

New Members

Salvation and Baptism

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<p data-bbox="369 359 713 416"><u>Eph 2:8 (ESV)</u></p> <p data-bbox="173 436 912 722">For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,</p>	<p data-bbox="1095 359 1508 416"><u>1 Cor 1:18 (ESV)</u></p> <p data-bbox="942 436 1661 793">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.</p>	<p data-bbox="1890 359 2160 416"><u>Acts 15:11</u></p> <p data-bbox="1702 436 2354 722">But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.</p>

Initial - JUSTIFICATION	Progressive - SANCTIFICATION	Final - GLORYFICATION
<p>Through the Finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. He paid the price. Not my works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	<p>A progressive work of God and us, making us more free from sin and more like Christ</p>	<p>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.</p>

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We Receive God	We Walk with God	We in Heaven with God
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
What happens when we over-emphasize Justification? = Licentious	What happens when we over-emphasize Sanctification? = Legalistic	What happens when we over-emphasize Glorification? = Loony

**Biblical Maturing happens
During Sanctification**

Heb 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.

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	How do we approach Maturing in God?	
Sanctification cannot happen before Justification	1 John 3:1-3 (ESV) 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.	Sanctification cannot happen after Glorification

Why we baptize believers and not babies?

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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**, ²⁰ 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

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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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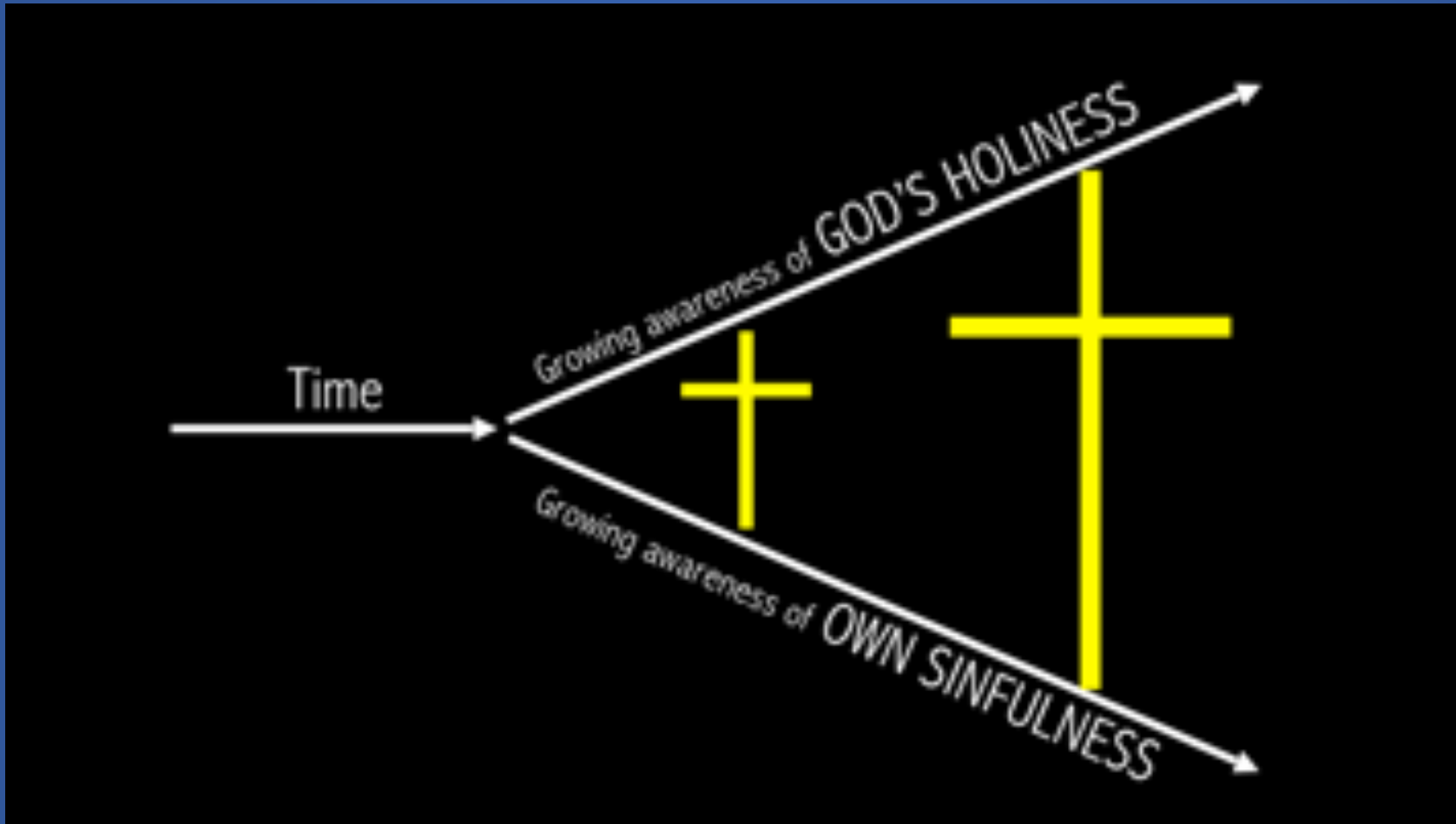
Luke 18:15-16 (NLT)

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹⁵ One 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.

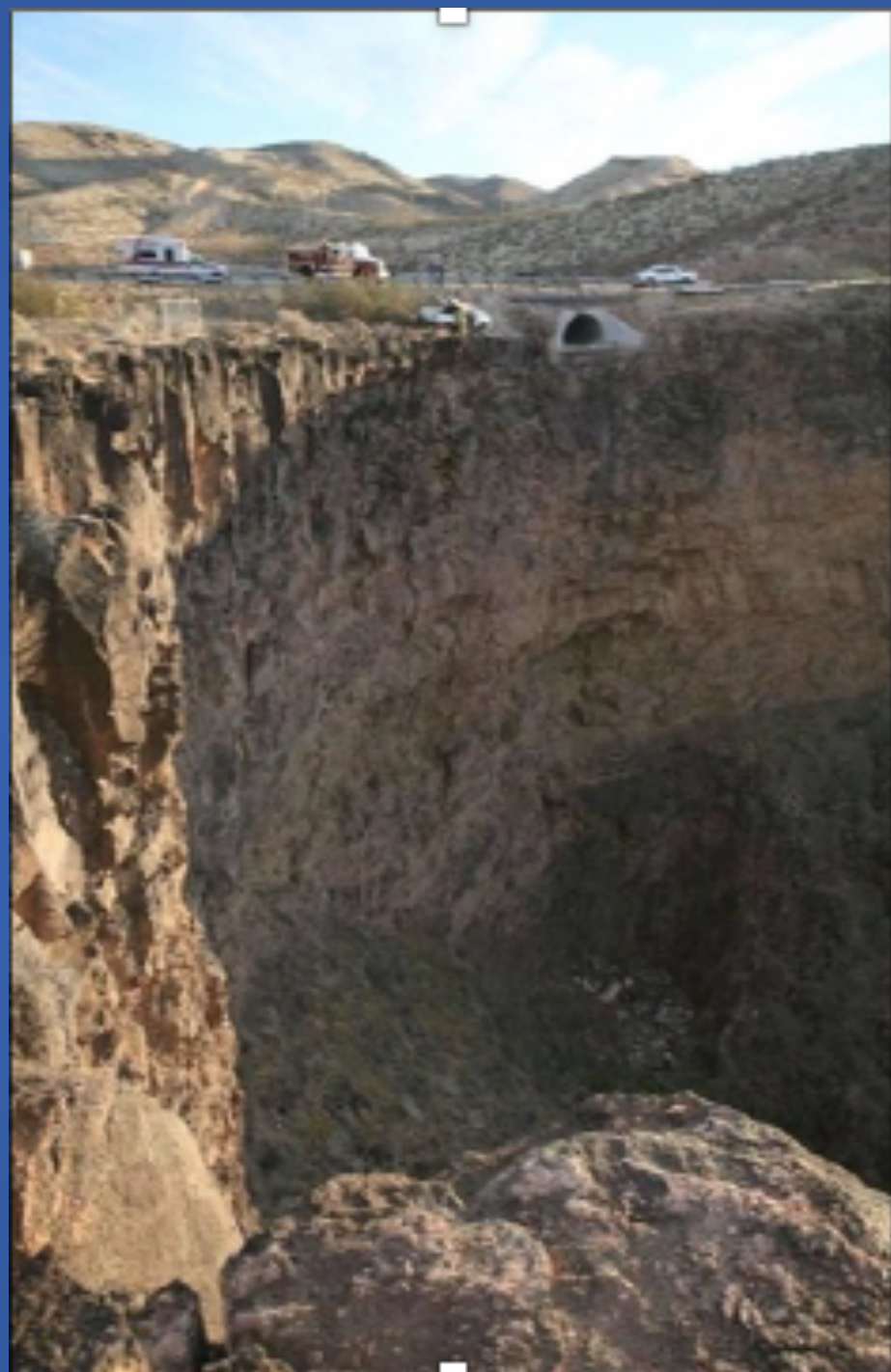
¹⁶ Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, “Let the children come to me. **Don't stop them!** For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

Why is the Gospel of Grace, so important?



We Realize, the greater our own sinfulness, the greater His Holiness! The Greater the Cross!



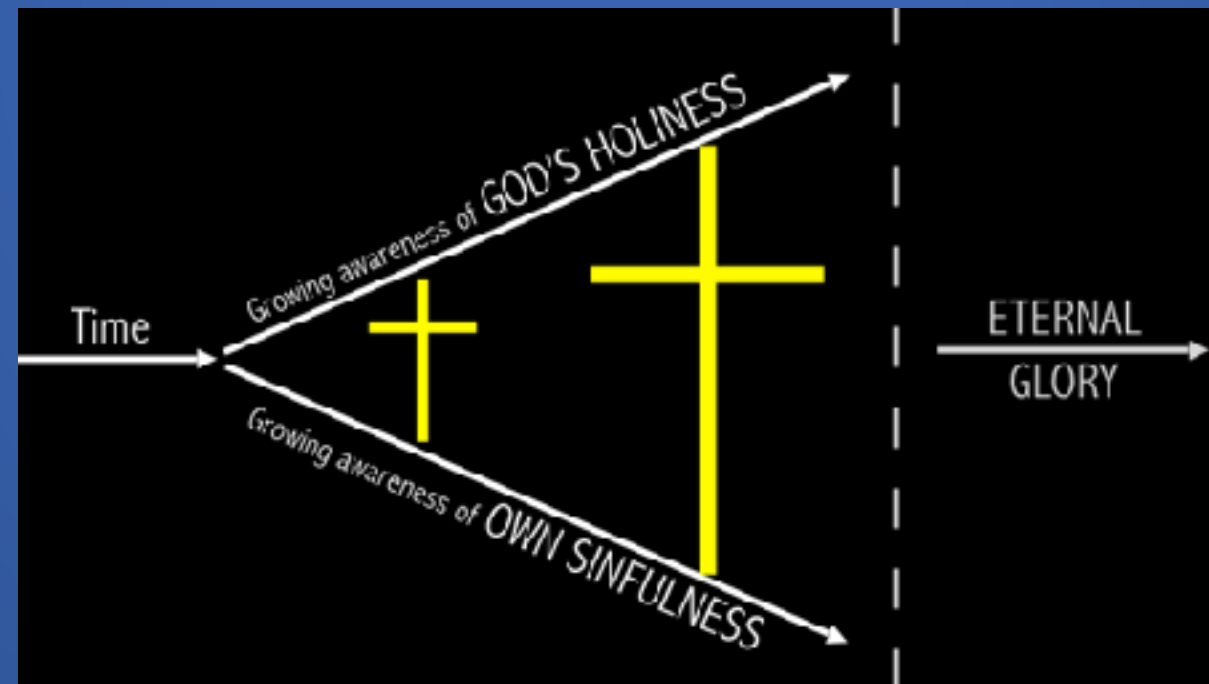




Why is an Eternal perspective so important?

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.



Can you loose your salvation?

JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
NO		NO
		
Redemption	Christ-Likeness	Citizenship
New Birth	Fulness of Life	Resurrected Body
Adoption	Fruitfulness	Rewards
	NO / YES	

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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	Faith	In Him
Poor conscience	Motivation	Love
Self	Commission	God
Full Diary - Fruitless	Result	Faith Journey - Fruitful

Who Are You Living For?

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