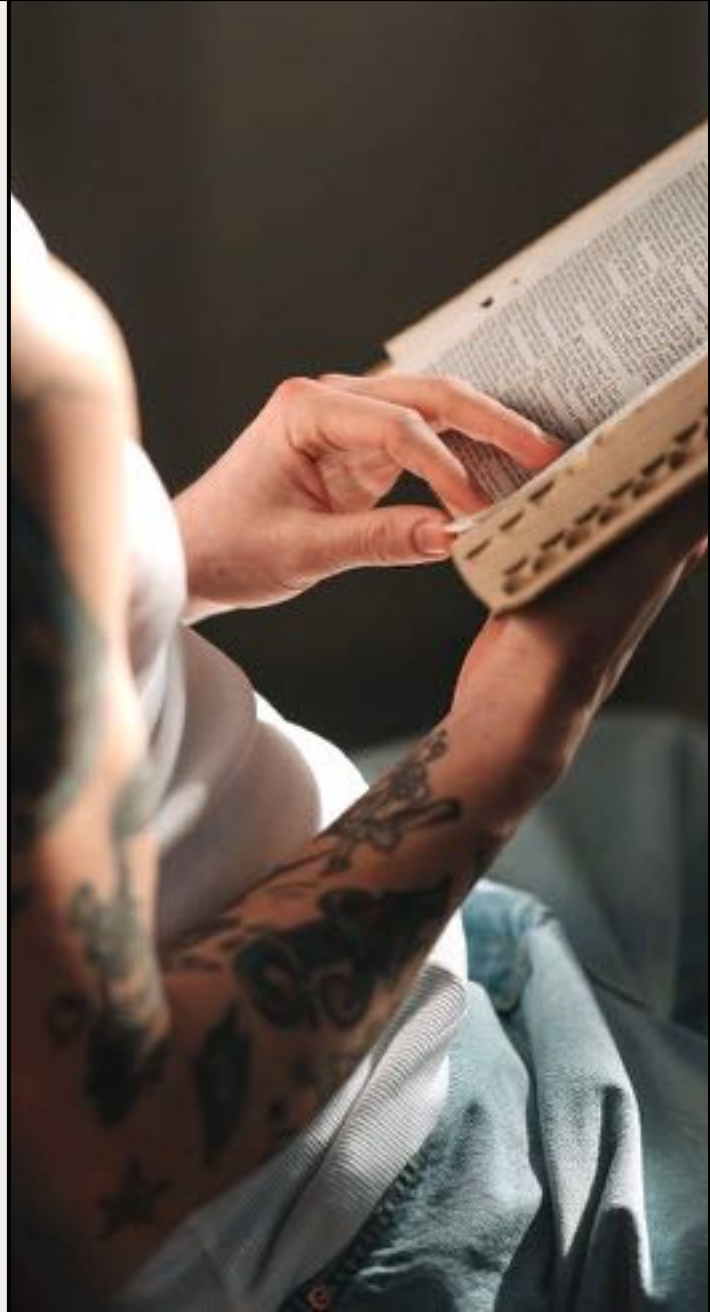




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Sanctification.

1 Cor. 1:1—3

Jn. 17:13—19

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“...we will **grow** to become in every respect the **mature** body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Eph. 4:15



SANCTIFICATION: the work of the Spirit in our lives day by day to make us more like Jesus.



- That gracious operation of the Holy Spirit, involving our responsible participation, by which he
 - delivers us from the pollution of sin,
 - renews our entire nature according to the image of God, and
 - enables us to live lives that are pleasing to him.

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PAST

DEFINITIVE SANCTIFICATION

“I am sanctified”

Occurs when God sets people apart for himself at the moment they become Christians

1 COR. 6:11

PRESENT

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

“I am being sanctified”

Lifelong maturing process to make us more like Jesus

JOHN 17:17

FUTURE

ULTIMATE SANCTIFICATION

“I will be sanctified”

Occurs after death when Christian set apart from sin's presence & possibility

ROM. 8:30

Sanctification:

BE WHO YOU ARE



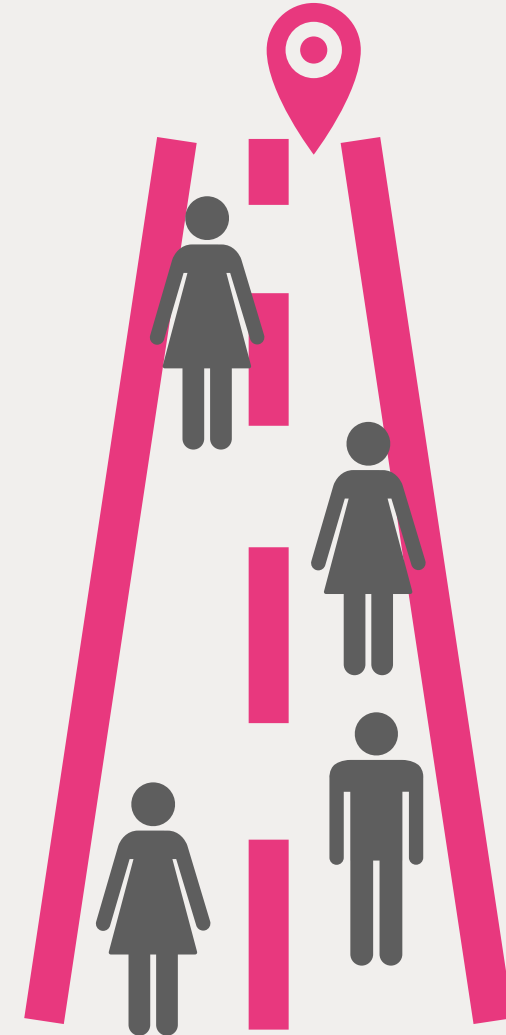
'Live a life worthy of
the calling you have
received.' Eph. 4:1



**“Broad is the road
that leads to **destruction**...”**



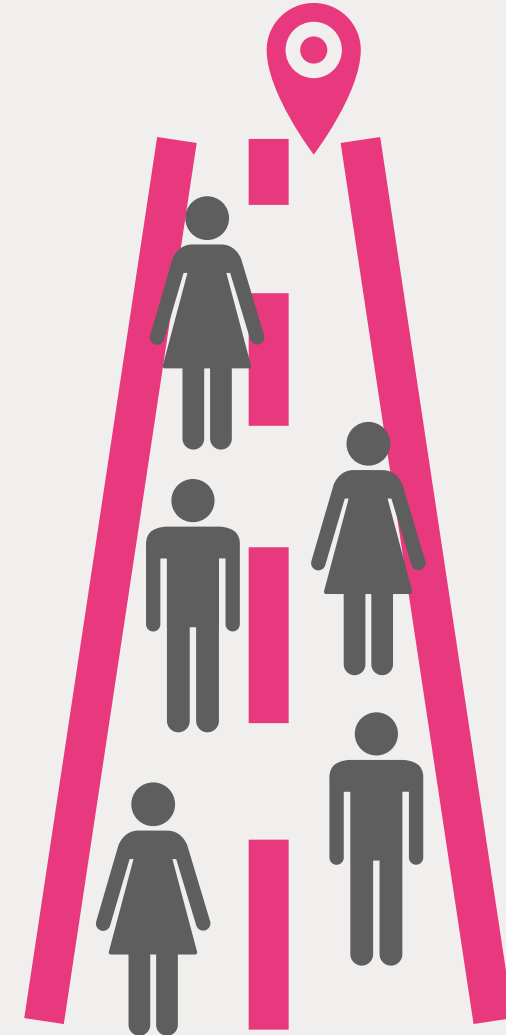
**...narrow the road
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2 Corinthians 7:1



“¹ Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

Ephesians 4:1—3



“¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12

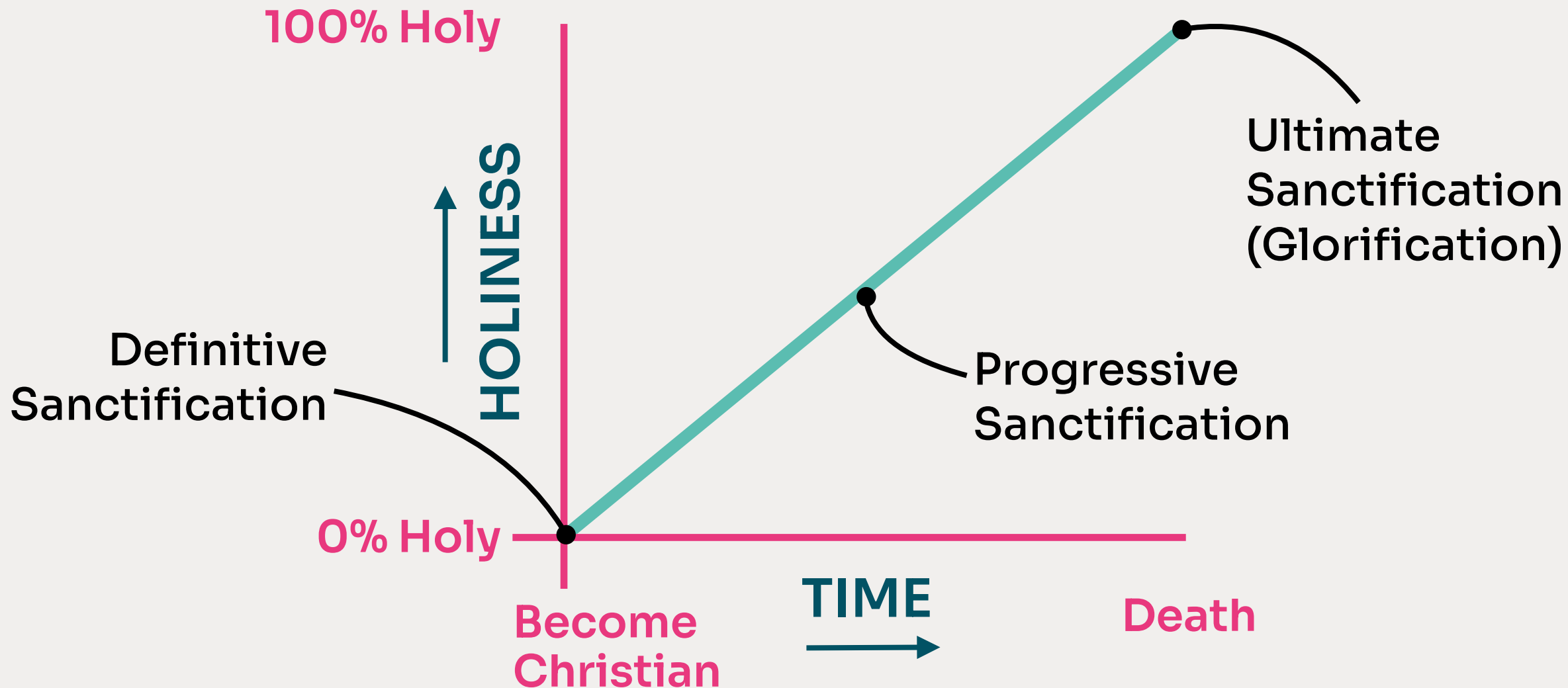


“**12** May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.”

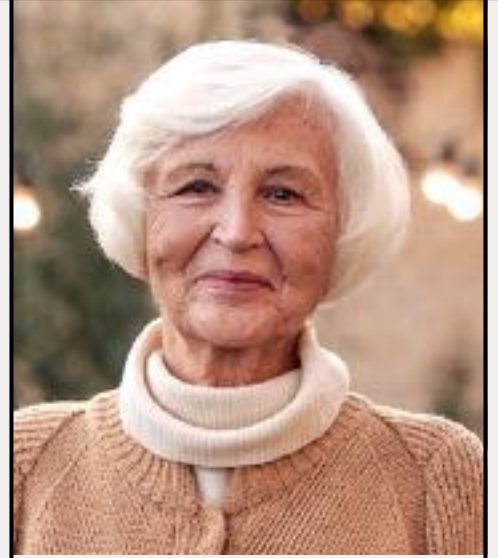
2 Peter 3:18



“**18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.”



Things we can
do which will
sanctify us



OUR ROLE IN PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

Thing we can do which will
sanctify us

READ THE BIBLE



**John
17:17**

"Sanctify them by the
truth; your word is truth."



Things we can do which
will sanctify us

FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH / LIFEGROUPS /
PRAYING WITH SOMEONE /
STUDYING BIBLE WITH
SOMEONE / MEALS /
HOSPITALITY / ETC.





A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

SABBATH / FASTING /
SOLITUDE / SLOW
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LISTENING / WORSHIP

Things we can do
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■ Unless we're actively choosing to resist it, the natural rhythm of life in the smartphone era is to be [connected] constantly. In almost all of the gaps in our lives, if our phone is within reach, we reach for it. We start scrolling. We're conditioned. The result? Every last vestige of our lives is being colonised by content. It's not doing our souls any good.

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Author





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HOLY SPIRIT

Things we can do which
will sanctify us



WE ACCESS THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT
BY CONTINUING TO BELIEVE: GAL. 3:1—5

Galatians 3:1—5



“¹ You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

² I would like to learn just one thing from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?

³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

⁴ Have you experienced so much in vain – if it really was in vain?

⁵ So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?”

Truths about our new identity in Christ:



**KEEP BELIEVING &
REMINDING YOURSELF OF
THESE TRUTHS!**

- ▶ **I'm made in God's image**
- ▶ **I'm redeemed**
- ▶ **I'm forgiven**
- ▶ **I'm justified**
- ▶ **I'm adopted**
- ▶ **I'm accepted**
- ▶ **I'm secure**
- ▶ **I'm significant**

EXTRAS



Things we can
do which will
sanctify us



PODCASTS / BOOKS / BLOGS /
GATHERINGS SUCH AS SPRING
HARVEST / STUDIES SUCH AS
BIBLE PROJECT / SERVING &
VOLUNTEERING / ETC.



What is your
approach to
Sanctification?

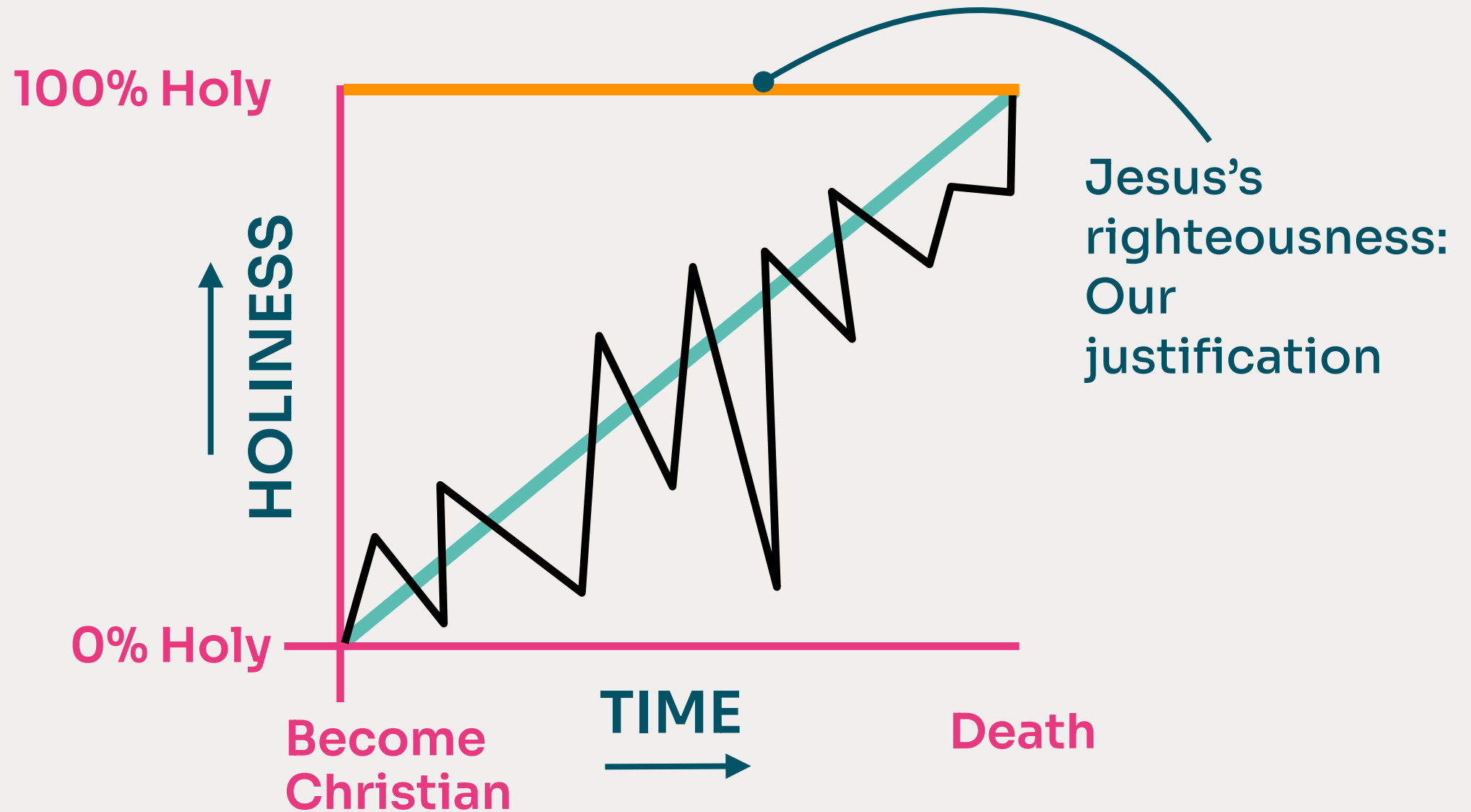
Do you view it as a
burden or a blessing?



Sanctification is good for us!



WHAT IS YOUR APPROACH TO SANCTIFICATION?





Grace: the motivation for Sanctification

“**11** For the **grace** of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

12 It **teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness** and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...”

Titus 2:11—12