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Romans 5:8

The Gospel says...

I am a broken sinner.

But God loves me sacrificially anyway.

“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be **saved** by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be **saved by His life.**”*

Romans 5:8-10



What Does It Mean to Be “Saved?”

“Saved” in the Bible

- Old Testament
 - Principally material/physical: **Rescued** from danger or enemies, or **set free** from captors
- New Testament
 - Usually spiritual: **Rescued or set free from sin, death, or Satan**

“Rescued” and “Set Free” from What?

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

Romans 3:23

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:10-12

“For *the wages of sin is death.*”

Romans 6:23

“God Saves Sinners”

- *Before time, salvation established...* “[God the Father] chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”
- *At the cross, salvation accomplished...* “In [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”
- *Now, salvation applied...* “In [Jesus] you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.”

Ephesians 1:4,7,13

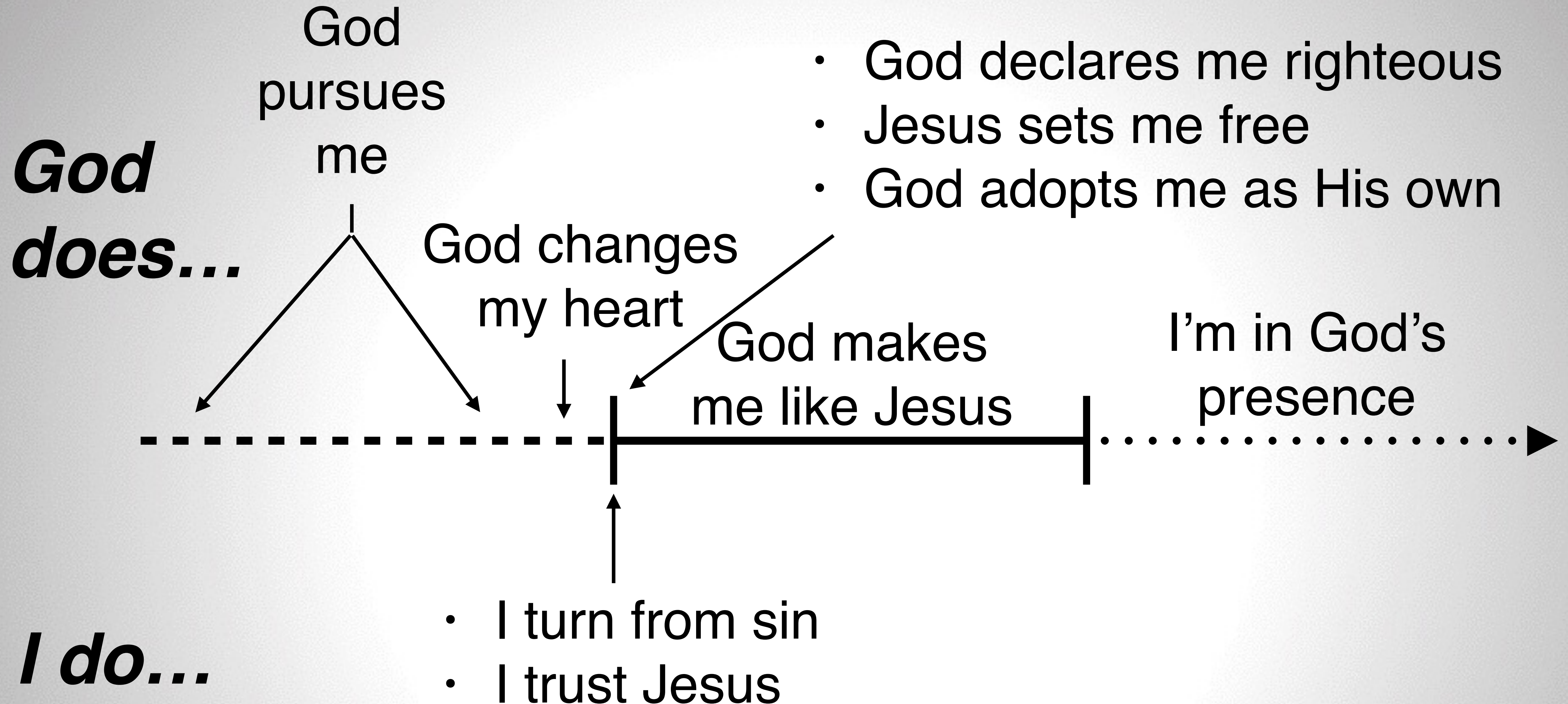
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*God
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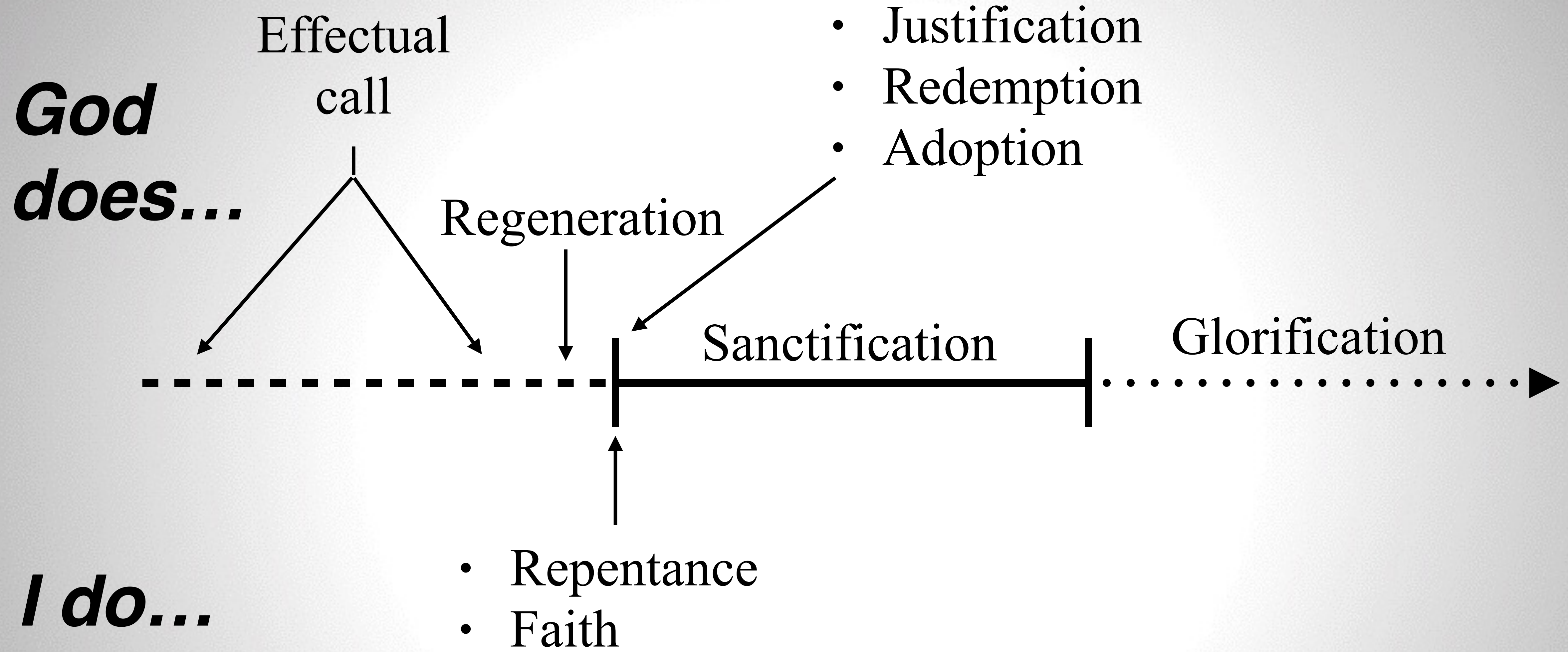


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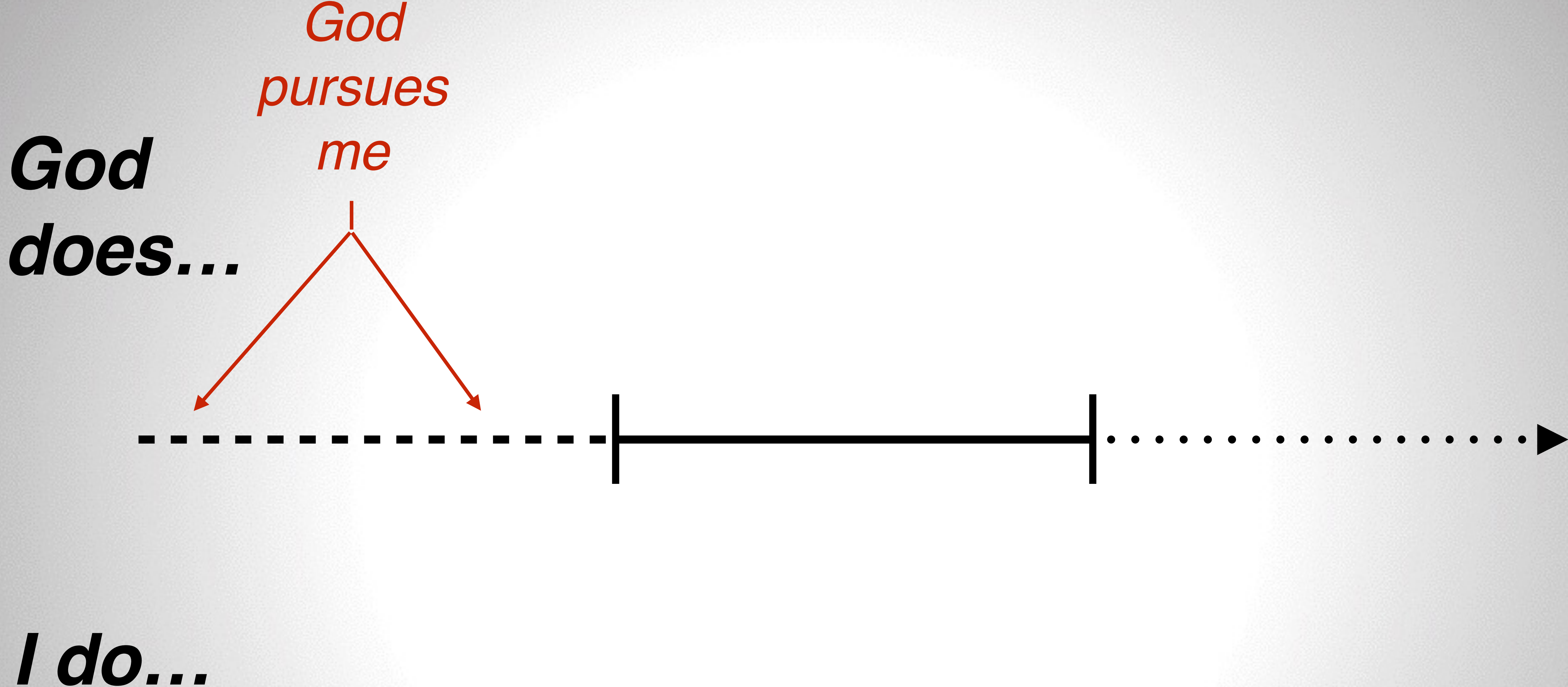
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God Pursues Me

God initiates the process of saving me by pursuing and drawing me...

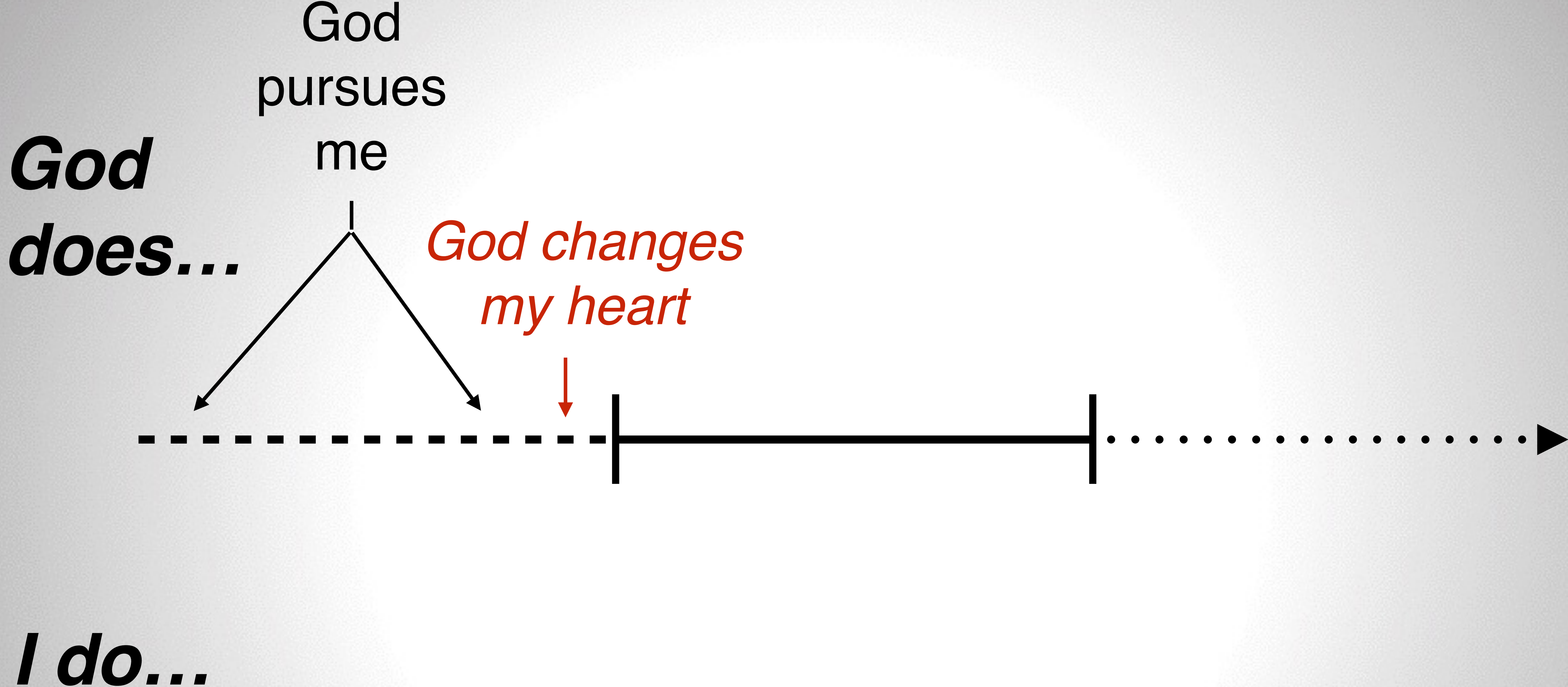
“You were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9

*“No one can come to Me unless *the Father who sent Me draws him.*”*

John 6:44

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God Changes My Heart

A sovereign act of God, which begins new spiritual life in me by changing my heart...

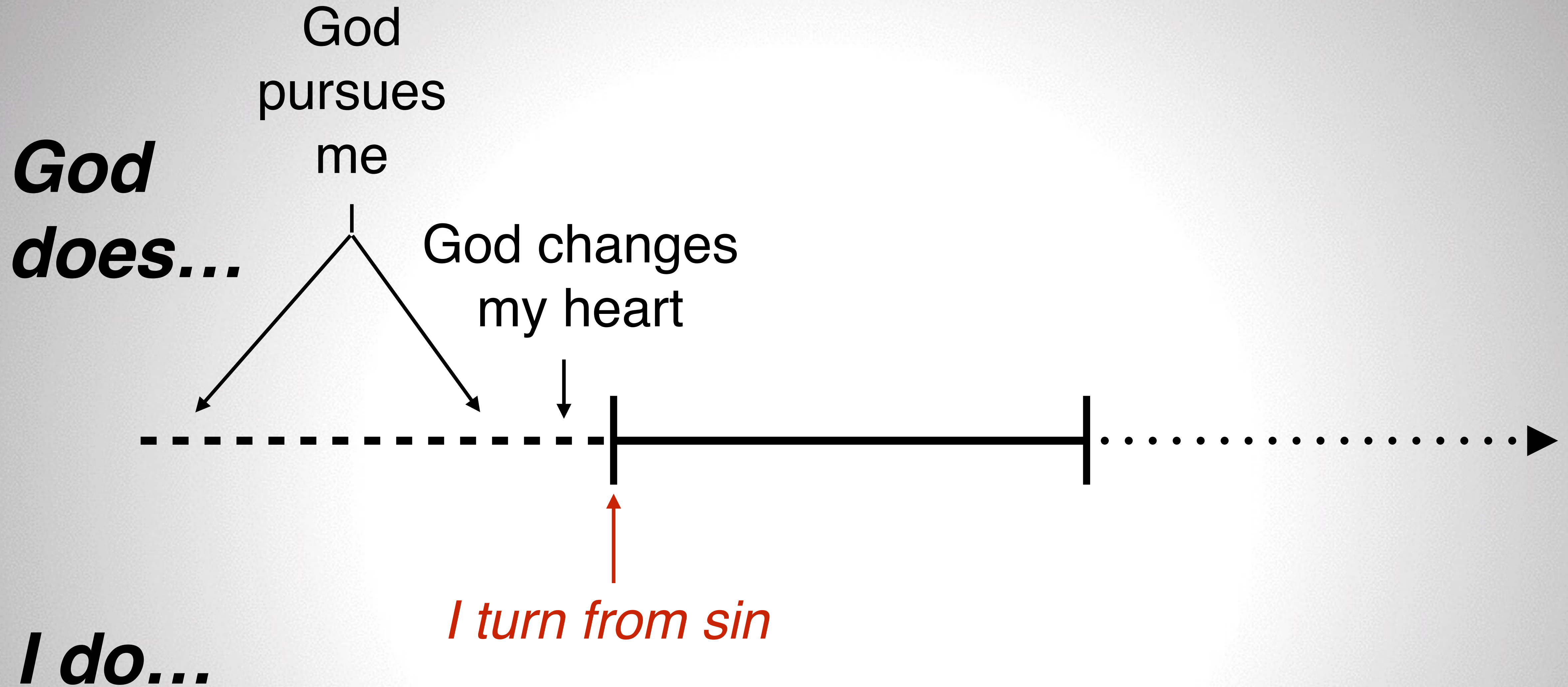
“Even when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ.”

Ephesians 2:5

“I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

Ezekiel 36:26

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I Turn Away from Sin

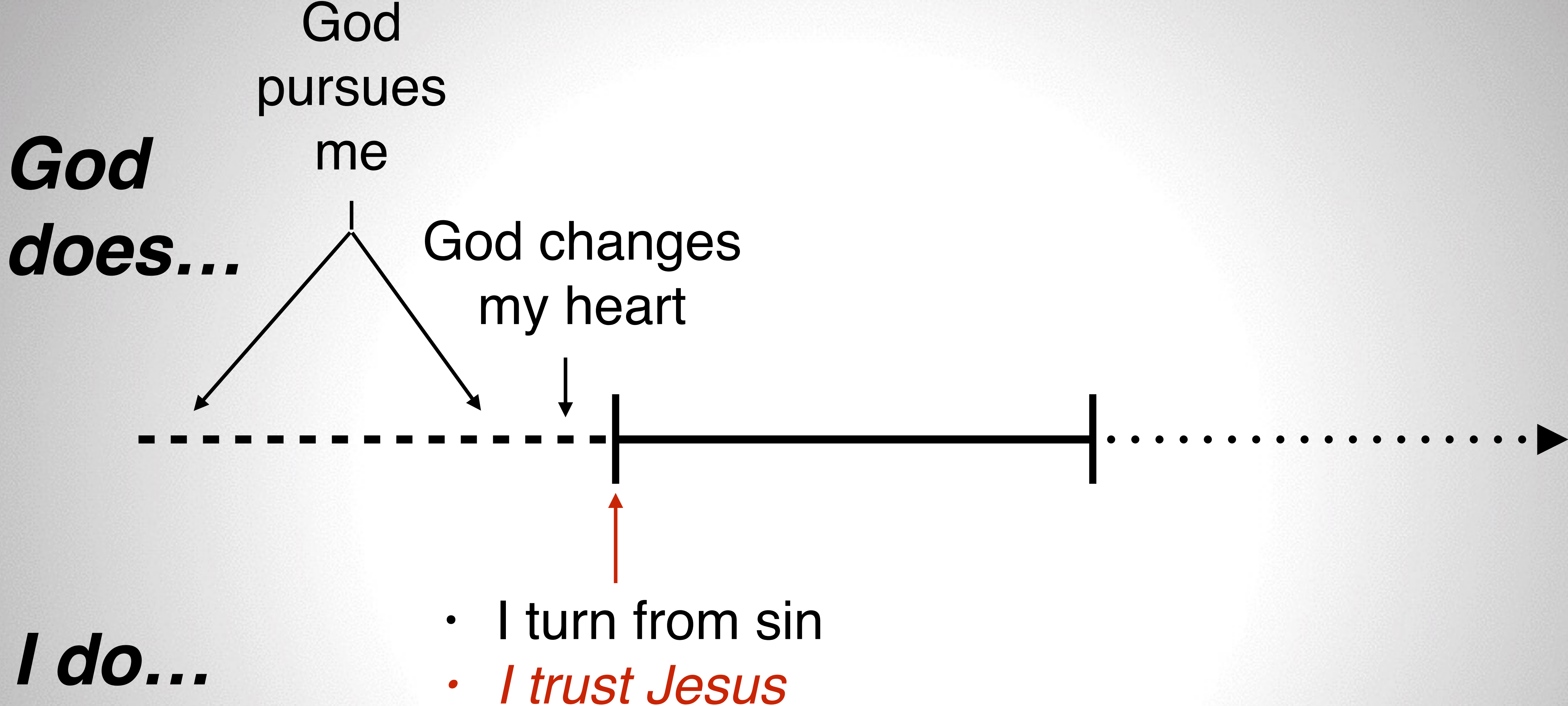
*My eyes are opened to my sin and its offense to God,
and I turn away from it...*

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever
before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and
done what is evil in Your sight.” Psalms 51:3-4

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”
Luke 13:3

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

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I Trust Jesus

I come to know of God, believe in His existence, and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord...

Knowledge of God: “How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

Romans 10:14

Belief in His existence: “Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists.”

Hebrews 11:6

I Trust Jesus (continued)

I come to know of God, believe in His existence, and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord...

Trust as Savior: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Trust as Lord: “Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10



I Trust Jesus (continued)

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John 14:6

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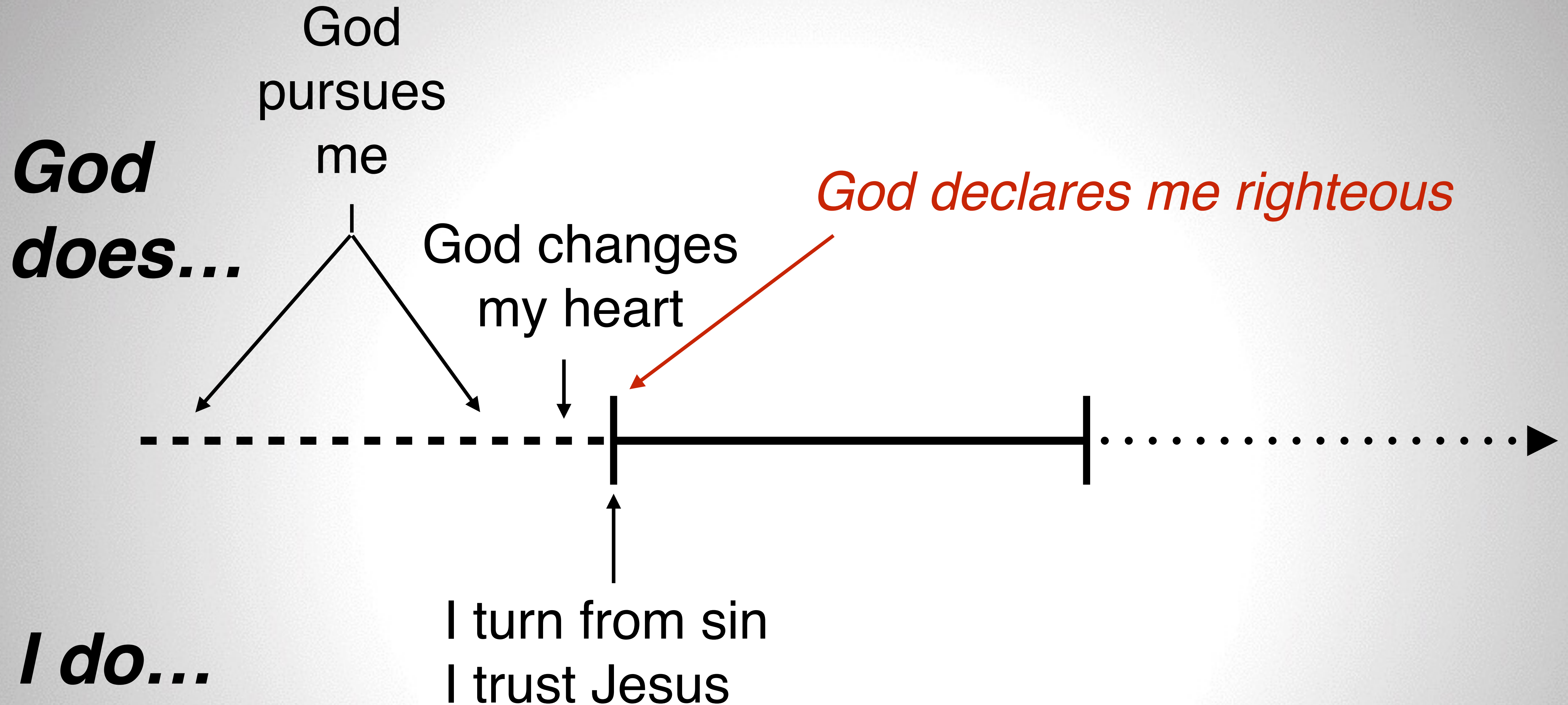
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***Faith is a gift from God:** “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And *this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9

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God Declares Me Righteous

Not only are my sins forgiven, I am declared righteous...

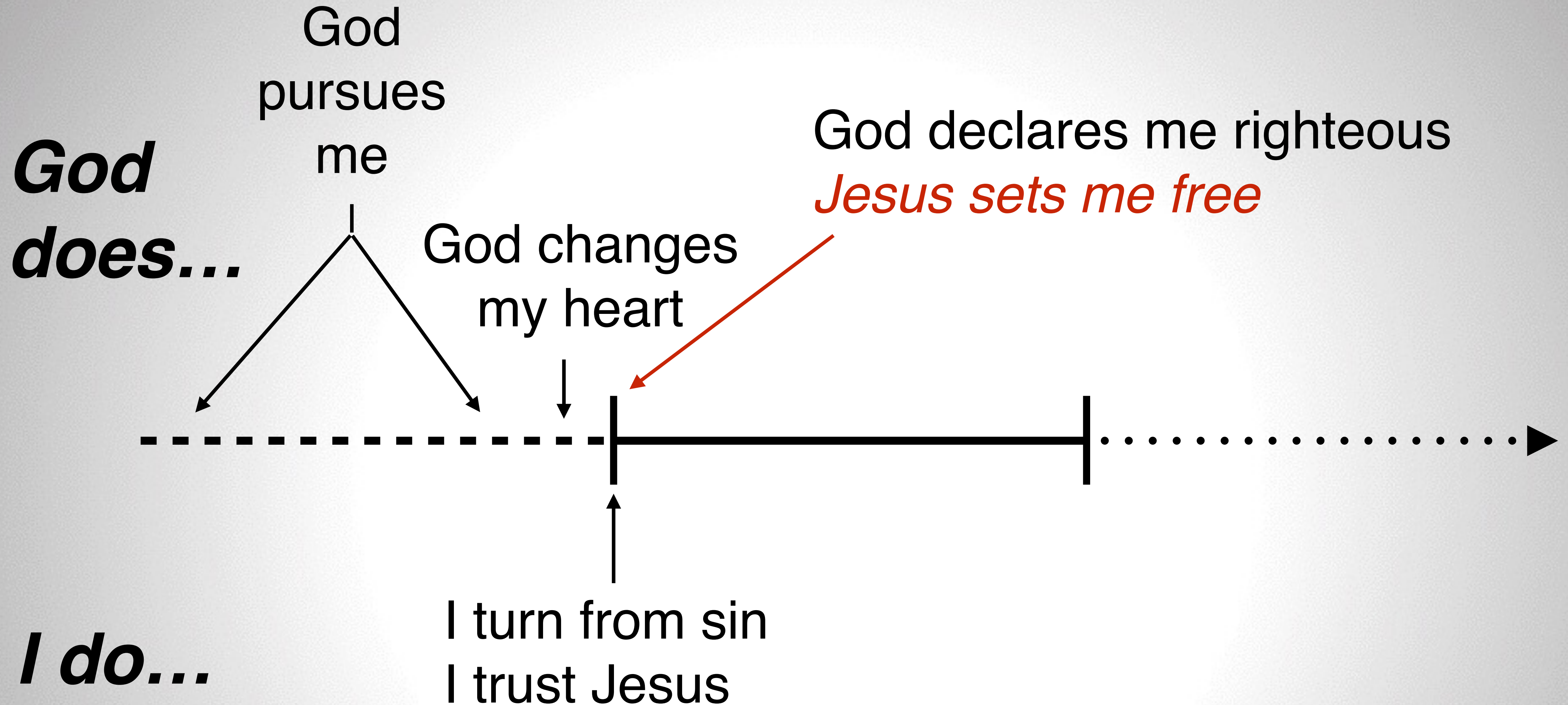
“To the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.”

Romans 4:5

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

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Jesus Sets Me Free

I am no longer a slave to sin and death...

“You have been set free from sin.”

Romans 6:18

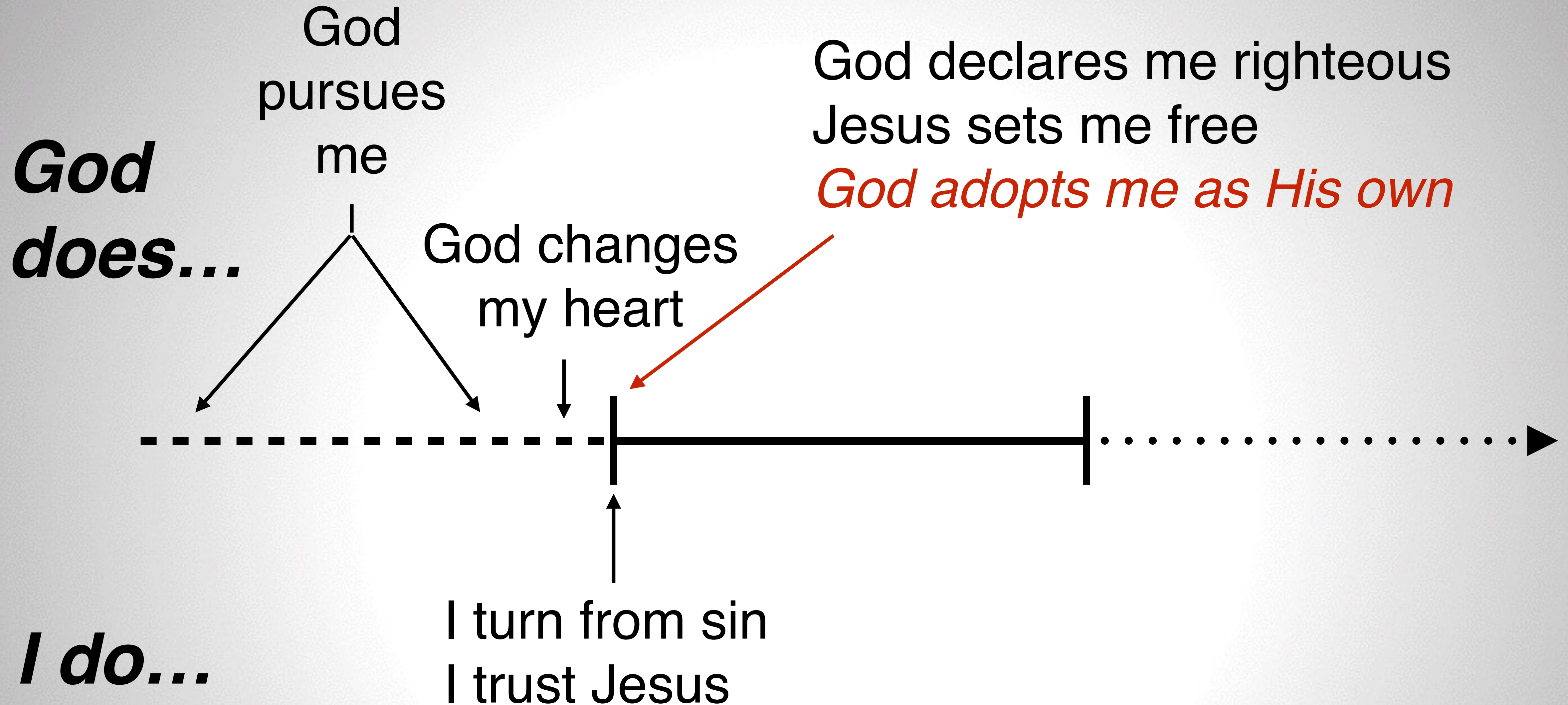
“For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:2

“[Jesus] has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed.”

Hebrews 9:15

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God Adopts Me as His Own

The Father gives us all the benefits of being His child...

“God sent forth His son... so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Galatians 4:4-5

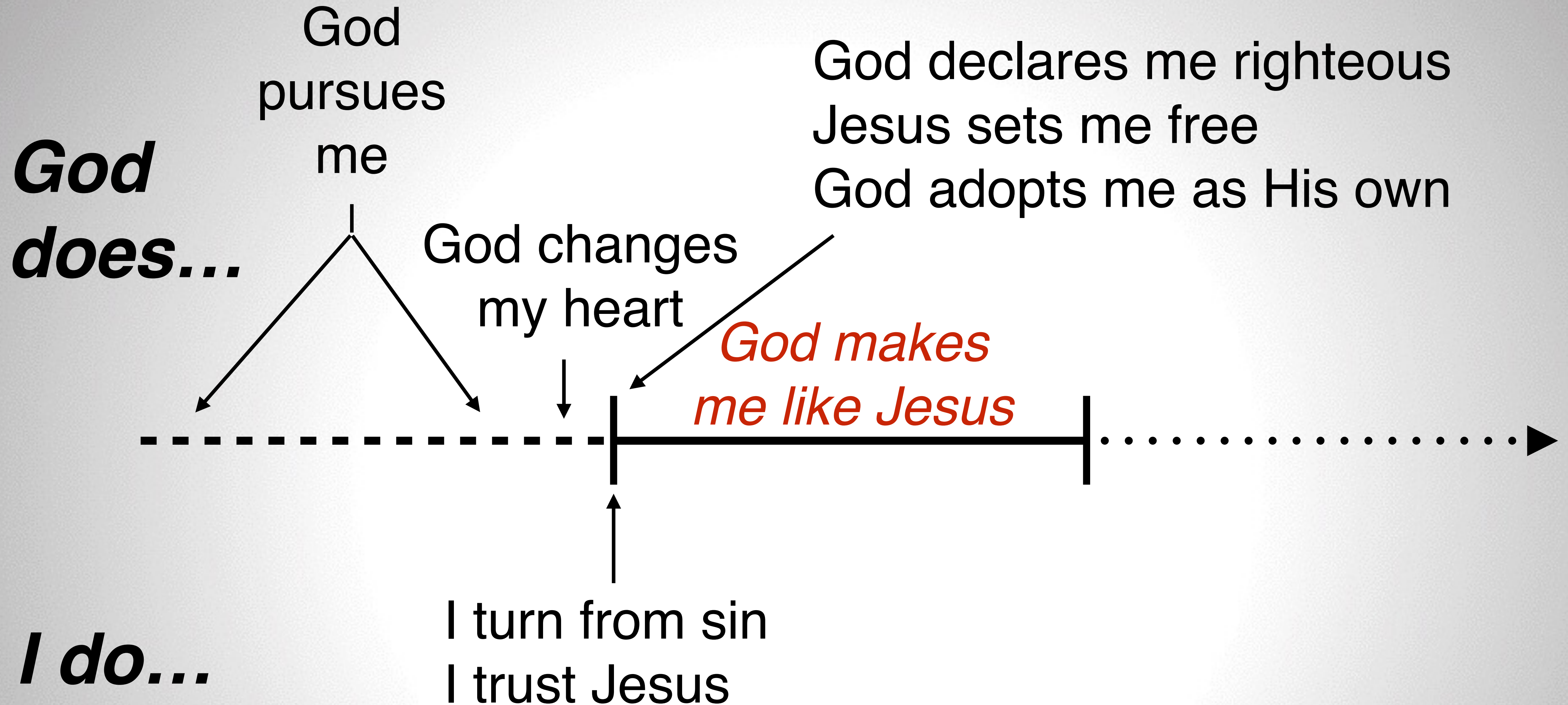
“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.”

1 John 3:1

“But to all who did receive [Jesus], who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

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God Makes Me to Be Like Jesus

Over time, God remakes us to be more and more like the perfect image of His Son...

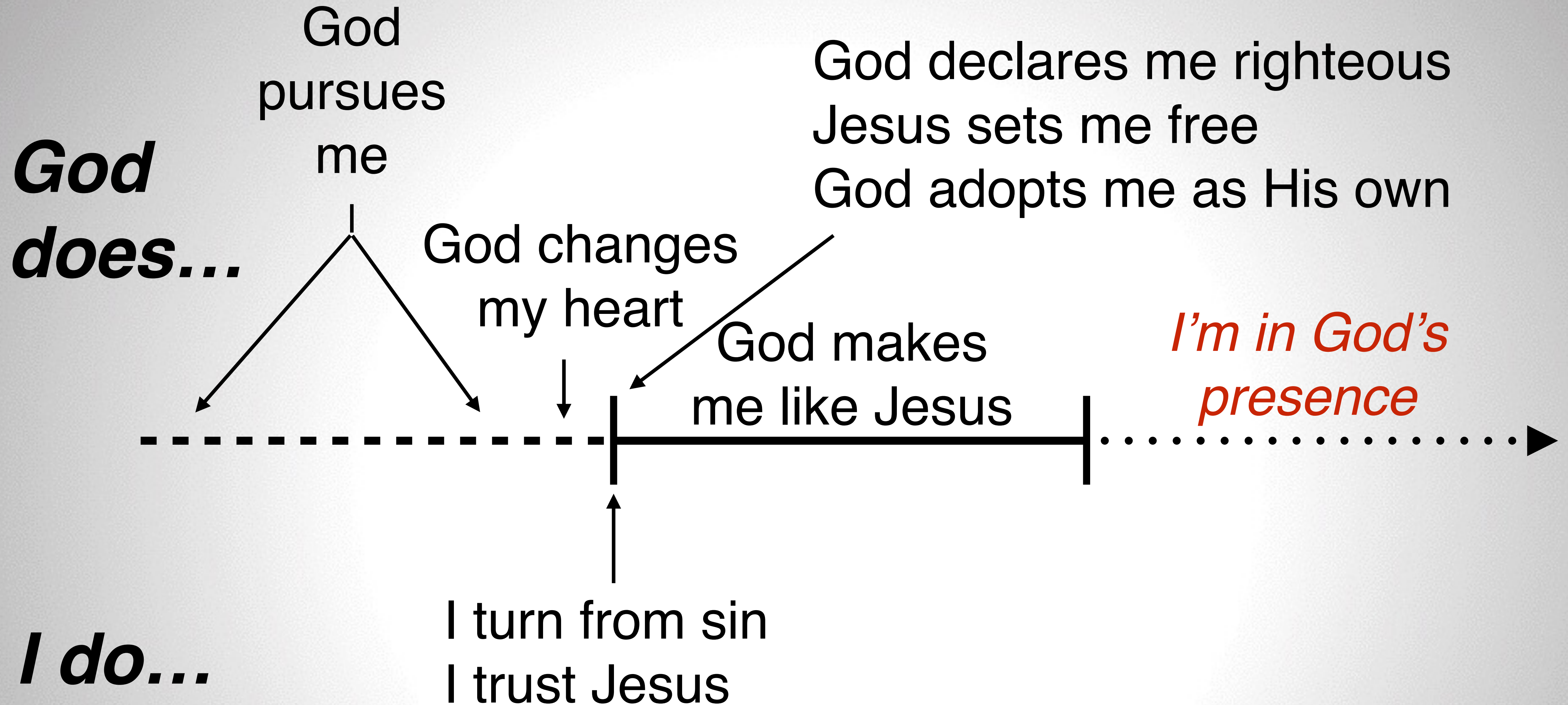
“For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be *conformed to the image of His Son.*”

Romans 8:29

“For by a single offering [Jesus] has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

Hebrews 10:14

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I Am in God's Presence Forever

After physical death, we will take on new bodies and dwell in the presence of God forever...

“For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”

1 Corinthians 15:53

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”

Revelation 21:3

What must I do to be saved?

Jesus said: “The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15