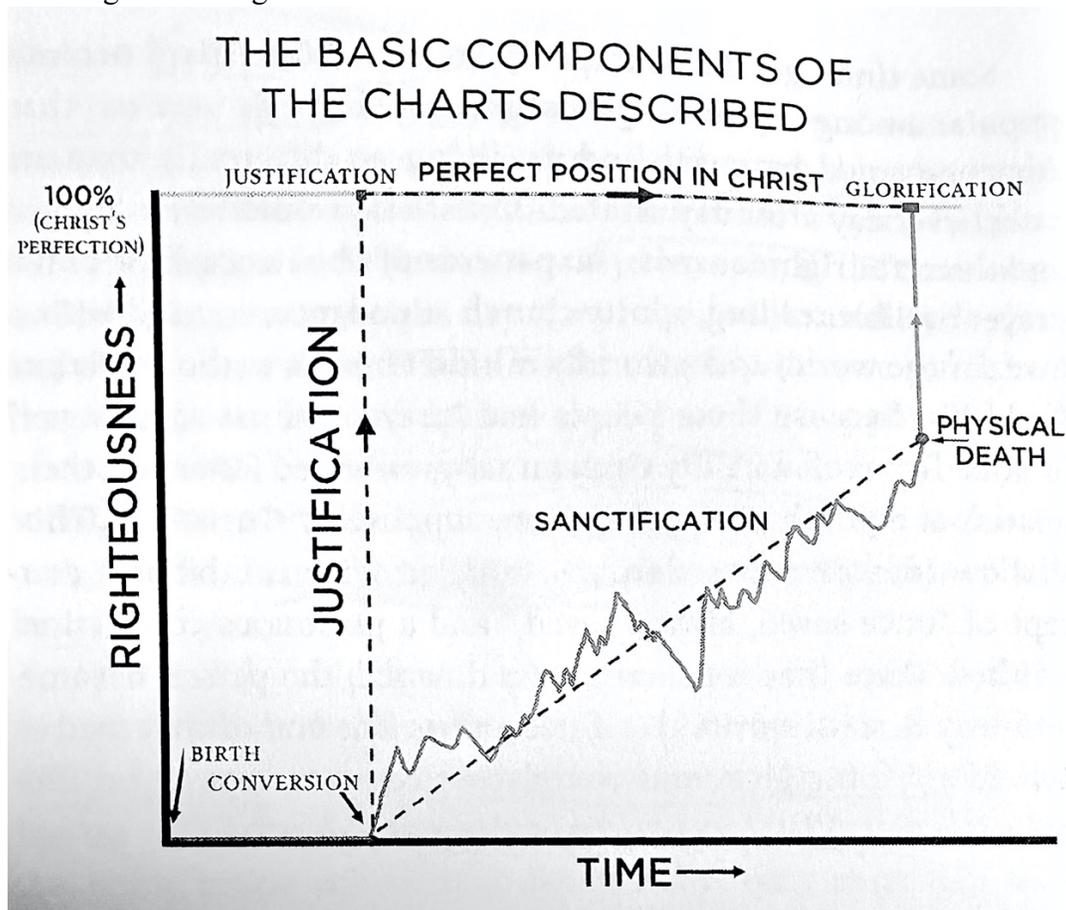


3. Charting Christian growth-

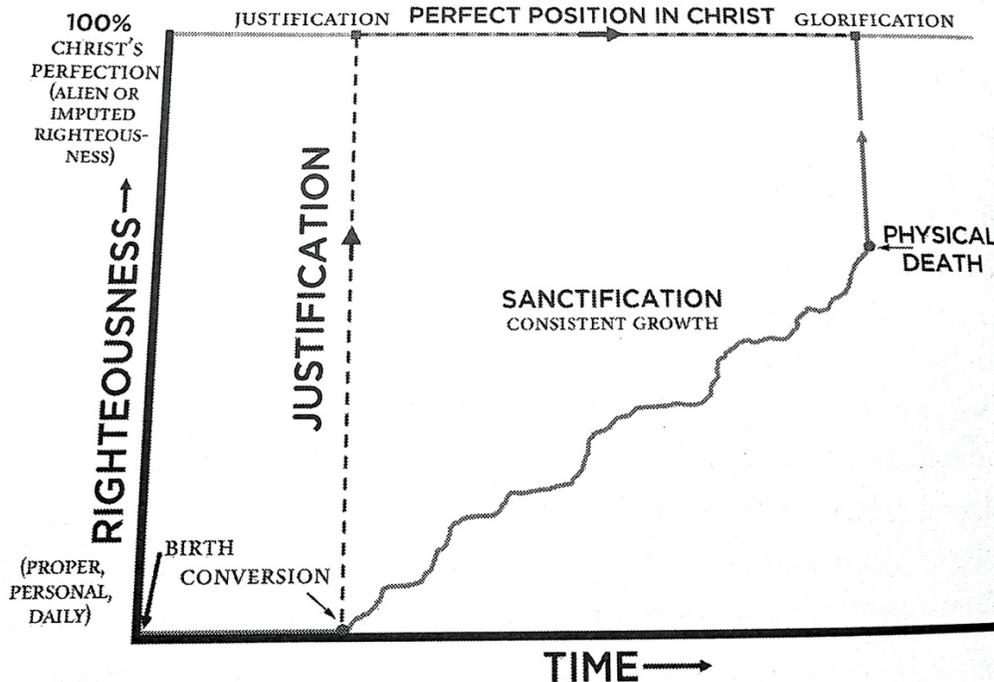


- a. Righteousness Axis (y-axis)
 - i. Two types of righteousness
 1. Imputed righteousness- _____ perfect righteousness given to believers by faith at the moment we are converted (justified). (Philippians 3:9)
 2. Practical righteousness- the everyday _____ obedience through their participation with the Holy Spirit in the believer's life. (Galatians 5:24)
 - ii. The 100% righteousness line- _____ perfect righteousness
 1. Justification by faith alone- (vertical dotted line) By faith in Christ, believers are given Christ's perfect righteousness
 - iii. The progress line- represents a believers daily _____ with practical righteousness

¹ Andrew M. Davis, *An Infinite Journey: Growing Towards Christlikeness* (Greenville, South Carolina: Ambassador International, 2014), 62.

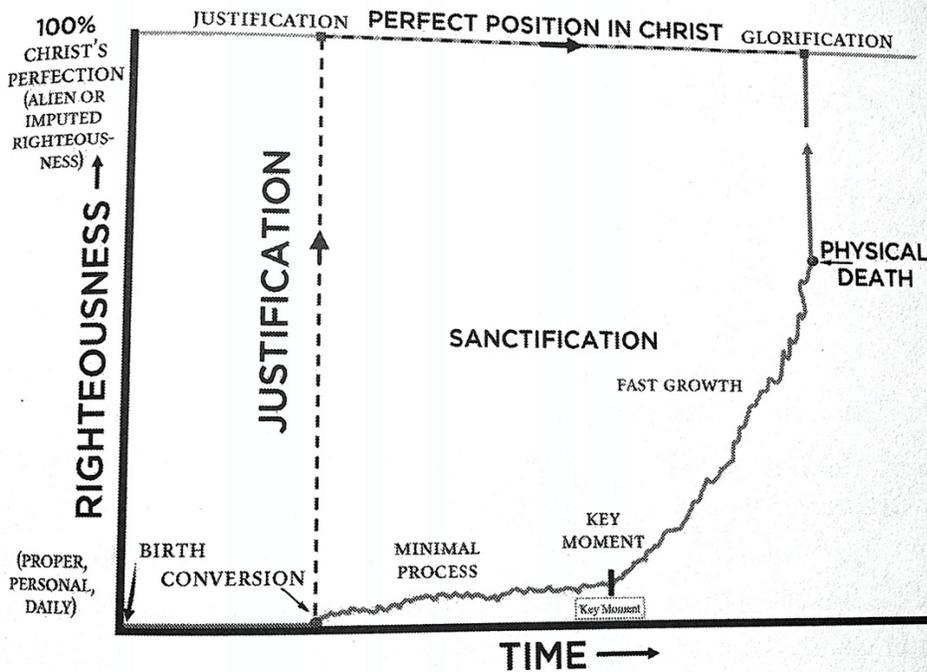
- b. Time Axis (x-axis)
- i. God's Redemptive plan unfolding- time represents _____ to grow in Christ's righteousness by participate with the Holy Spirit.
 1. Hebrews 3:7-8
 2. Hebrews 4:7
 - ii. The line between birth and conversion (salvation)- outside of Christ, man has no good works and has made no progress toward _____. This is illustrated in the flat zero line between birth and new birth in Christ (salvation).
 1. Romans 3:9-19
 2. Romans 14:23
 - iii. Justification- the vertical dotted line communicates that when a believer is saved, Christ's 100% perfect righteousness is given (imputed) to them, giving them a perfect standing before God. Simultaneously, there is a second line (the progress line) that represents the beginning of a life-long journey to make one's daily behavior reflect their perfect standing through Christ.
- c. The fluctuating progress line between justification and death-
- i. Upward Progress- when the line is going up, it represents growth "in the _____ and _____ of...Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).
Philippians 3:14.
 - ii. Downward Disobedience- when the line is going down, it represents a believer's sin and disobedience. Revelation 2:4-5.
 - iii. What should be our goal?
 - iv. What happens if there is no growth? What conclusions can be drawn?
- d. Upon death
- i. Glorification- Upon physical death, a believer's soul is no longer with their physical body, but _____ with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).
 - ii. In that moment, a believer's soul is made instantly perfect, 100% righteous (Hebrews 12:23). This is the condition that believers will spend eternity with God.
4. Different Examples of Christian Growth Curves

1). CONSISTENT ABUNDANT FRUITFULNESS:



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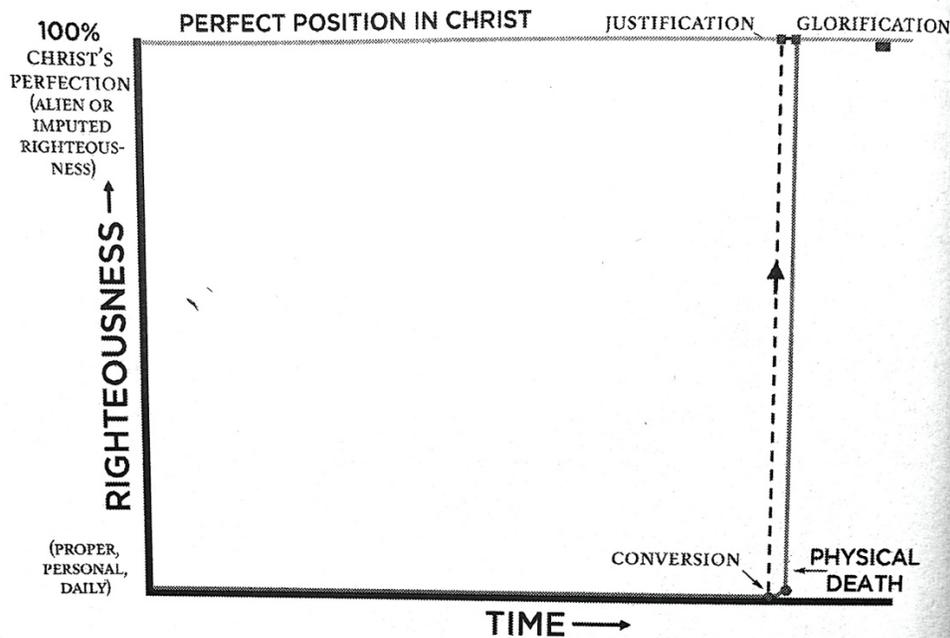


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² Davis, 68.

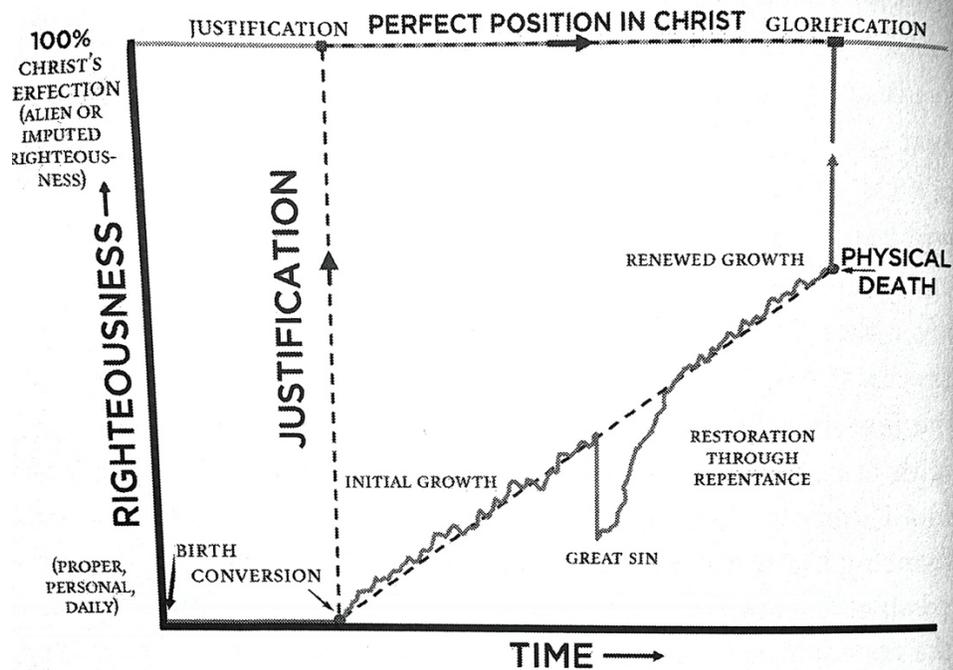
³ Davis, 69.

3). THE THIEF ON THE CROSS:



c.

d). RESTORED FROM GREAT SIN:



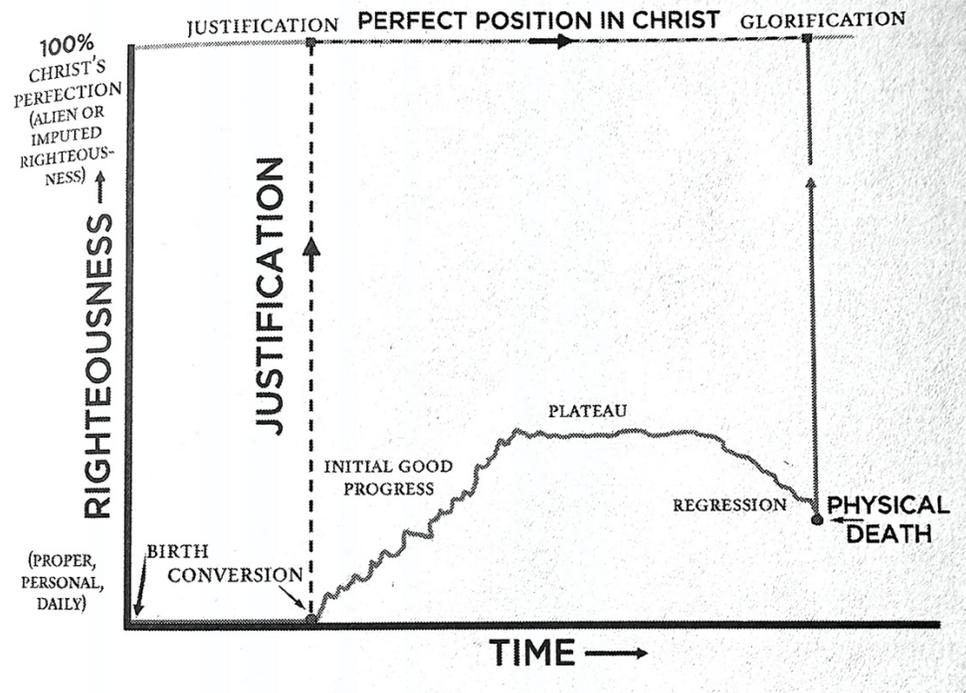
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Like the last chart, here is another...

⁴ Davis, 70.

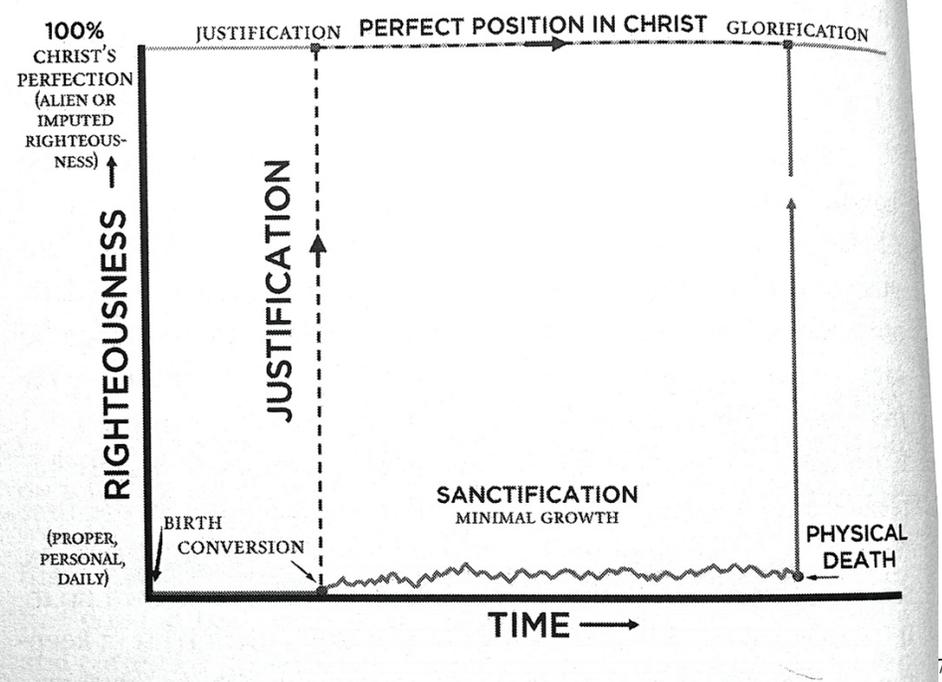
⁵ Davis, 72.

5). FORSAKEN FIRST LOVE:



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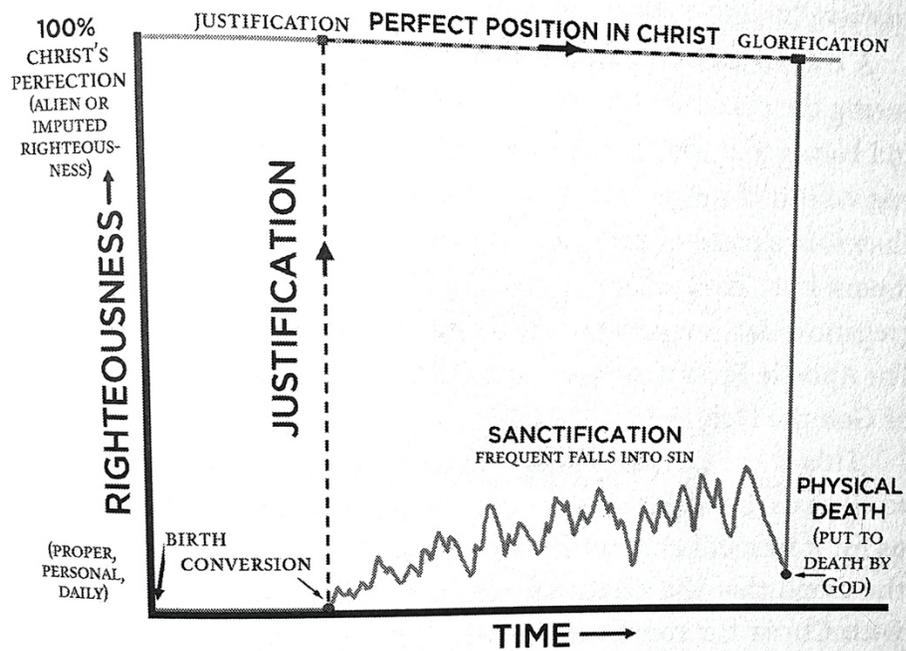
6). MIRED IN MEDIOCRITY:



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⁶ Davis, 73.
⁷ Davis 76.

7). ULTIMATE DISCIPLINE FOR SIN:



g.

5. Drawing our own curve- Take 15 minutes to draw a growth curve for your life. Try to include the same principles and elements from the above diagrams. Then take a few minutes to discuss them with others in your small groups.