## New Members

# Salvation and Baptism

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Eph 2:8 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,	1 Cor 1:18 (ESV)  For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.	Acts 15:11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.

Initial JUSTIFICATION	Progressive SANCTIFICATION	Final GLORYFICATION
Through the Finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. He paid the price. Not my works.  • Our sins are Forgiven  • Christ' Righteousness becomes ours  • Declaring us to be Righteous in his sight when we receive this free-gift by believing in Him.	A progressive work of God and us, making us more like  Christ  (more free from sin)	When Christ returns and gives all believers their perfect resurrection bodies like His own, and we enjoy rewards and eternal life in the presence of a loving God.

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All God	God and Me	All God
Declared Righteous	Growing in Righteousness	Perfectly Righteous
Penalty of Sin	Power of Sin	Presence of Sin
Event	Process	Event
Complete and Perfect	Incomplete and Imperfect	Complete and Perfect
Current Position	Current Condition	Future Position
Equality	Varying	Both

## Full picture of salvation

JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
Redemption	Christ-Likeness	Citizenship
New Birth	Fulness of Life	Resurrected Body
Adoption	Fruitfulness	Rewards

Where do we become "Lame"; Licentious – Legalistic - Loony

## **Biblical Maturing happens during Sanctification**

Hebrew 6:1-2

Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation:

- of Repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
- and of Instruction about baptism, the laying on of hands,
  - the Resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

## Biblical Maturing ONLY happens because of Justification and Glorification

1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## Why we baptize believers and not babies?

#### Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### Matthew 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said,

"This is my Son, = IDENTITY
whom I love; = AFFECTION
with him I am well pleased." = AFFIRMATION

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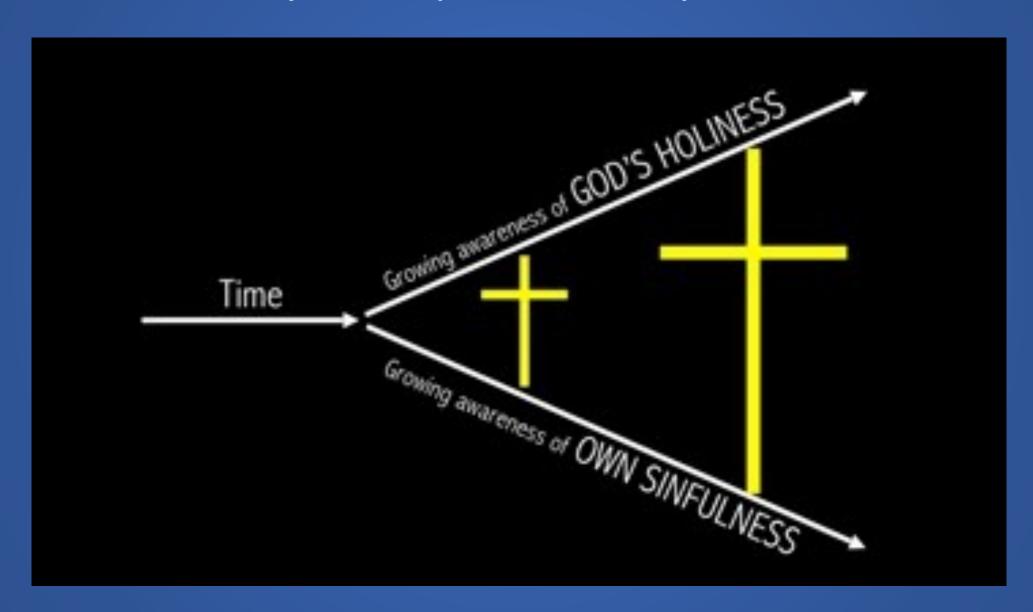
Luke 18:15-16 (NLT)

#### Jesus Blesses the Children

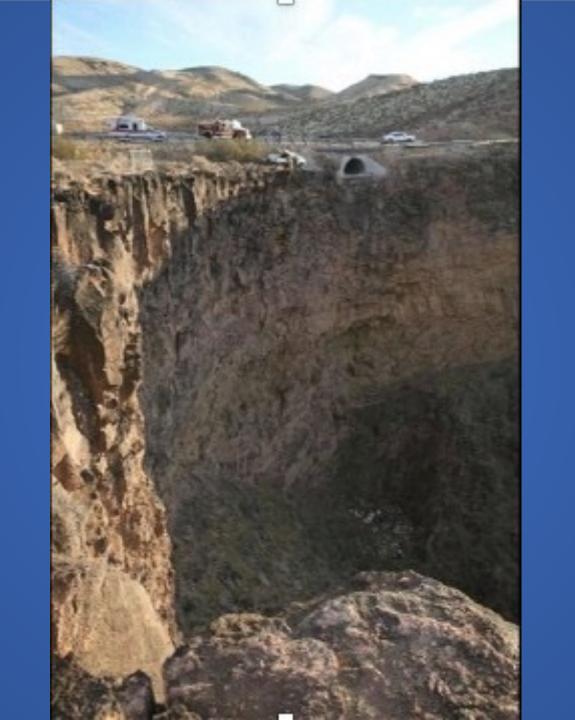
15One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him.

16Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

## Why is the Gospel of Grace, so important?







## Can you lose your salvation?

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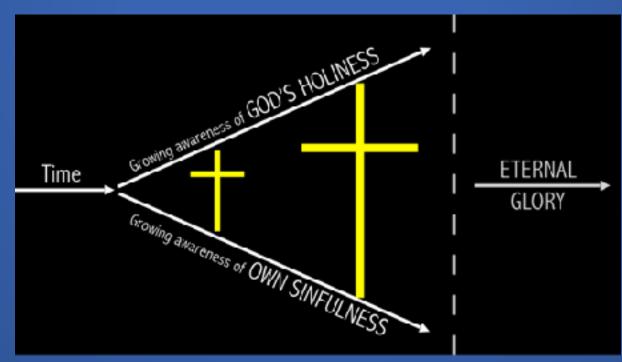
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## Why is an Eternal perspective so important?

#### 1 Cor 3:11-15

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the building will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved, even though only a one escaping through the flames.





## How do I not miss out on what God still wants to give me?

## Eph 2:8-10 (NIV)

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. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## How do I know if it is Dead or Good works?

Reading your Bible?

Praying?

Attending Church?

Giving – Tithes / Offerings?

Witnessing?

Dead Works		Good Works
In your own effort	<u>Faith</u>	In Him
Poor conscience	<u>Motivation</u>	Love
Self	<u>Commission</u>	God
Full Diary - Fruitless	<u>Result</u>	Faith Journey - Fruitful

Who Are You Living For?

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