

Eph 2:8

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

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.

Justified (initial): An act of God achieved through the death of His Son, in which he...

- regards our sins as forgiven and
- Christ's righteousness as belonging to us,
- declaring us to be righteous in his sight

...when we believe in Him

Sanctified (progressive): A progressive work of God & man making us more free from sin & more like Christ.

Glorified (final): The final step in God's redemption...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.

Justified
(receiving
God)

Sanctified
(walking
with God)

Glorified
(in heaven
with God)

Initial

Progressive

Final

All God

God & Me

All God

Declared
righteous

Growing in
righteousness

Perfectly
righteous

Penalty of sin

Power of sin

Presence of
sin

Initial

Progressive

Final

Event

Process

Event (forever)

Complete &
perfect

Incomplete &
perfecting

Complete &
perfect

Current position

Current
condition

Future position

Equality

Varying

Both

Why do we baptize believers, and not babies?

Heb 6:1-2

Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation:

- repentance from dead works and faith toward God,
- instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands,
- resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

What happens when we over-emphasize
any of these stages?

Justified
(licentious)

Sanctified
(legalistic)

Glorified
(loony)

How do we approach biblical maturing in
God?



Justified

Sanctified

Glorified

1 John 3:1-3

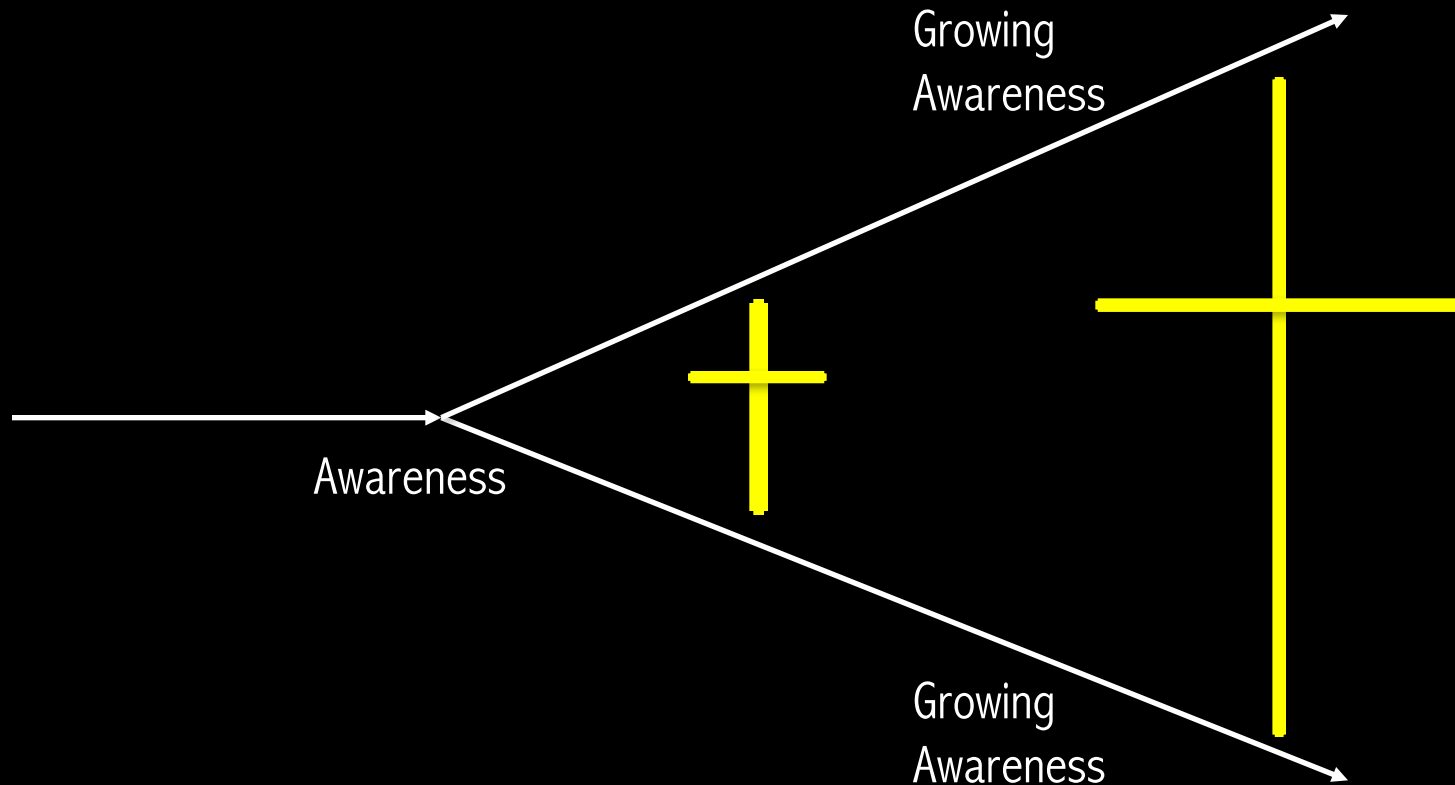
1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, **we are God's children now**, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we 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.

Justified

Sanctified

Glorified

Why is the gospel of grace so important?



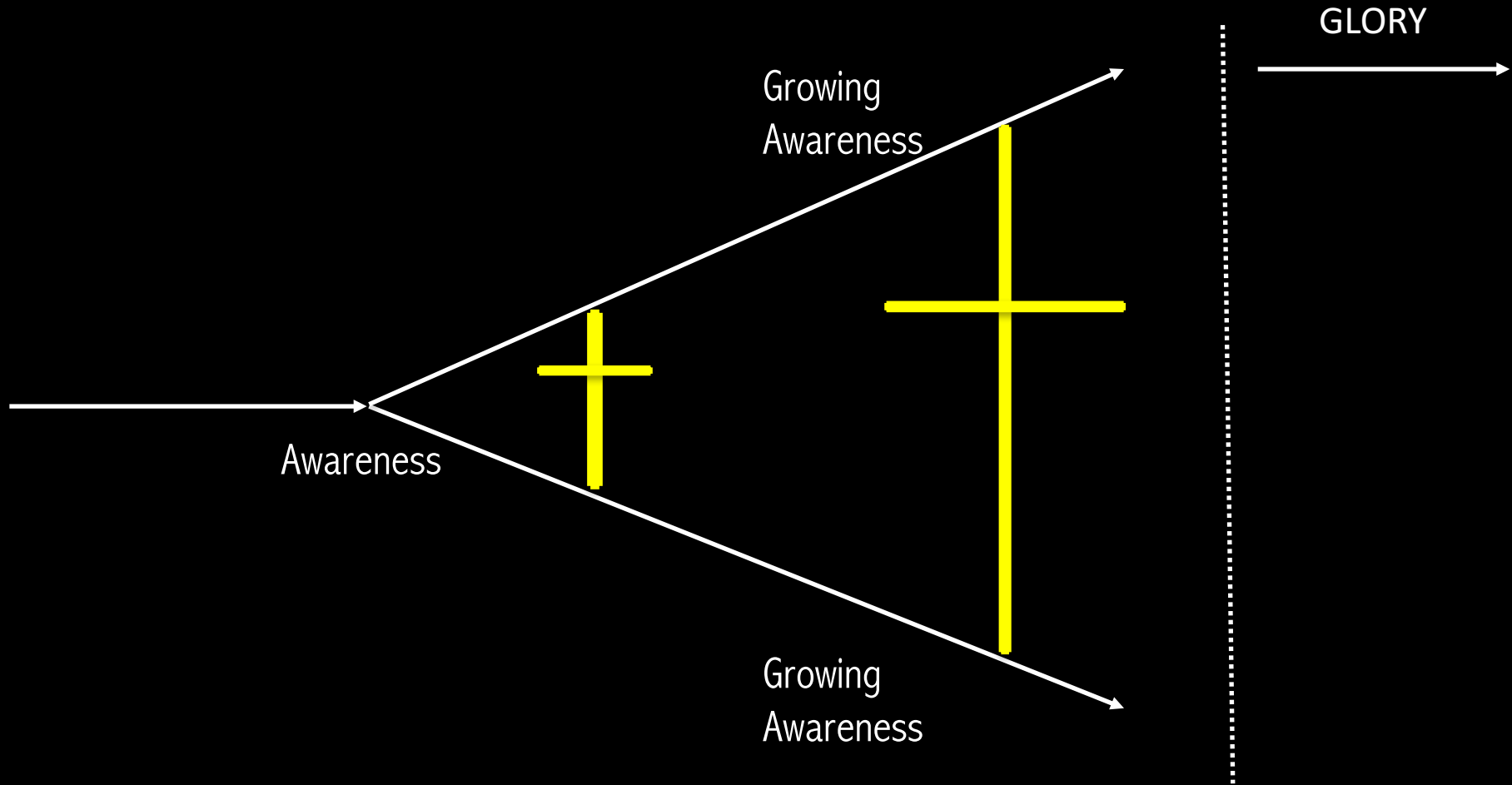




Why is an eternal perspective so important?



1 Cor 3:11-15: For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus 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 builder will receive a reward.** If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved, even though only as one escaping through the flames.



Can you lose your salvation?

Initial

Progressive

Final

redemption

Christ-likeness

citizenship

new birth

fullness of life

resurrected
body

adoption

fruitfulness

rewards

Initial

Progressive

Final

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

Eph 2:8-10

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.

Dead or Good work?

- Reading the bible
- Praying
- Attending church
- Giving – tithes/offering
- Witnessing

DEAD WORKS

GOOD WORKS

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| in your effort | Faith | in Him |
| poor conscience | Motivation | love |
| self | Commission | God |
| full diary – fruitless | Result | faith journey – fruitful |

Who are you living for?

What are you living for?