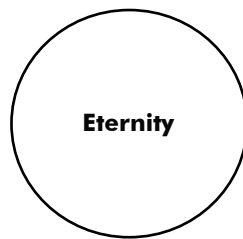
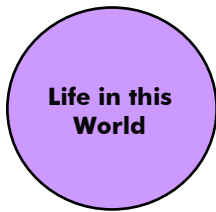
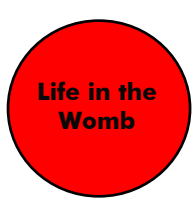
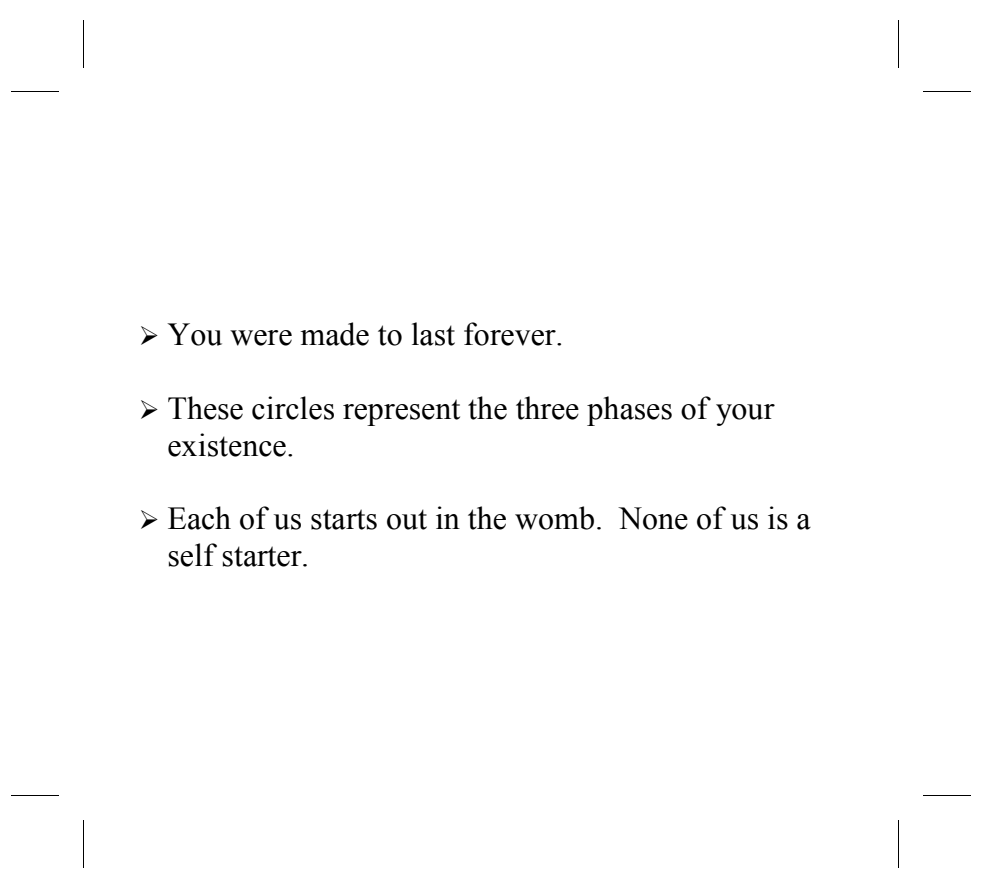


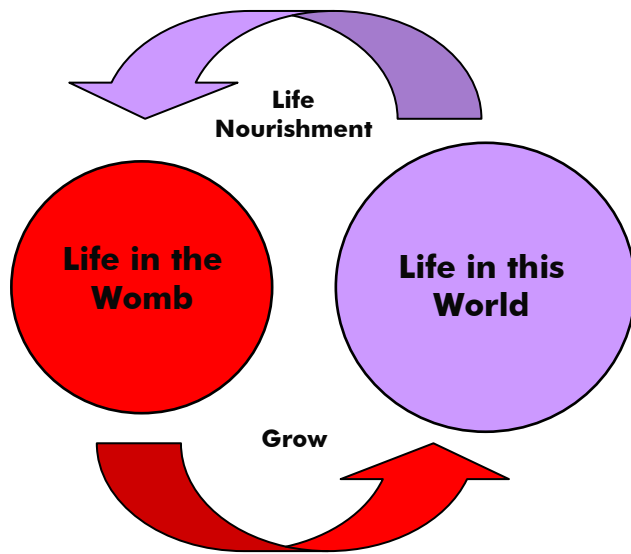
You Were Made To Last Forever...

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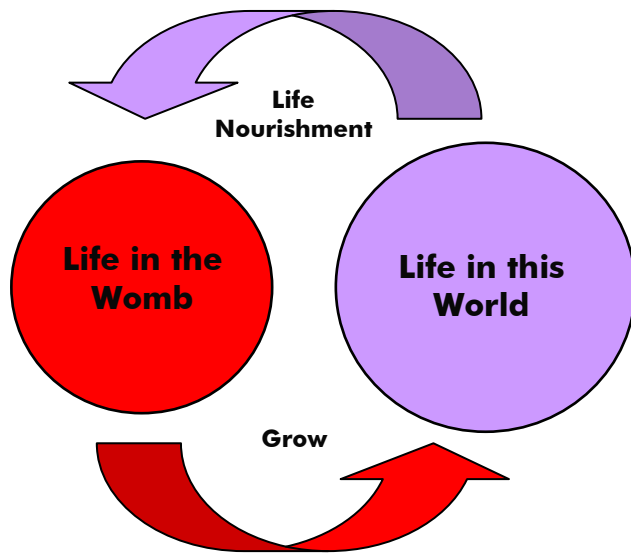
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- You were made to last forever.
 - These circles represent the three phases of your existence.
 - Each of us starts out in the womb. None of us is a self starter.



- From your parents and ancestors you inherited the gift of life and the privilege of having been made in the likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26-28)
- See the dynamic cycle. Your expectant mother gave you what you needed as you grew toward the day of your birth.
- Before you were born you could not see or understand this world or what you would become in it.



➤ Imagine any pre-born baby saying,

“I don’t believe there is a Mom.”

“I wonder if there is a Mom.”

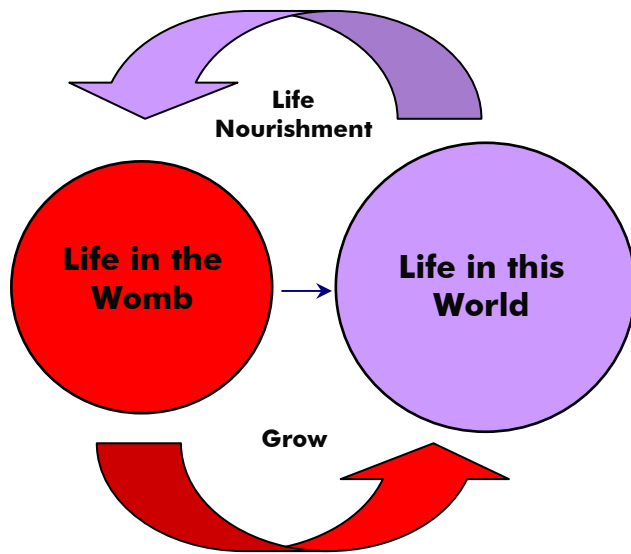
“I live for the here and now.”

“I think this womb is all there is.”

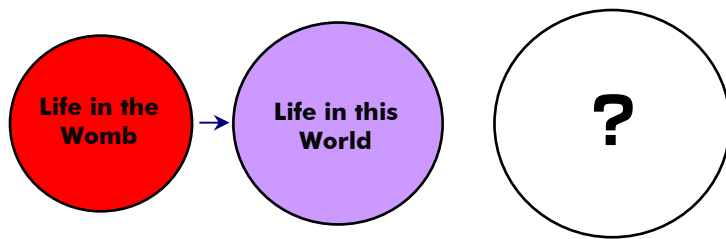
“I think I will keep coming back here, maybe in
different forms.”

“I will have no problems once I am out of this
place.”

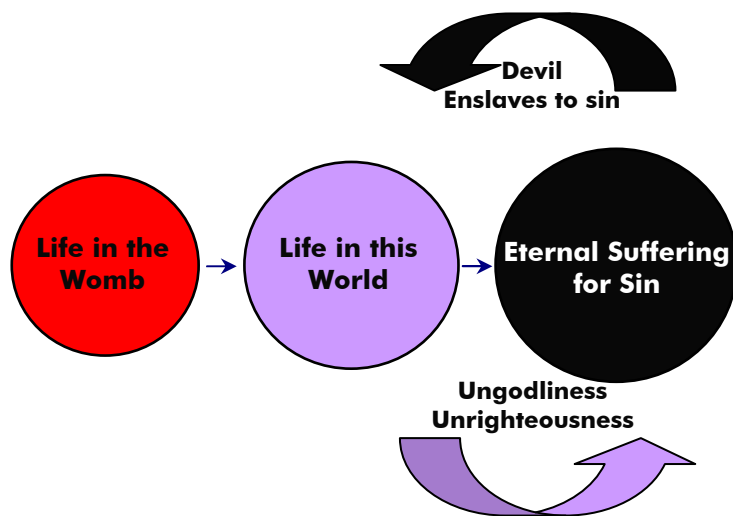
“I wonder if there is life after leaving here.”



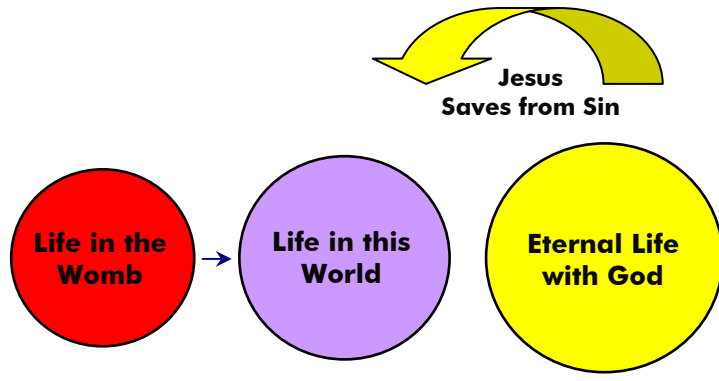
- In reality, you were born (small arrow) into this world for which you were being prepared.
- Purple represents your royalty and dignity as a person made in the likeness of God to last forever. This is shown by your personality, intelligence, spiritual nature, creativity, and conscience to know right from wrong. (Genesis 1-3)
- Purple also represents your suffering, such as: broken relationships, bad behavior, guilt, shame, misery, pain, sickness and death.



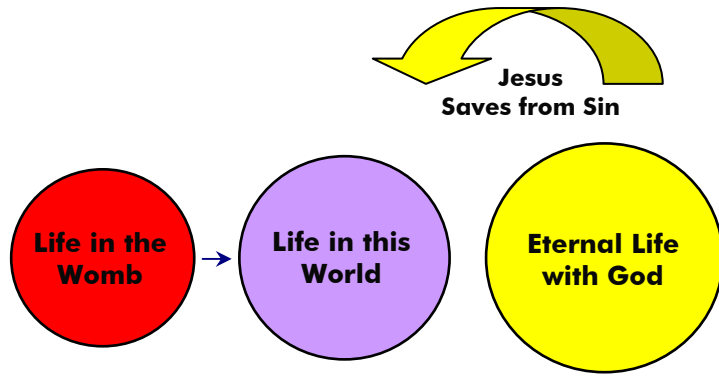
- What gives you true meaning and hope?
- We all have eternity in our hearts and desire some form of paradise.
- What do you think will happen to you when your life in this world ends?
- Where, how and with whom will you last forever?



- Like the pre-born baby we imagined earlier, we often ignore, deny and disobey the invisible God who created and sustains us. (Acts 17:22-34)
- “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)
- Sin and death came into the world as a result of the first sin of our original ancestor, Adam, and spread to the whole human race descended from him by ordinary reproduction. (Romans 5:12-21)
- Because of our fallen human nature, apart from God’s mercy, we all are: spiritually dead in sin, separated from God, under His wrath and curse, and enslaved to the Devil. (Romans 1:18-32; Ephesians 2:1-3)



- “The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
(Romans 6:23)
- God Himself came to earth as the God-man Jesus Christ, the last Adam, to save sinners from their sin, guilt and eternal punishment.
(Romans 5:19; I Corinthians 15:45-49)
- “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world but that the world should be saved through Him.”
(John 3:16, 17)



- Who can match Jesus Christ as the only Savior sent by God for sinners like us?

Jesus fulfilled Old Testament teaching that identifies the Savior;

Jesus was born of a virgin, and without the corruption of sin;

Jesus did miracles that show He is God;

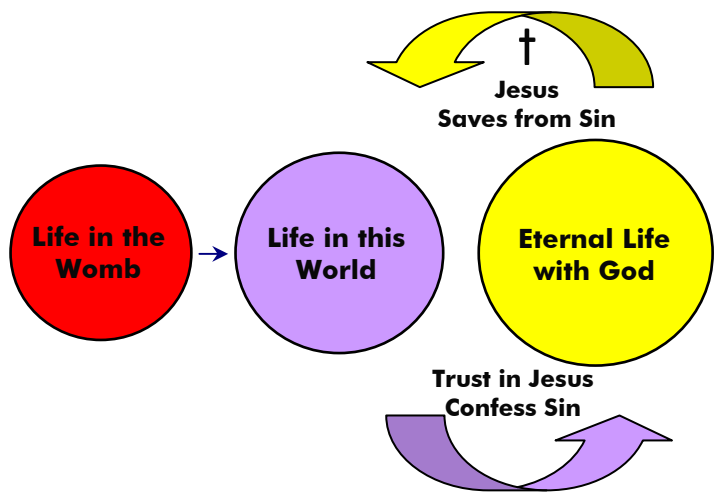
Jesus did the will of God perfectly and never sinned;

Jesus died on the cross as the holy, sinless sacrifice to ransom sinners;

Jesus rose bodily from the dead and was seen by hundreds of people;

Jesus ascended visibly and physically into Heaven and will return to earth.

(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts 1, I Corinthians 15)



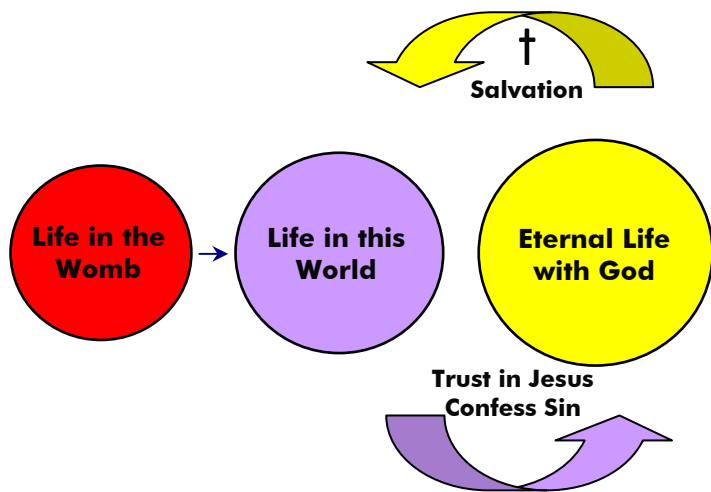
- Some of the joys of receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord are:

Forgiveness: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to **forgive us our sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

Salvation: “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead **you shall be saved**...for whoever will call upon the name of the Lord **will be saved**.” (Romans 10:9, 13)

Abundant Life: Jesus said, “I came that they might have **life** and might have it **abundantly**.” (John 10:10b)

Eternal Life: “He who believes in the Son has **eternal life**; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (John 3:36)



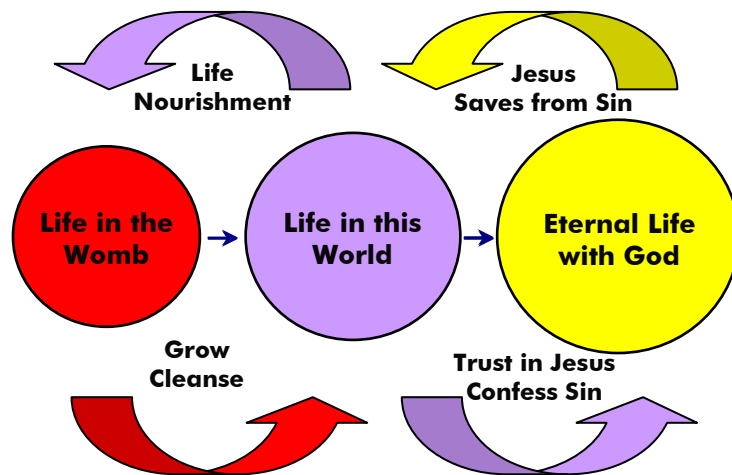
- May this be your prayer for eternal life in Jesus Christ:

Heavenly Father,

I have sinned in thought, word and deed, and deserve to be punished forever by you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for sinners, and rise again from the dead to save us. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins and credit me with the perfect righteousness of the Savior. Help me learn the Bible. I want to know and serve Jesus, my Savior and Lord, with other Christians through a Bible-based church. Amen.

Your Name _____

Date _____



- Remember the **physical dynamic** of the mother nourishing her pre-born baby to grow in preparation for birth into this world. The **spiritual dynamic** is similar as God gives spiritual life and nourishes the Christian on his or her walk to Heaven.

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (John 3:6)

- **Saving faith in Jesus Christ serves as a spiritual, invisible umbilical cord** until you arrive in Heaven. Be nourished by God through the Bible and prayer, to grow in Christ. God’s Spirit empowers Christians to turn from sin and to worship and serve God together. Stay connected.
(Ephesians 2; 4; Romans 8; Hebrews 11)

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