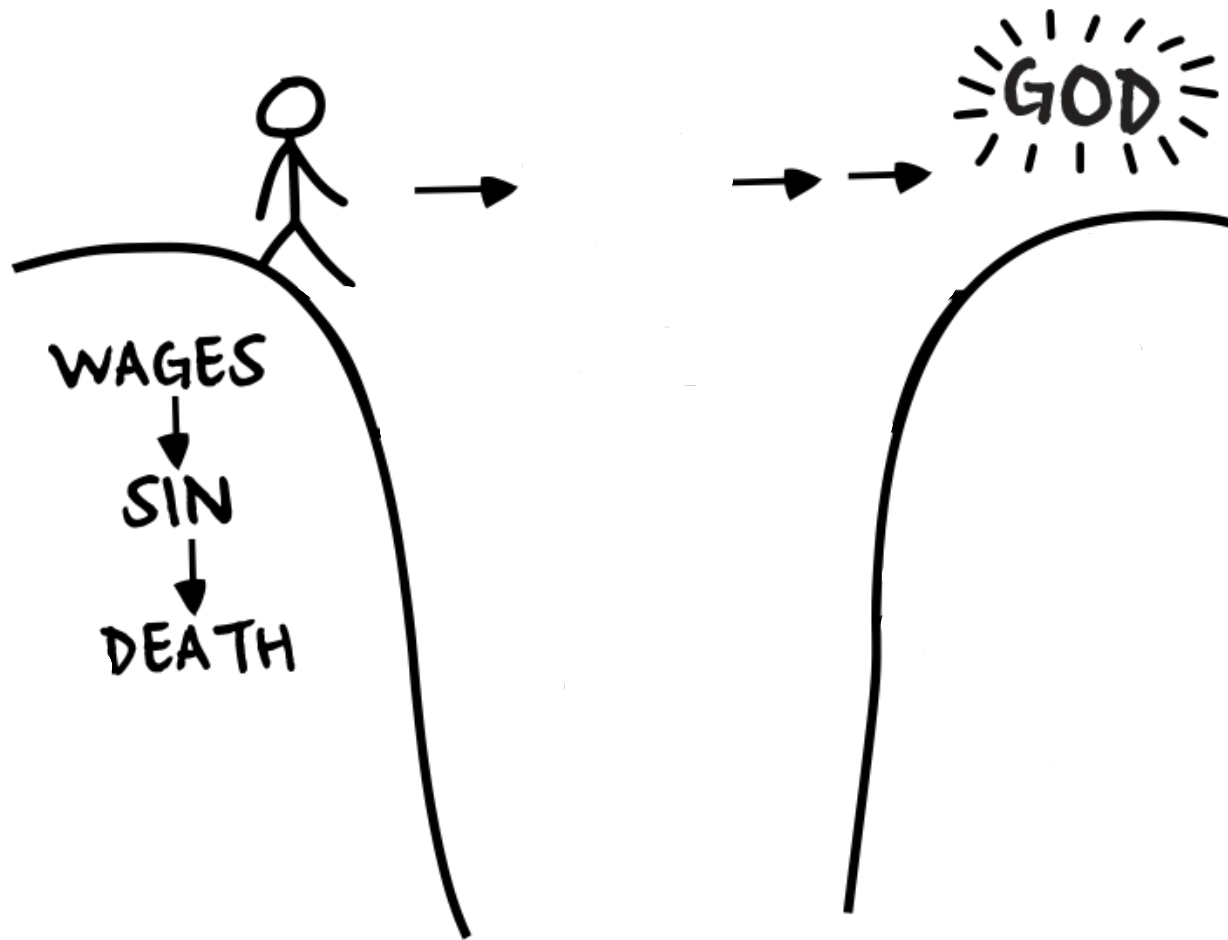
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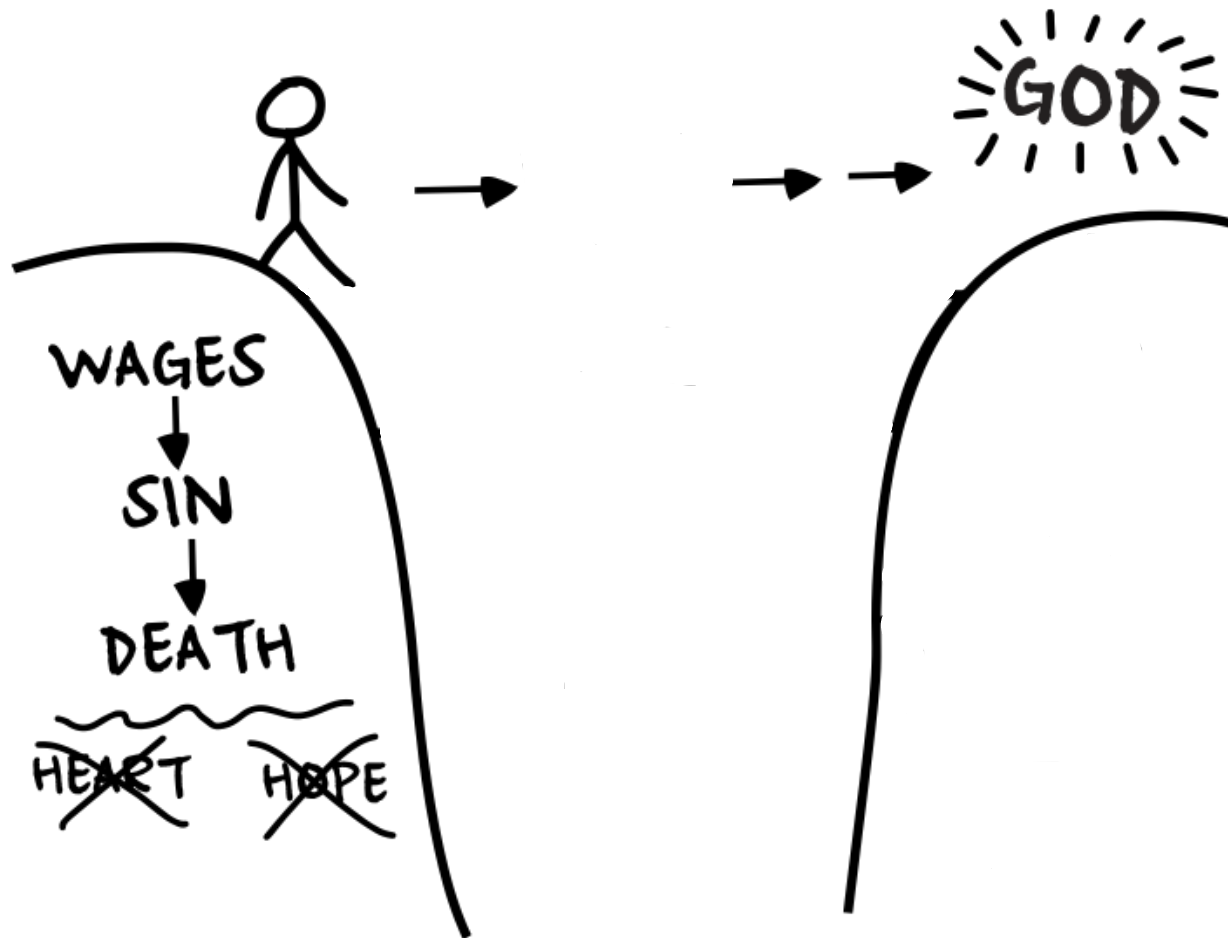
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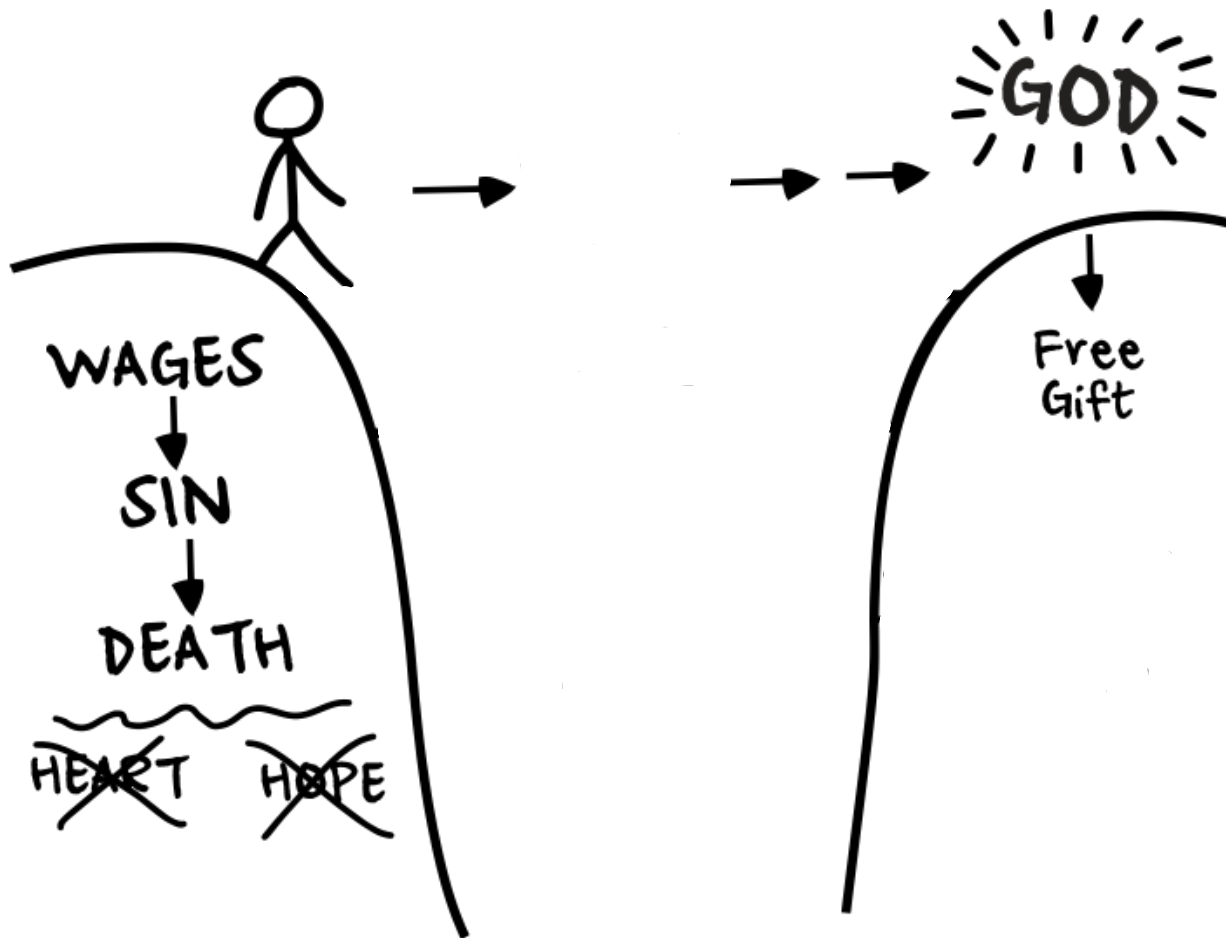


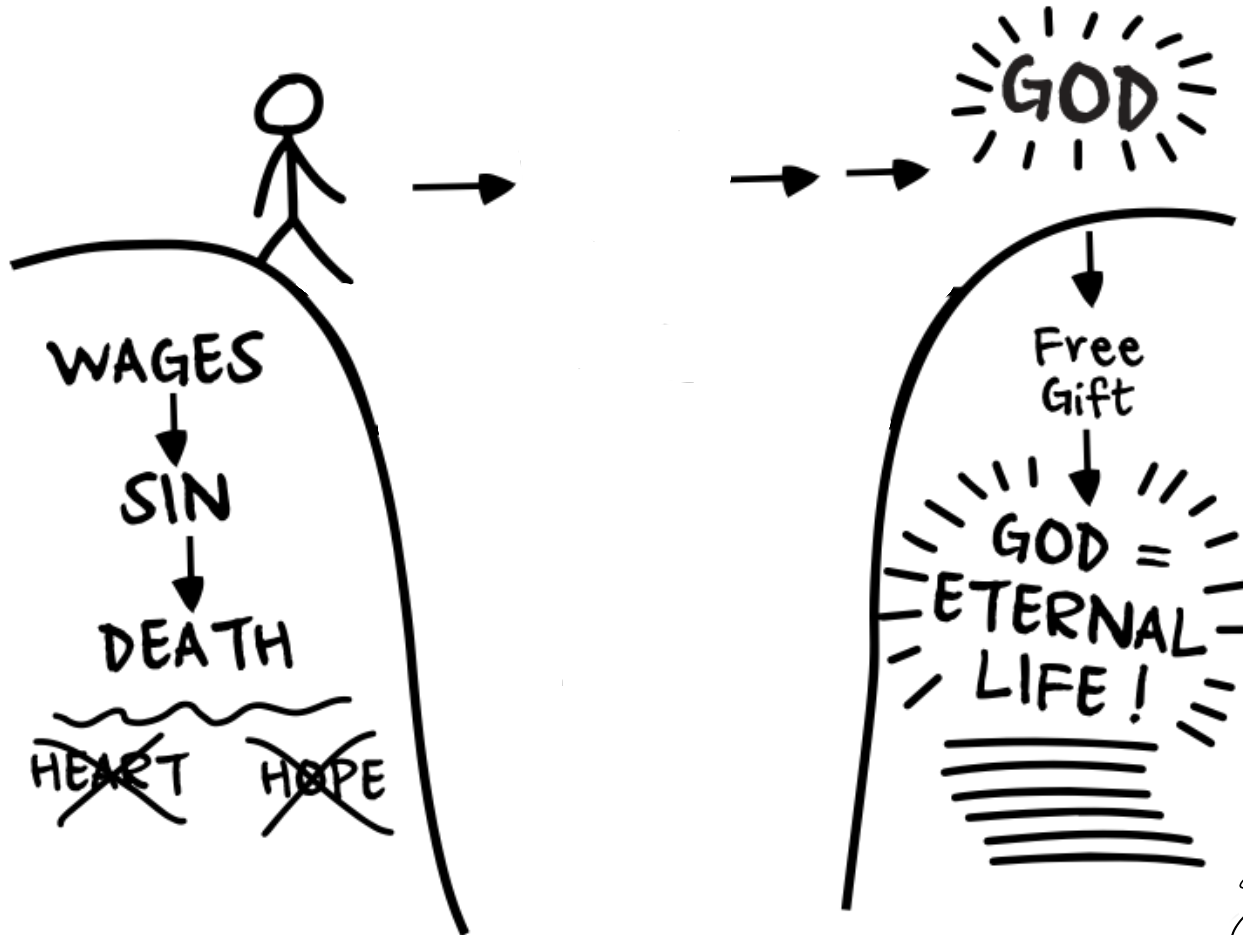


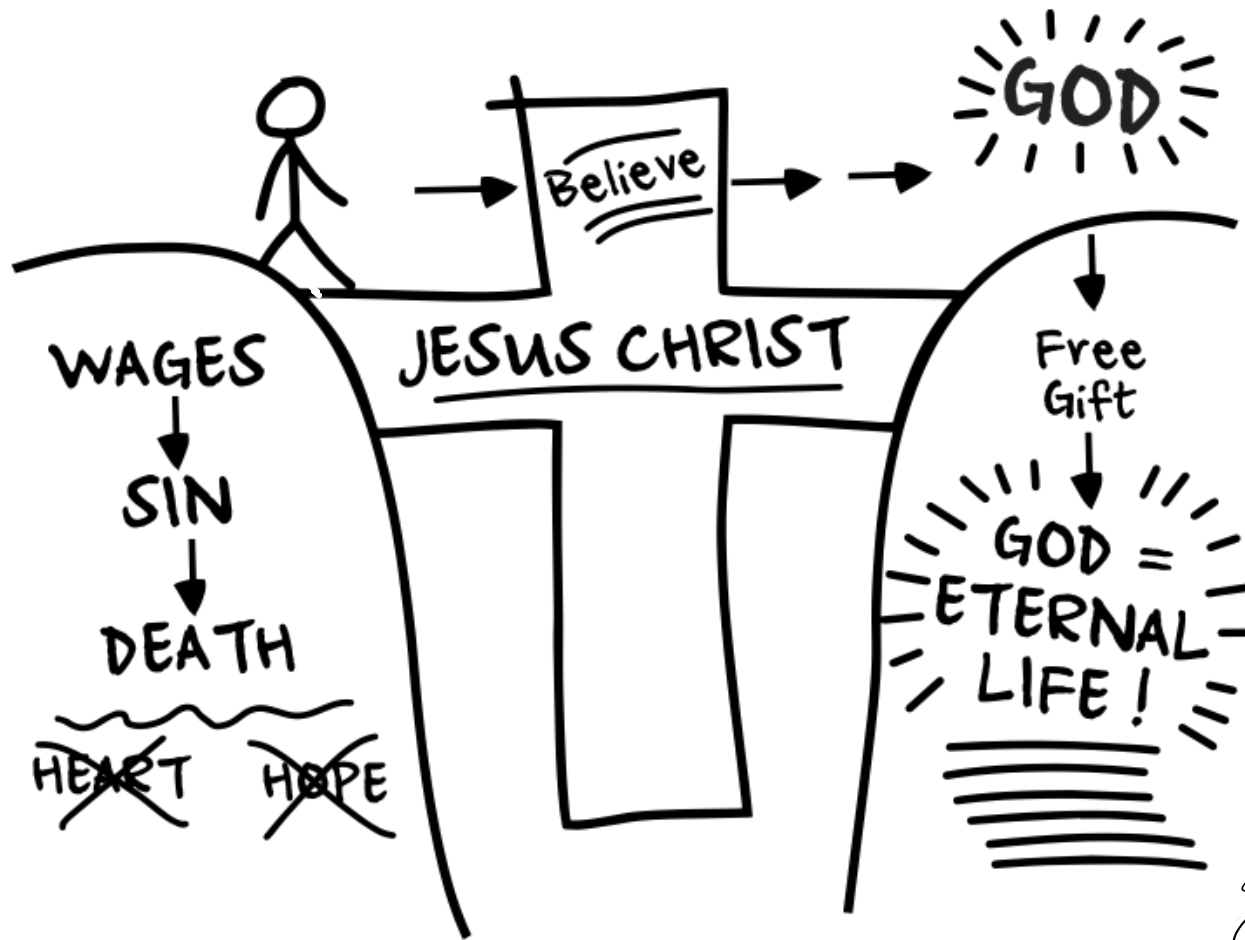


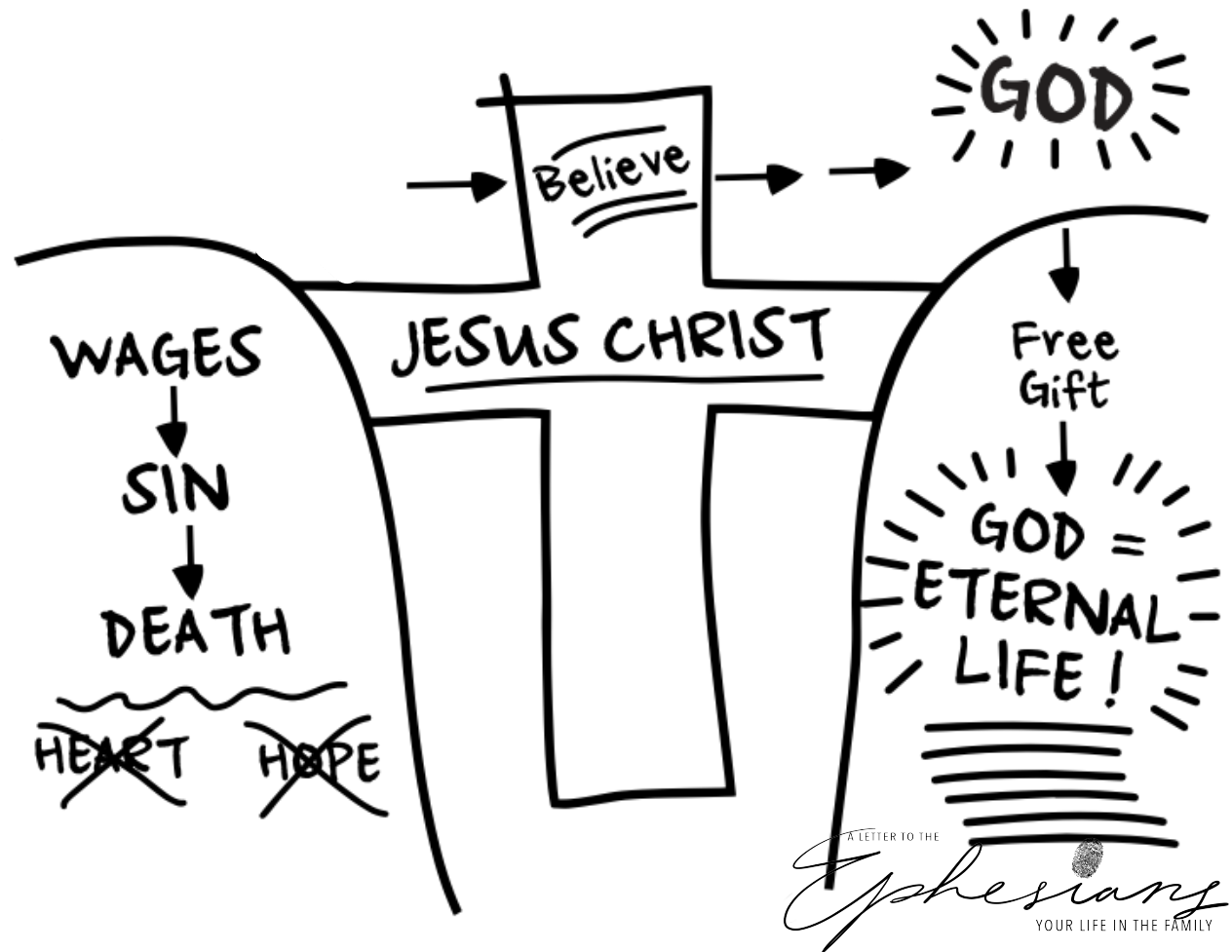


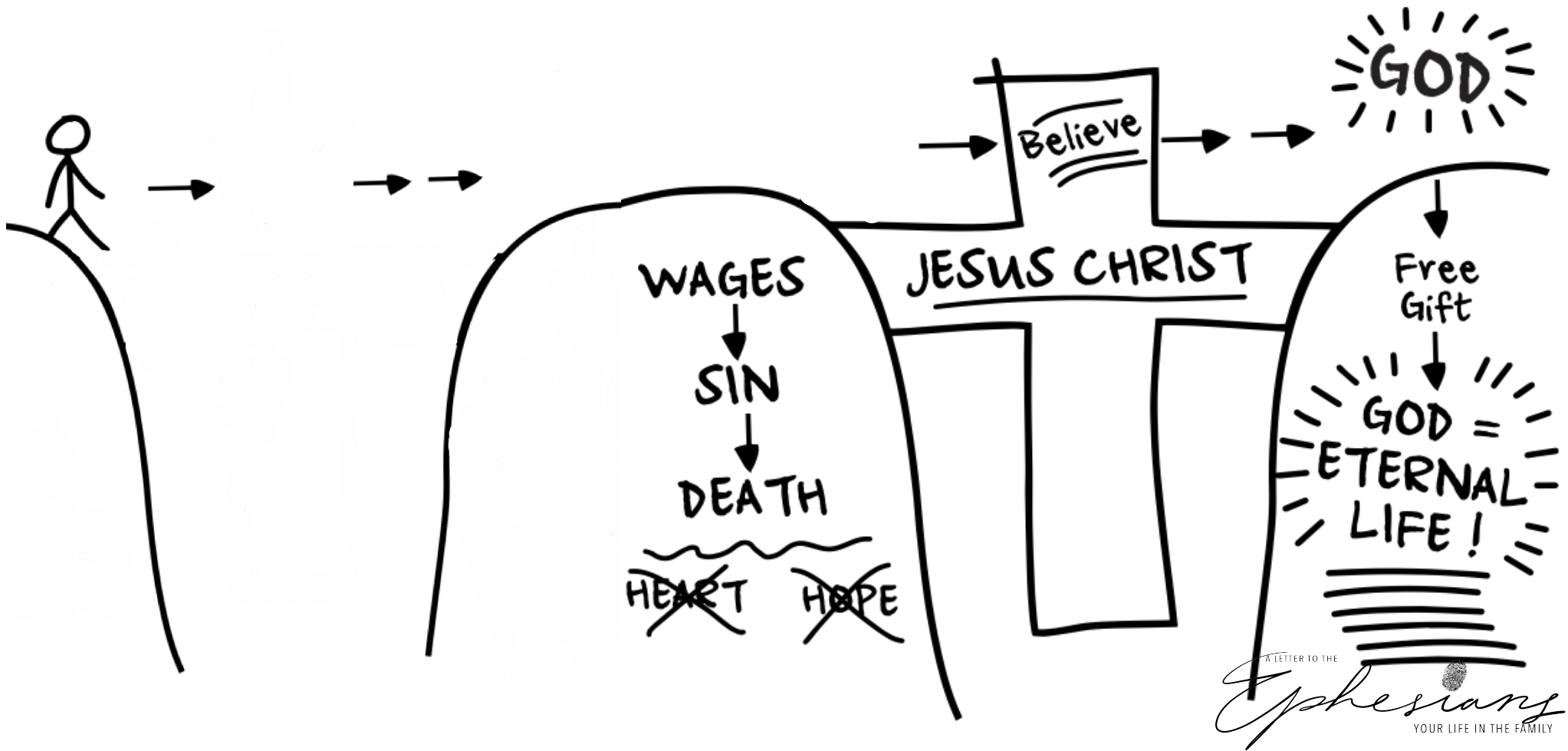


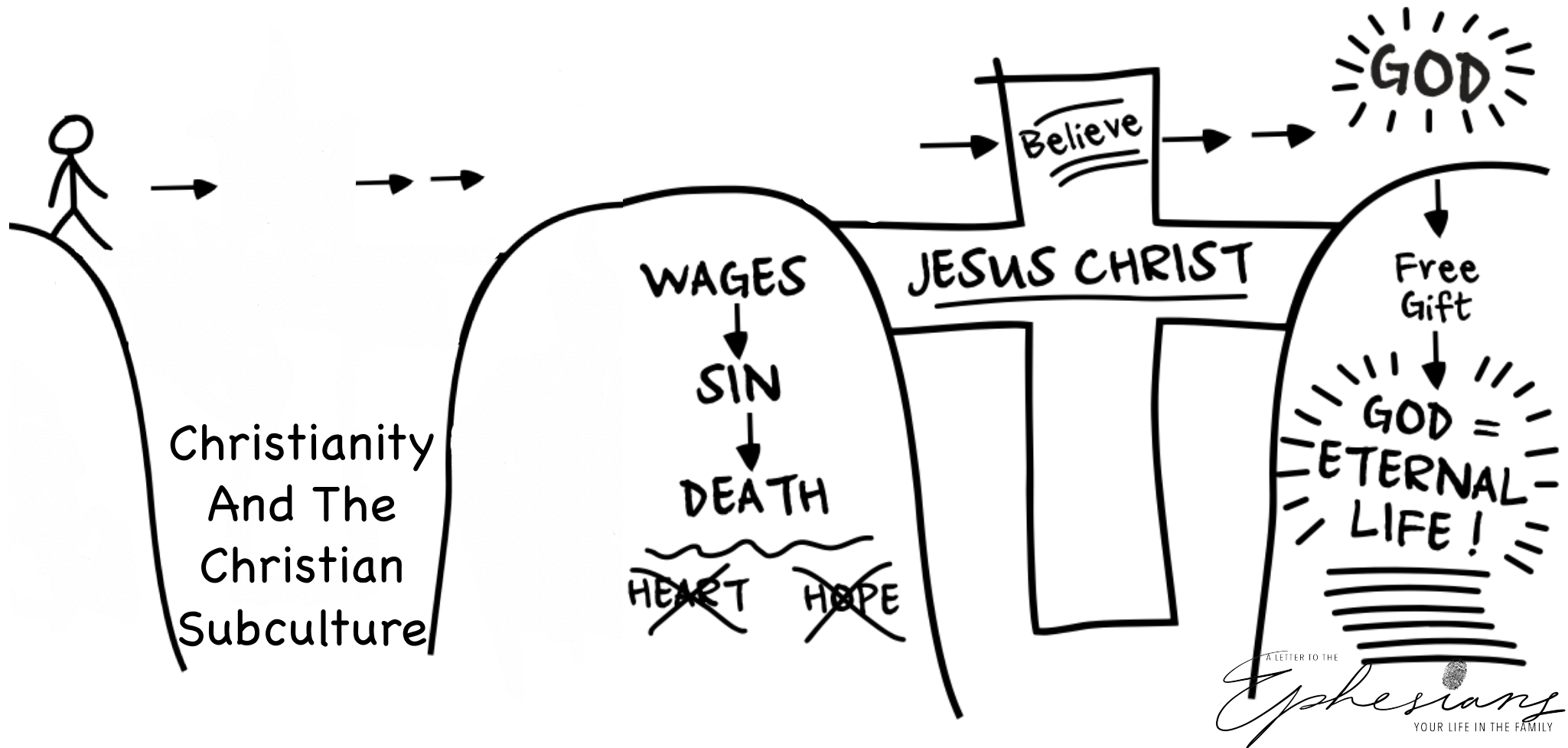


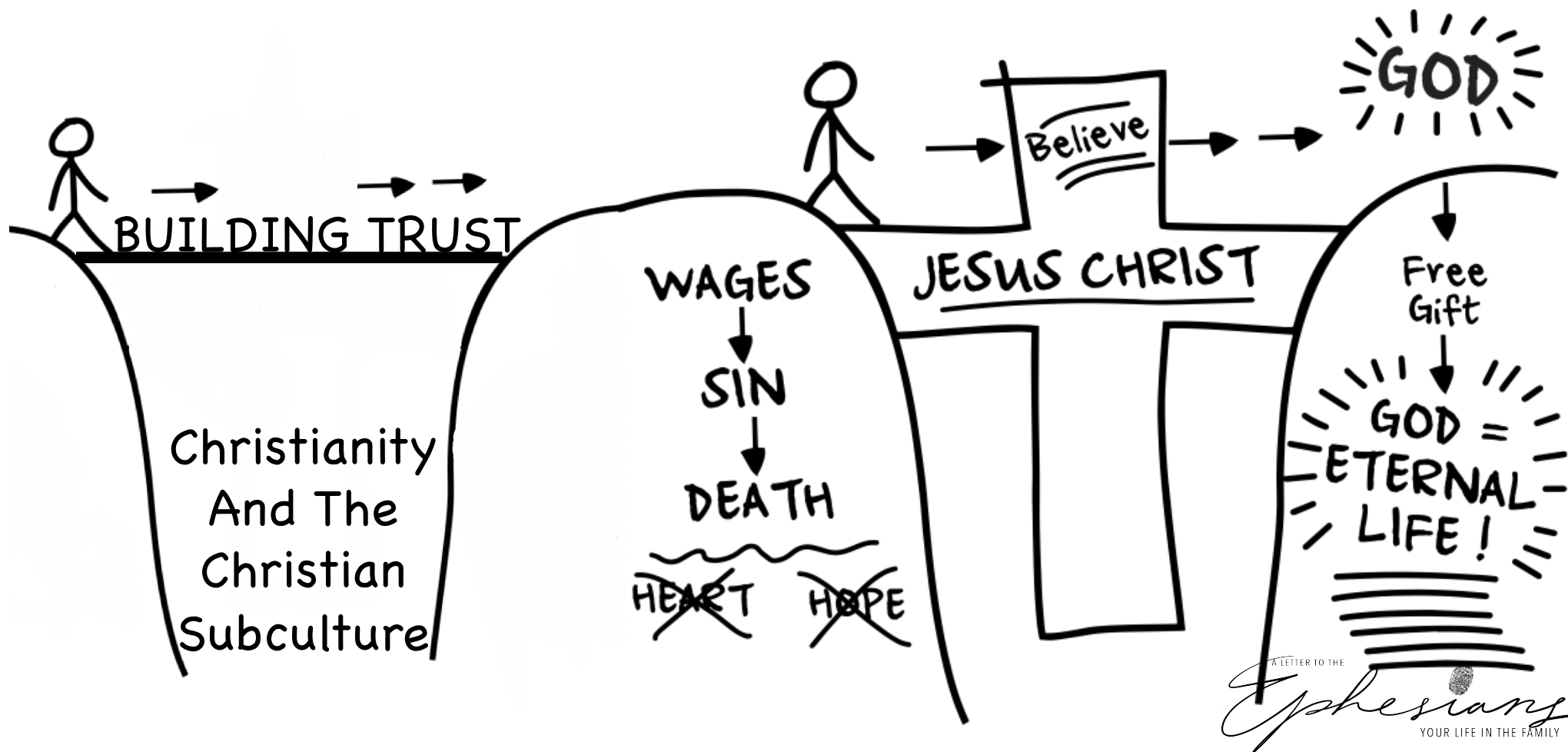












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BIG IDEA

His love is shown to us, not by sparing us from suffering and death, rather by giving us himself.

His love is shown to us, not by how much health, wealth and prosperity he brings into our lives, rather, God's love often allows pain and loss to help us see and be enthralled by life in Him.

He loves us.



- **Jesus loves us.**



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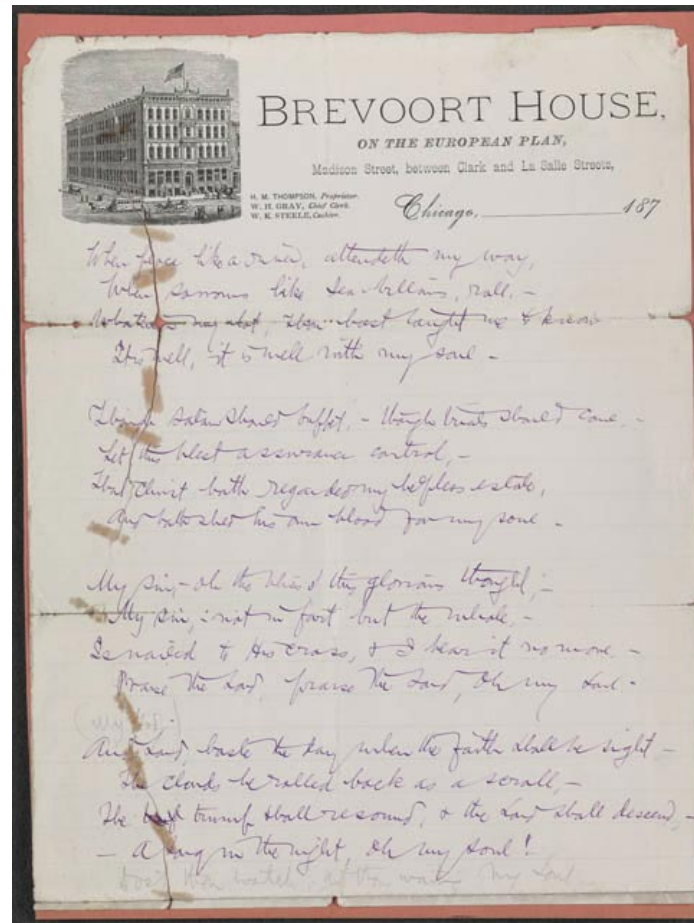
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