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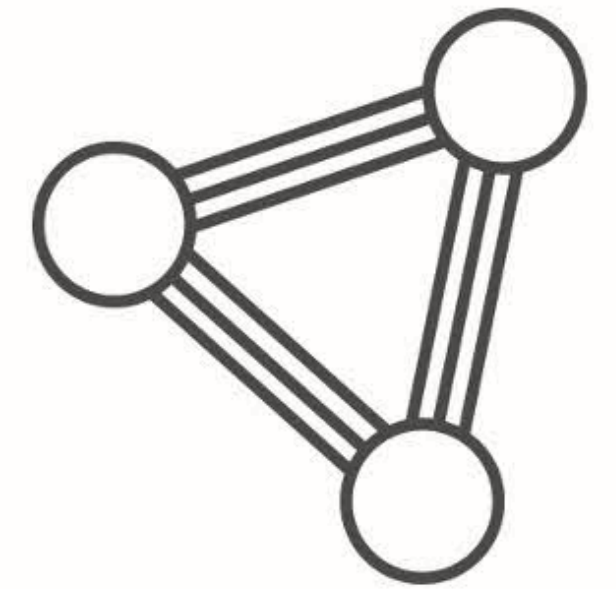
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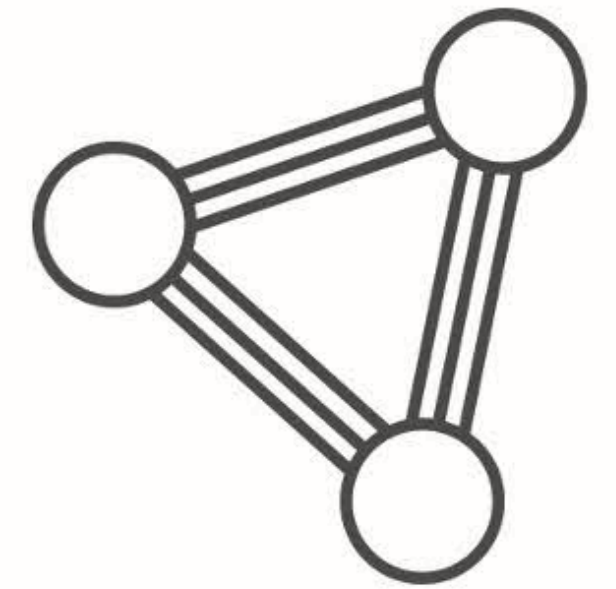
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Lesson 38A: Justification, Sanctification - Part 1A

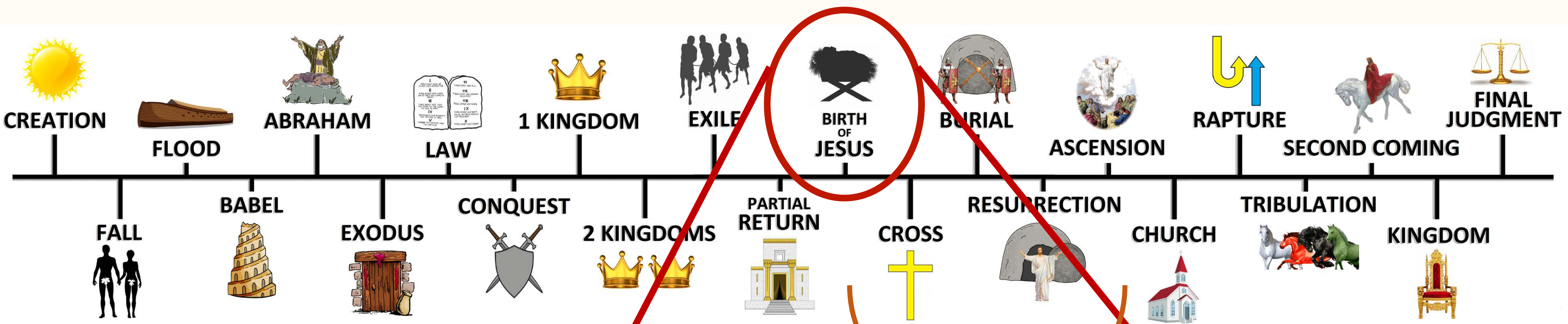
- What does the word “save” mean in the Bible?
- Examples from the OT and the NT
- Understanding the distinctions between three stages of “salvation”
- What is “justification?”
- How does justification differ from “sanctification?”

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Lesson 38B: Justification, Sanctification - Part 1A

- Saved from the POWER of sin: sanctification
- What happens to our sin nature when we are saved?
- What IS sanctification?
- What to do in the ongoing battle with our sin nature
- Examples of “saved” from the power of sin
- What about the person who never shows any spiritual growth?



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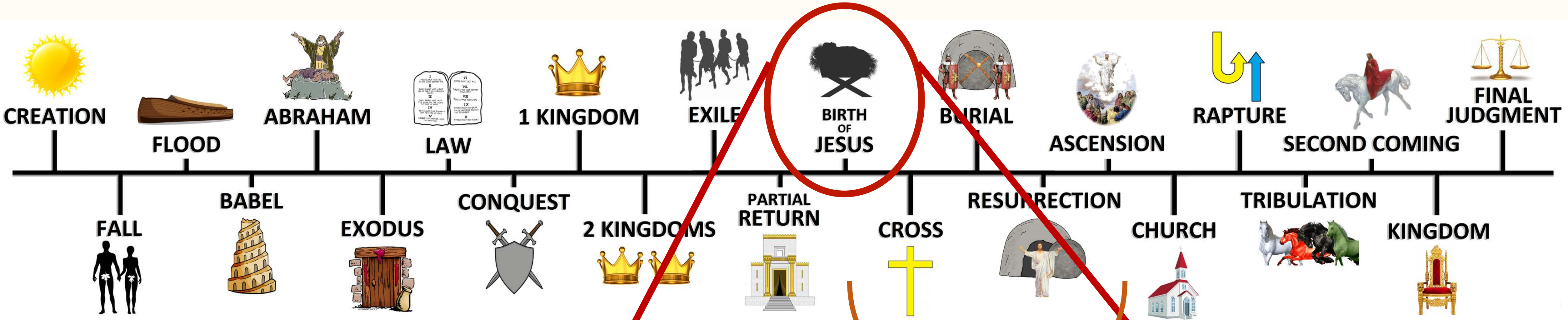
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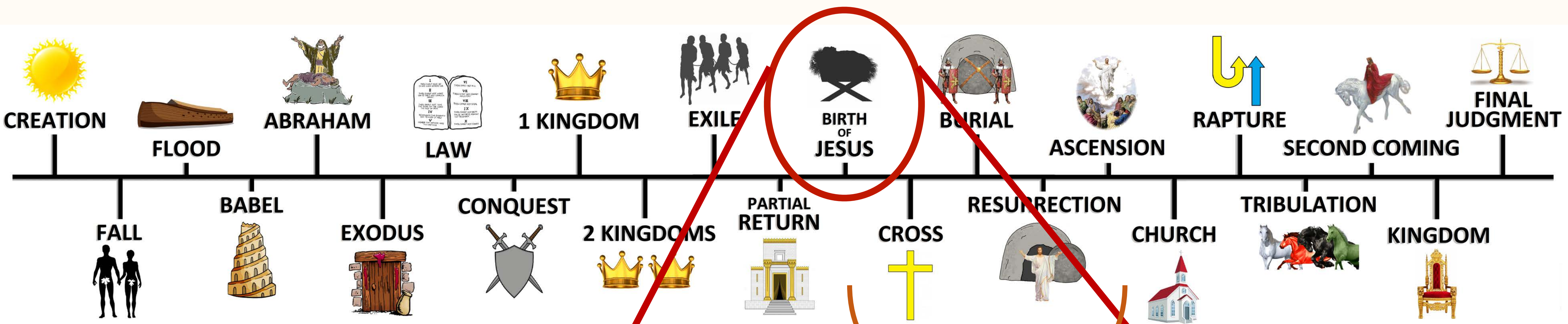
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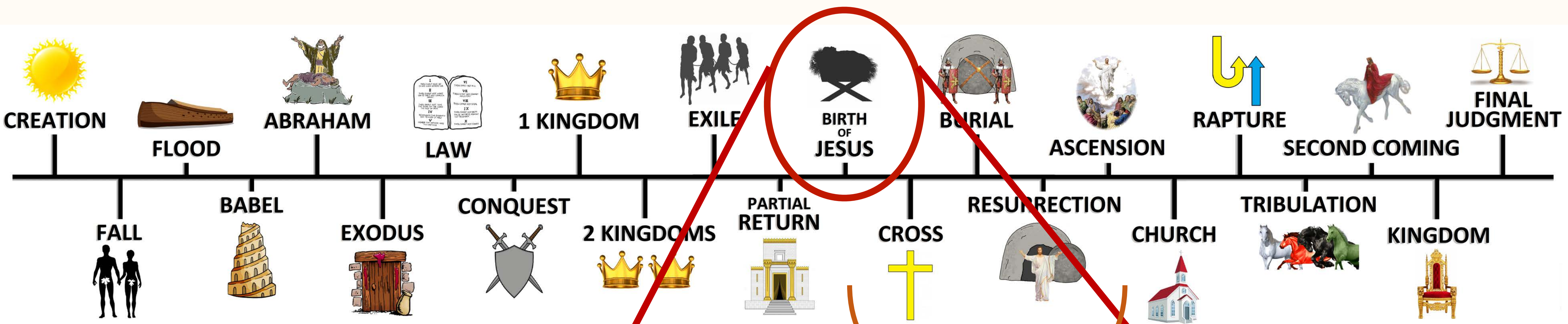
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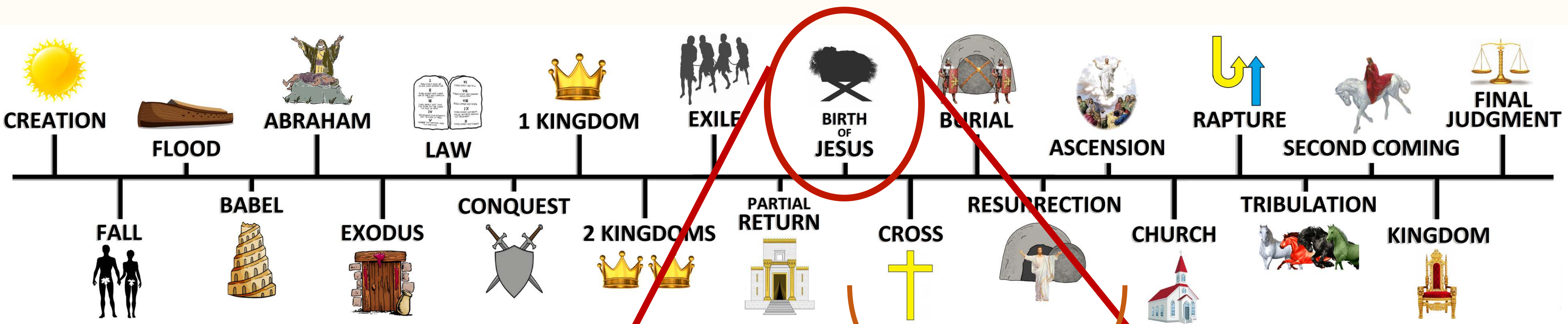
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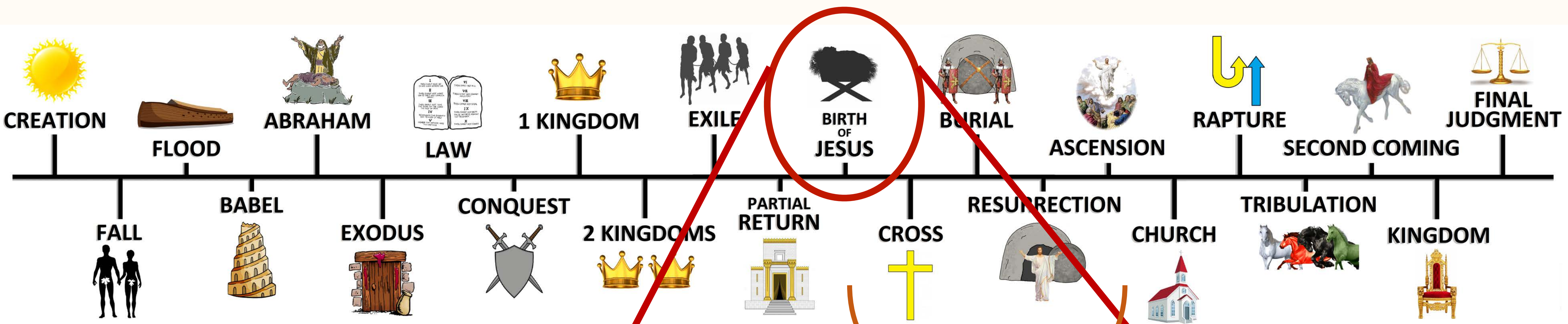
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To be declared “legally righteous”



God, the perfect righteous Judge, made a judgment in His heavenly courtroom and declared that those who put their faith in Jesus are righteous because He has applied Jesus' perfect righteousness onto them.

God's decision on this is final, cannot be undone and there is no higher court to overturn this ruling.

1

Justification

Should lead to

2

Sanctification



2. Saved From the Power of Sin: Sanctification

a. What actually happens after we put our faith in Jesus?



**GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN US**

We cannot sin



**OUR SIN NATURE
IN US**

We continue to sin

1 Cor. 6:19, “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

1 Cor. 6:20, “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

**1 John 3:9, “Whoever has been born of God does not sin,
for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he
has been born of God.”**

Rom. 7:18, “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

Rom. 7:19, “For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

Rom. 7:20, “Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Rom. 7:21, “I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

Rom. 7:22, “For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

Rom. 7:23, “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”

Rom. 6:6, “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

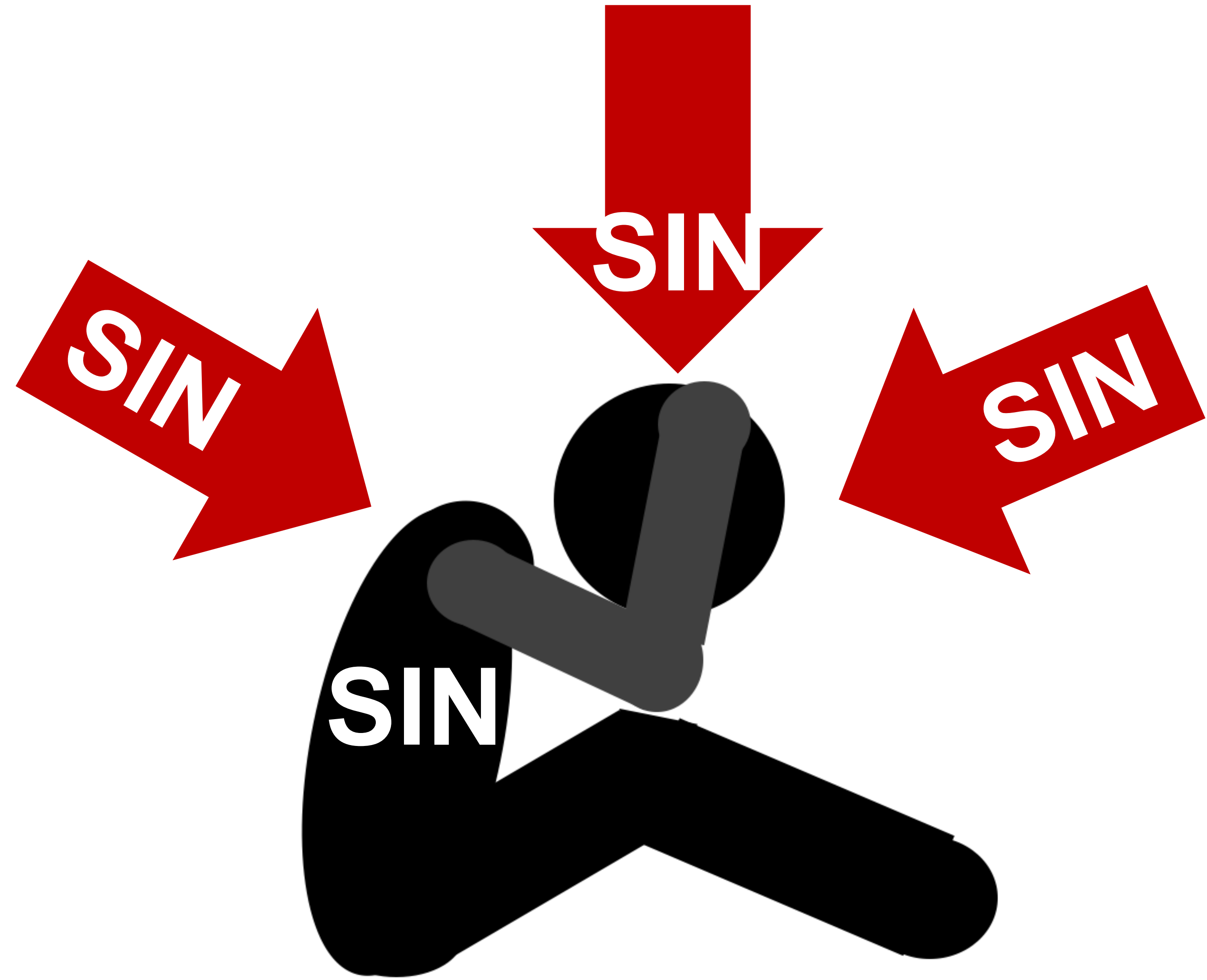
Rom. 6:7, “For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

Rom. 6:11, “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 6:12, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Rom. 6:13, “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

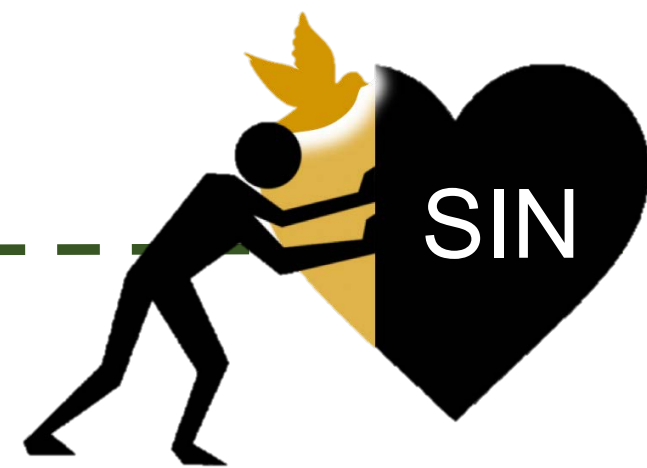
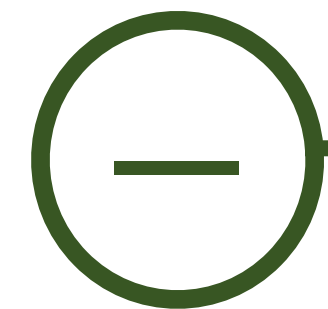
Rom. 6:14, “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”



b. What is sanctification?

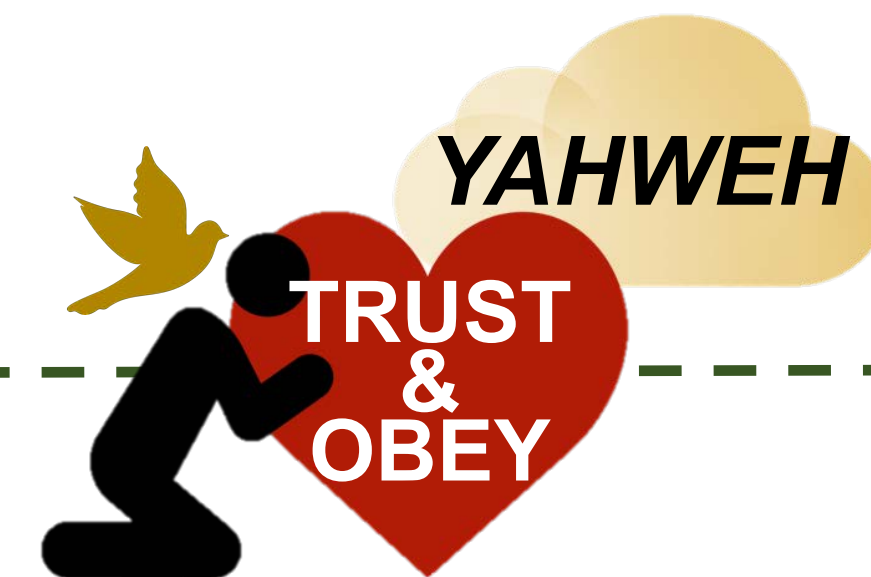
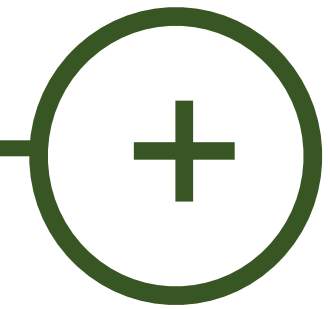
God sanctifies believers and saves us from the power of sin in our lives

**Believers struggling
with sin in their lives**



**God wants to get rid of
the power of sin in us.**

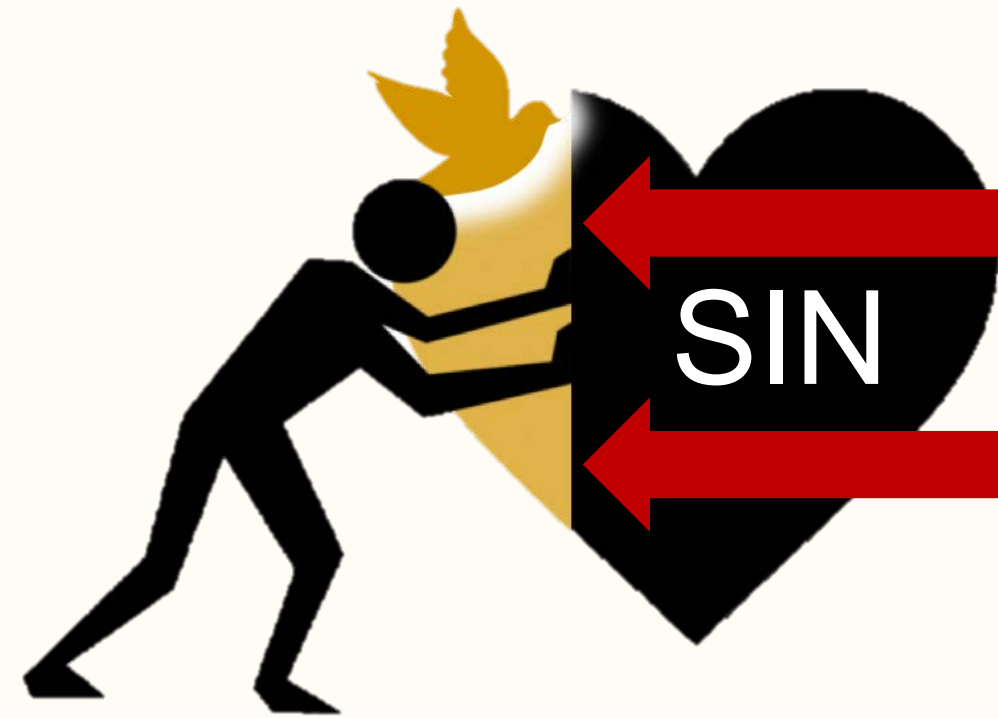
**Believers who are
loyal to God**



**God wants to build our trust
and obedience toward Him.**

**i. Battling our sinful flesh and pushing it out of our lives
so that sin has no power over us.**

sinful flesh



John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

John 14:17, “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

ii. Building our loyalty to God and our obedience to Him.

**Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,**

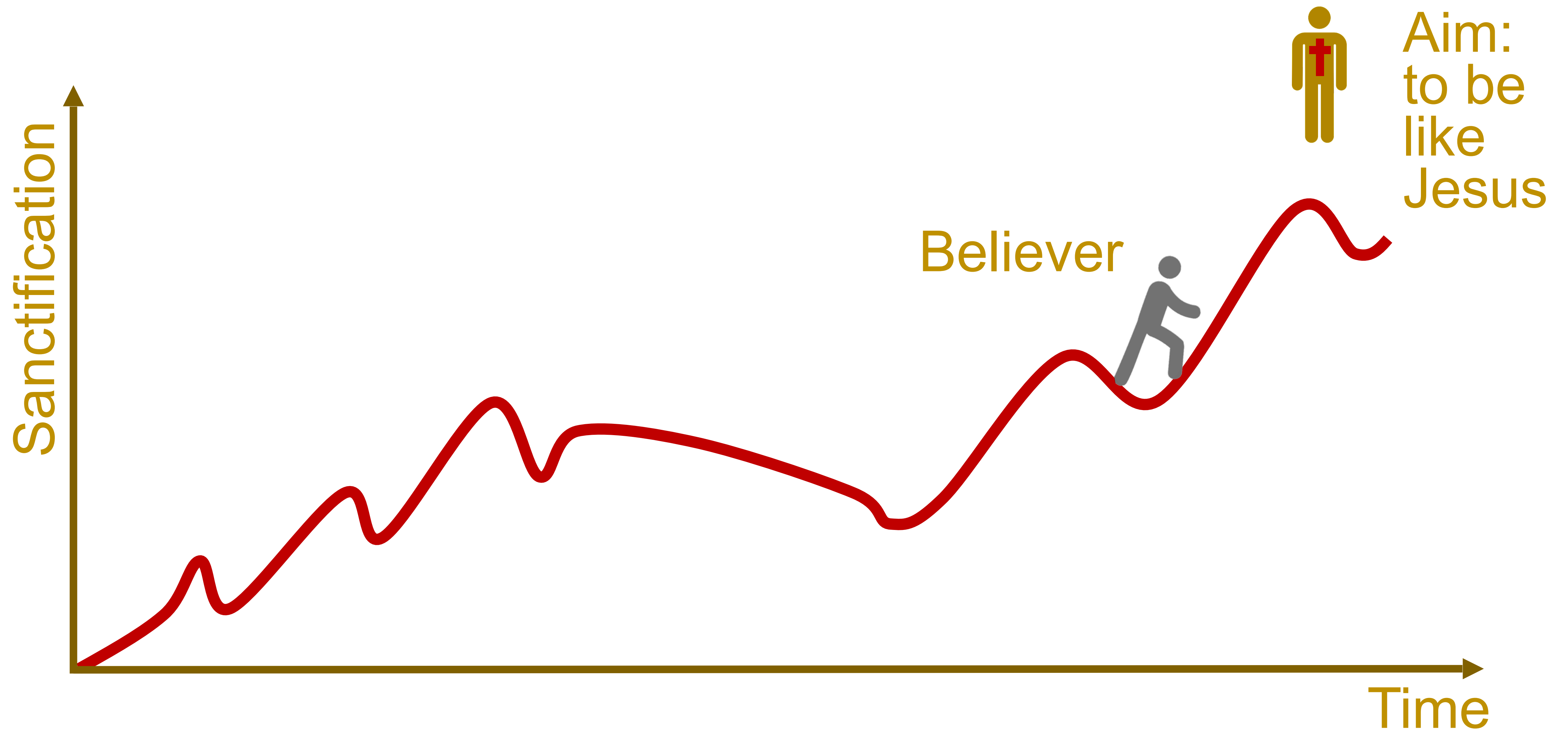
Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand
that we should walk in them.”**

Rom. 8:29, “For God knew His own before creation, and also ordained that they should be spiritually shaped in the character of His Son, that He might be the first-born among a large family of brothers; and it is these, so appointed beforehand, whom He has also called. ...”
[Rom. 8:28–29, ~RD]

c. How long does our sanctification journey go on for?

2 Cor. 3:18, “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”



Col. 3:8, “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

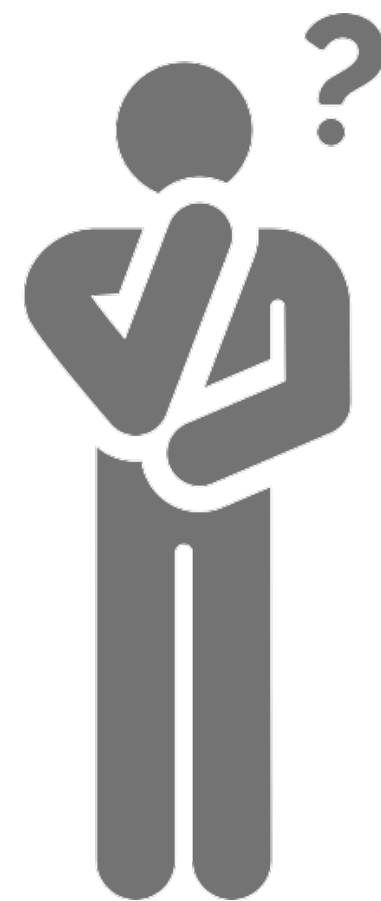
Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.”

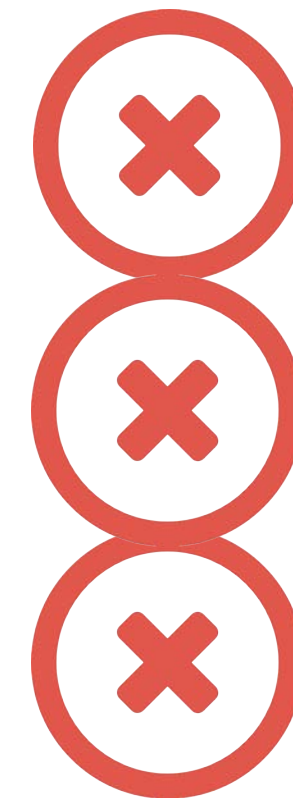


Obey God

new nature



CHOICE



Disobey God

sinful nature

Php. 3:12, “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Php. 3:13, “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Php. 3:14, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Examples of “saved” from the power of sin (sanctified)

Php. 2:12, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Php. 2:13, “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

1 Tim. 4:14, “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

1 Tim. 4:15, “Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

1 Tim. 4:16, “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”



1 Tim. 2:15, “Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.”

3. More Confusion between Justification and Sanctification

Question: If we think that a person is showing no sanctification or spiritual growth in their life, does it mean the person is actually not saved?

Answer: Not necessarily.

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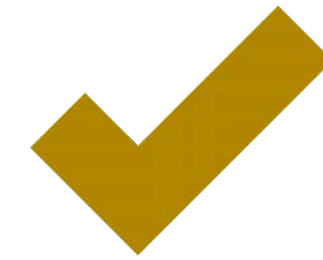


Justified heart

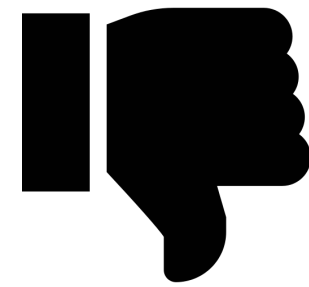


Good actions

This is the ideal situation.
This pleases God.



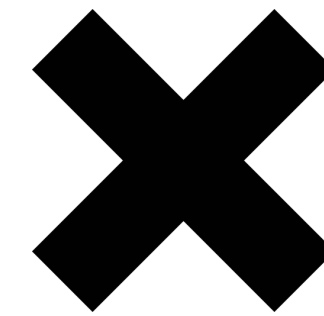
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Unjustified heart

bad actions

This is logical because
mankind's sin nature attracts
all man toward sinful actions.



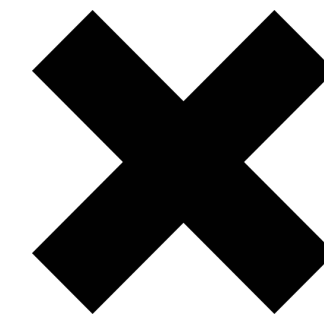
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Unjustified heart

Good actions

This is possible. The
Pharisees are a picture of this.
But it doesn't please God.



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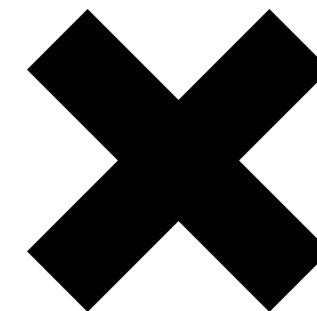


Justified heart



bad actions

This is the most confusing.
Is this person actually
saved? Or not saved?



a. Illustration: The king marries a prostitute.



King

marries



prostitute



Person: Prostitute
Status: Queen (because she married the King)
Behavior: Her behavior is not worthy of a queen

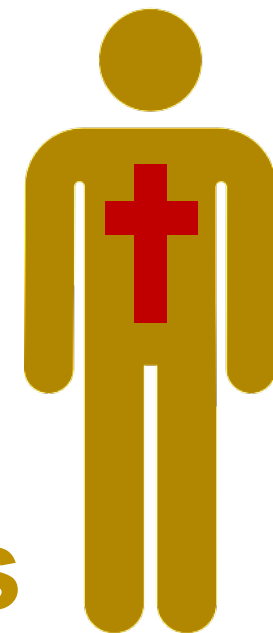


Righteous Jesus

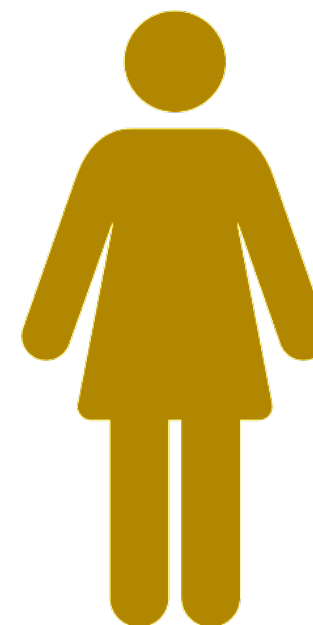
justifies



unrighteous sinner



Jesus



**Righteous
“In Christ”**

Person: **Sinner**

Status: Declared righteous (because of faith in Jesus)

Behavior: Behavior is not worthy of a justified person

Over time ...

Person: Was a prostitute, but no longer
Status: Still the Queen

(her status cannot improve because she is already the queen)



Behavior: Her behavior is more like a queen as she rests in the security of the king's love and learns from him how to be queen

Over time ...

Person: Was "in Adam", but no longer
Status: Still justified

(doesn't become "more" justified)



Behavior: Behavior changes to be more like Jesus (becomes sanctified)

Rom. 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

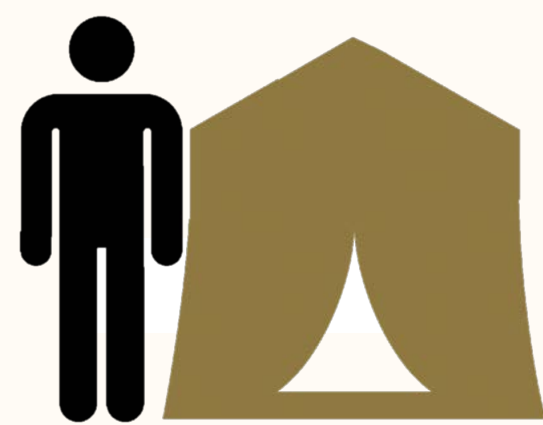
Rom. 8:7, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Rom. 8:8, “So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom. 8:9, “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

- **But is it also possible that they are justified but are slow to show sanctification? Yes.**

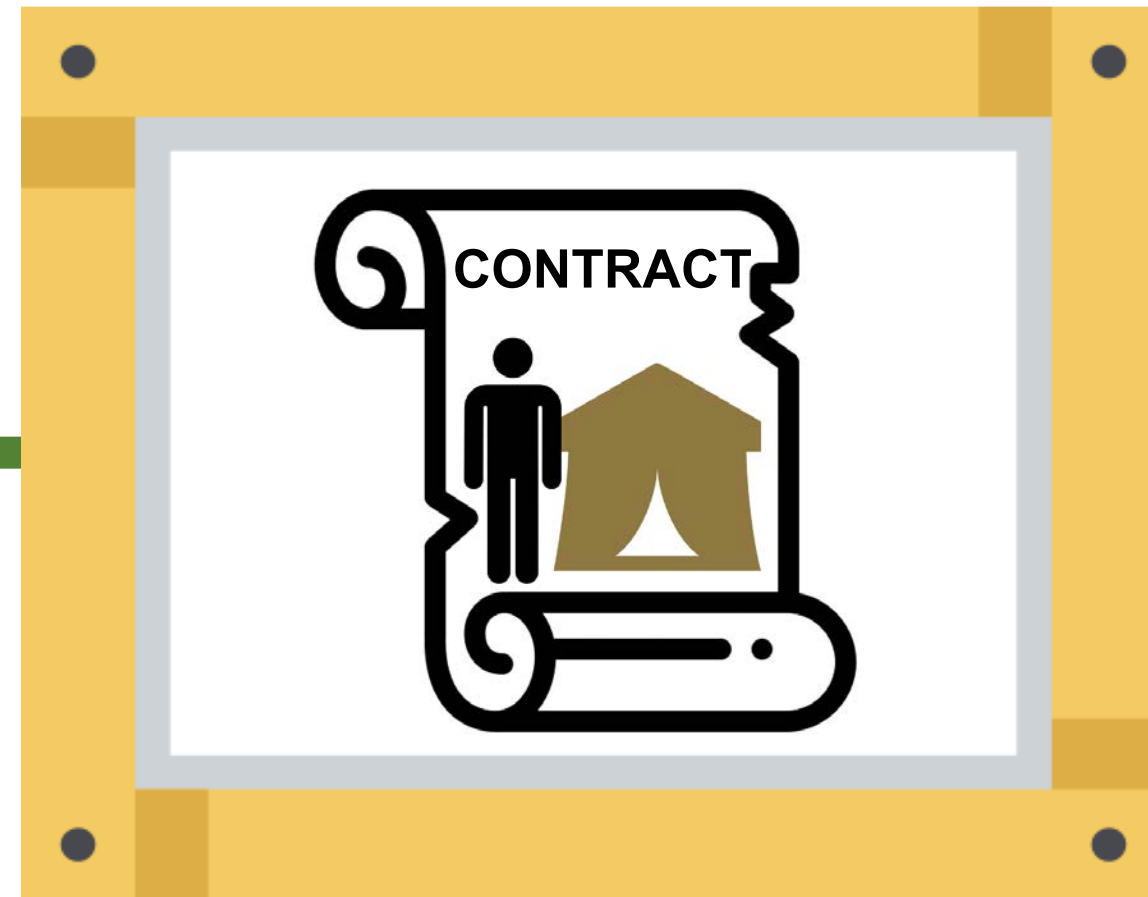
Illustration from the Bible: The nation of Israel



The Nation of Israel



Israel's relationship with God



Unconditional Abrahamic Covenant

A picture of Justification

Abraham believed in God
and was declared
righteous.



Conditional Mosaic Covenant

A picture of Sanctification

God tells Israel how to live
righteously.

Our ongoing sanctification versus our once-for-all-time justification.

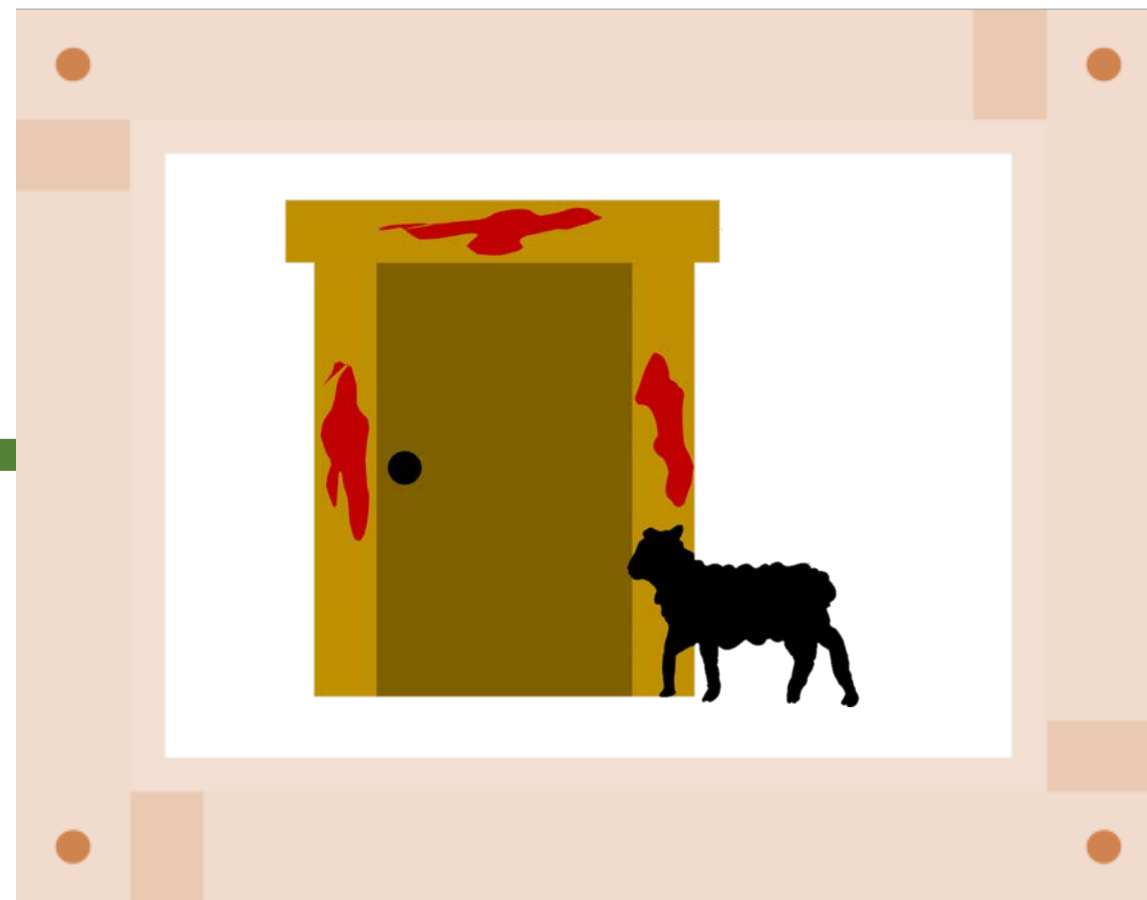
Believers
in Jesus
Christ



The
Nation
of Israel



This happened first ...



ISRAEL'S EXODUS

The Justification Event

... then this happened.



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Beginning of Sanctification

Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

Heb. 12:6, “ ‘For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’

Heb. 12:7, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

1 John 1:9, “But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”

Read Scripture carefully.

Terms like “saved” and “salvation” have different meanings in different contexts.

The Bible talks about Salvation in three ways

1

Justification

Saved from the
PENALTY of Sin



2

Sanctification

Saved from the
POWER of Sin



3

Glorification

Saved from the
PRESENCE of Sin

