

Welcome to Church Requel's Membership Class

"Discovering Church Requel"

**The Mission of Church Requel is
to be a community loving God and loving people.**

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Church Requel! This seminar is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different life backgrounds, the **Belong Class** is designed to clearly explain who and what our church is and how it fits into your life.

The Basis for Membership:

*"You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."
Ephesians 2:19 (LB)*

*"So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."
Romans 12:5 (ESV)*

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... let us encourage one another all the more."
Ephesians 10:25a (GNT)*

Key Truths:

1. The church is **A FAMILY / A BODY**.
2. God expects you to **BELONG** to a church family, the body of Christ.



3. A Christ-follower without a family, not belonging to a body is a:
CONTRADICTION.

"There is no such thing as a lone-ranger Christian!"

What Makes Church Requel Family?

Four Things Unite Us:

1. Our Salvation
(What God has done for us.)
2. Our Statements
(Why we exist as a church.)
3. Our Strategy
(How we fulfill our purpose.)
4. Our Structure
(When and where we fulfill our purpose.)

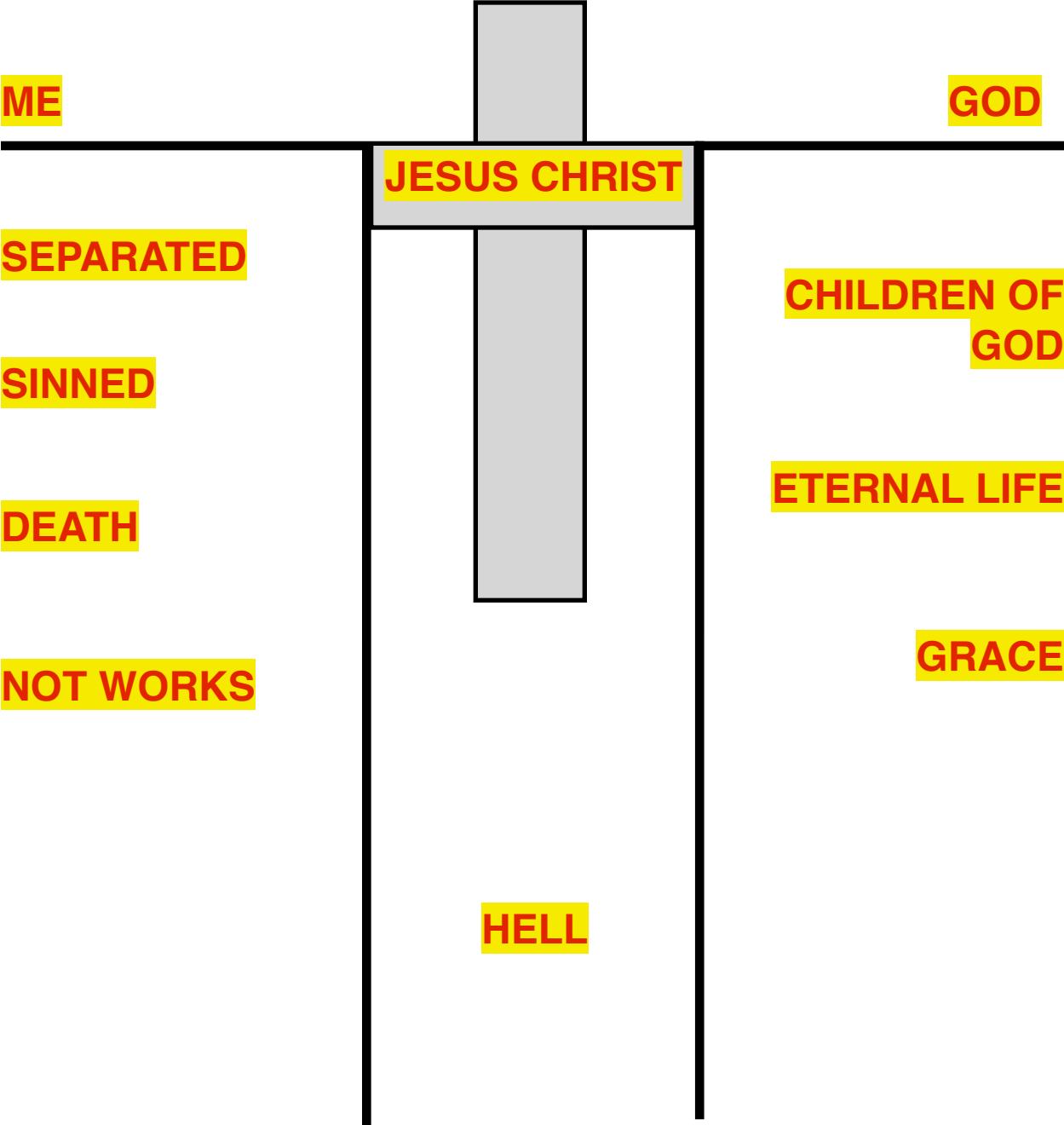
Belong Class Outline

- Our Salvation
 - session 1: Becoming a Christ-follower
 - session 2: Understanding Baptism
- Our Statements
 - session 3: Mission Statement of CR
 - session 4: Purpose Driven - The 5Ms
 - session 5: Our Core Values
 - session 6: Essentials - What We Believe
- Our Strategy - session 7
- Our Structure - session 8
- Our Summary - session 9
- Wrap Up / Q&A / Membership Agreements

Our Salvation - Session One: Becoming a Christ-follower

**“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

(Romans 6:23 NIV)



Scriptures to Back Up Illustration:

I am **separated** from God:

*“But your iniquities have separated you from God;
your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”*

Isaiah 59:2

All have **sinned**:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

The result of sin is **death**:

“For the wages of sin is death...”

Romans 6:23a

We cannot bridge the gap by our **works**:

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
- not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Ephesians 2:8,9

Eternal separation from God is called **hell**:

*“Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

Matthew 10:28

Jesus Christ bridges the gap between us and God:

*“For Christ died for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”*

1 Peter 3:18

We become **children of God**:

*“Yet to all who received him to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.”*

John 1:12

We receive **eternal life**:

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

John 3:16

This is all because of **God’s grace**:

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
- not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Ephesians 2:8,9

5 Action Steps: *How Does God Want Me To Respond?*

1. **ADMIT** that God has not been given first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9

2. **REPENT** of my sins. Turn from sins and turn toward God.

“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19

“Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10

3. **BELIEVE** that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on Easter, and is alive today!

“If you confess that Jesus is Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raise Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

4. **ACCEPT** God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

“For it is by grace you are saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8,9

Our relationship with God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

5. **ASK** Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (LORD) of your life.

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” John 1:12-13

“Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’” John 14:23

“Jesus says, ‘Listen! I stand at the door and knock, If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...” Rev. 3:30

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

Lord Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I’ve ignored you and gone my own way. I realize that I need you in my life. I’m sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Help me to live a better life, that honors and pleases you. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. As much as I know how I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Help me to grow now as a Christ-follower.

