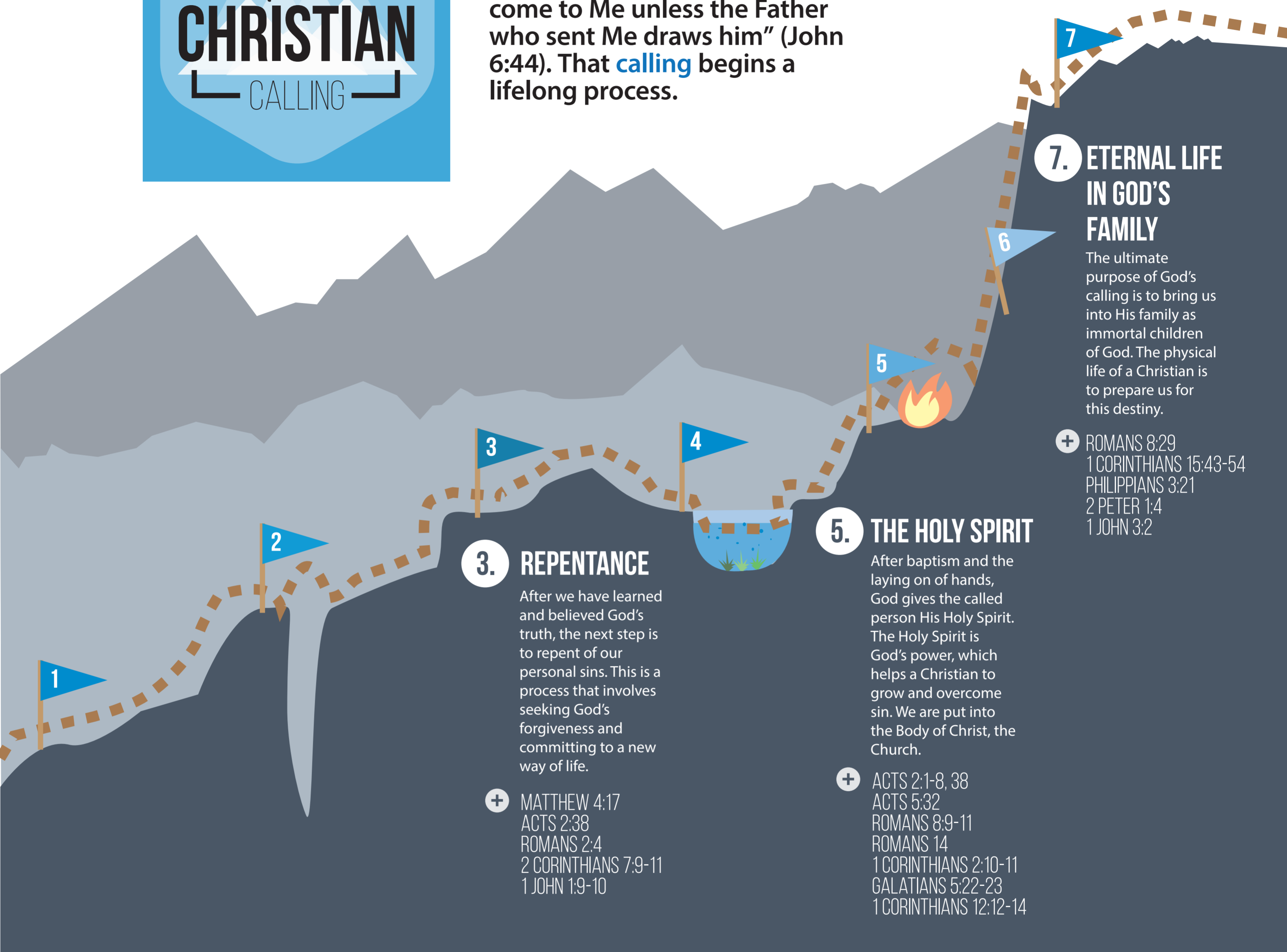


7 STEPS  
of the  
**CHRISTIAN**  
CALLING

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.



**3. REPENTANCE**

After we have learned and believed God’s truth, the next step is to repent of our personal sins. This is a process that involves seeking God’s forgiveness and committing to a new way of life.

- + MATTHEW 4:17
- ACTS 2:38
- ROMANS 2:4
- 2 CORINTHIANS 7:9-11
- 1 JOHN 1:9-10

**5. THE HOLY SPIRIT**

After baptism and the laying on of hands, God gives the called person His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God’s power, which helps a Christian to grow and overcome sin. We are put into the Body of Christ, the Church.

- + ACTS 2:1-8, 38
- ACTS 5:32
- ROMANS 8:9-11
- ROMANS 14
- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11
- GALATIANS 5:22-23
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14

**7. ETERNAL LIFE IN GOD’S FAMILY**

The ultimate purpose of God’s calling is to bring us into His family as immortal children of God. The physical life of a Christian is to prepare us for this destiny.

- + ROMANS 8:29
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:43-54
- PHILIPPIANS 3:21
- 2 PETER 1:4
- 1 JOHN 3:2

**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