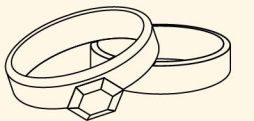




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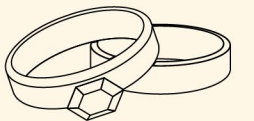


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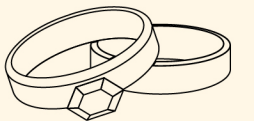
¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.



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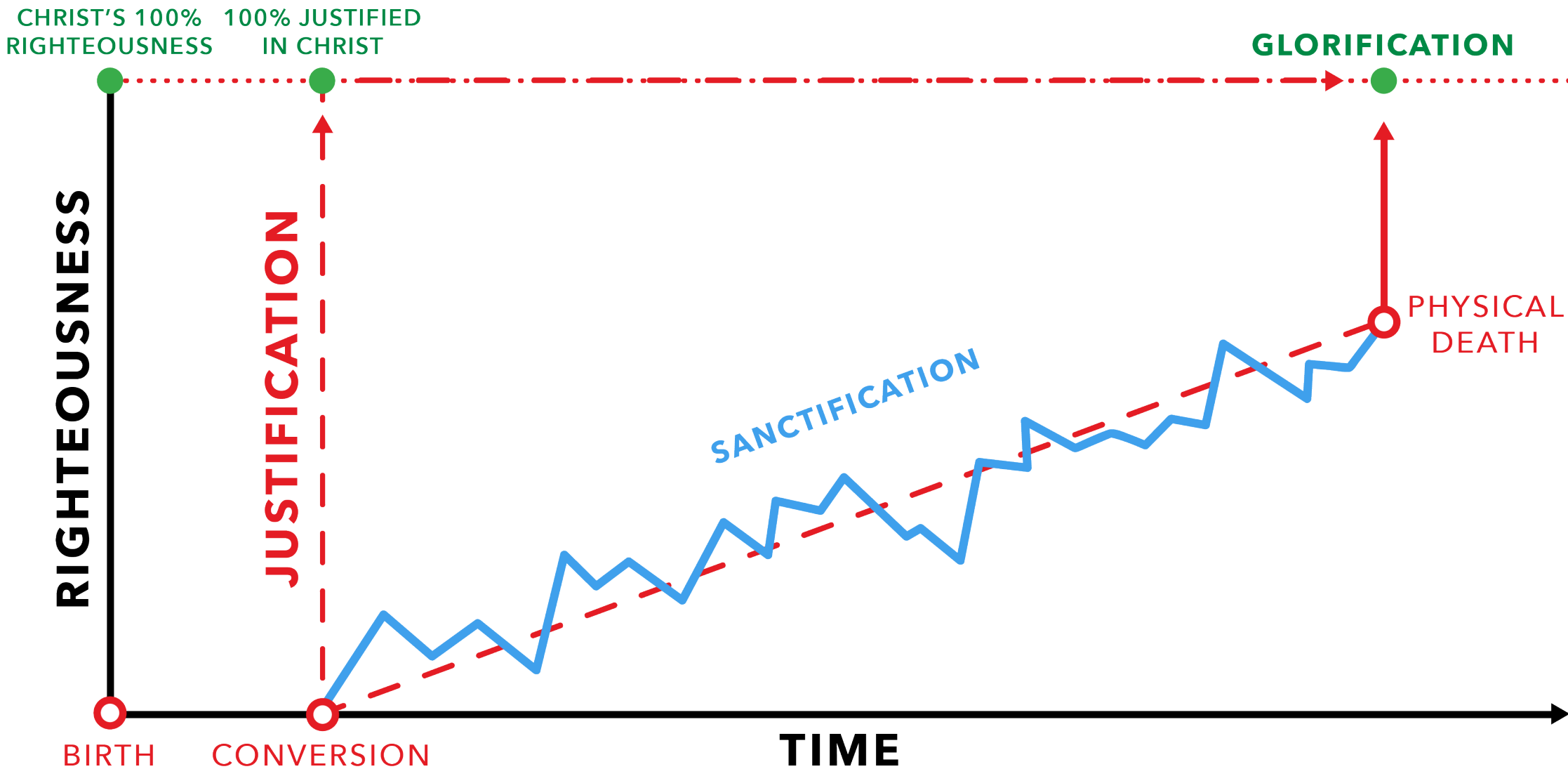


CHRISTIAN GROWTH CHART



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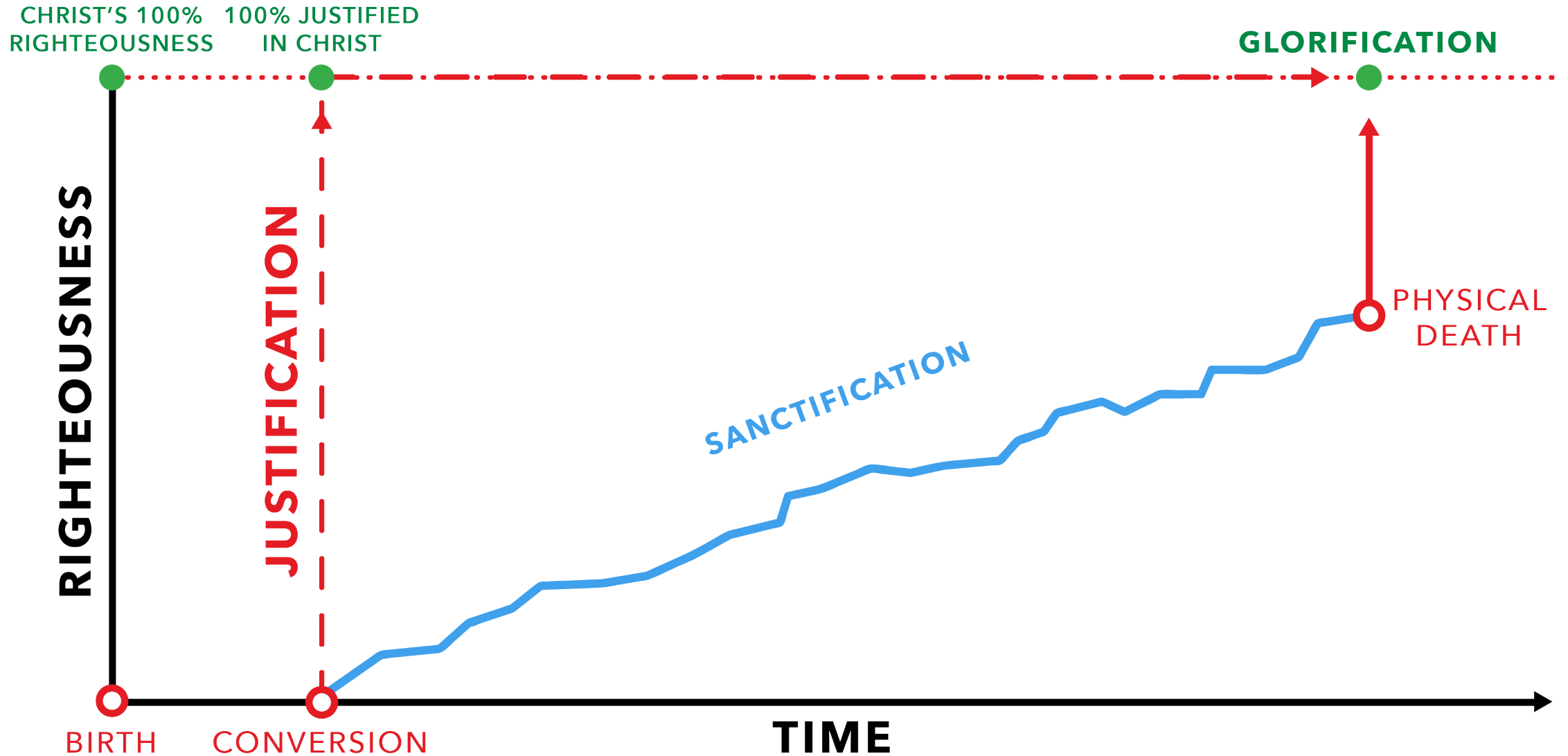
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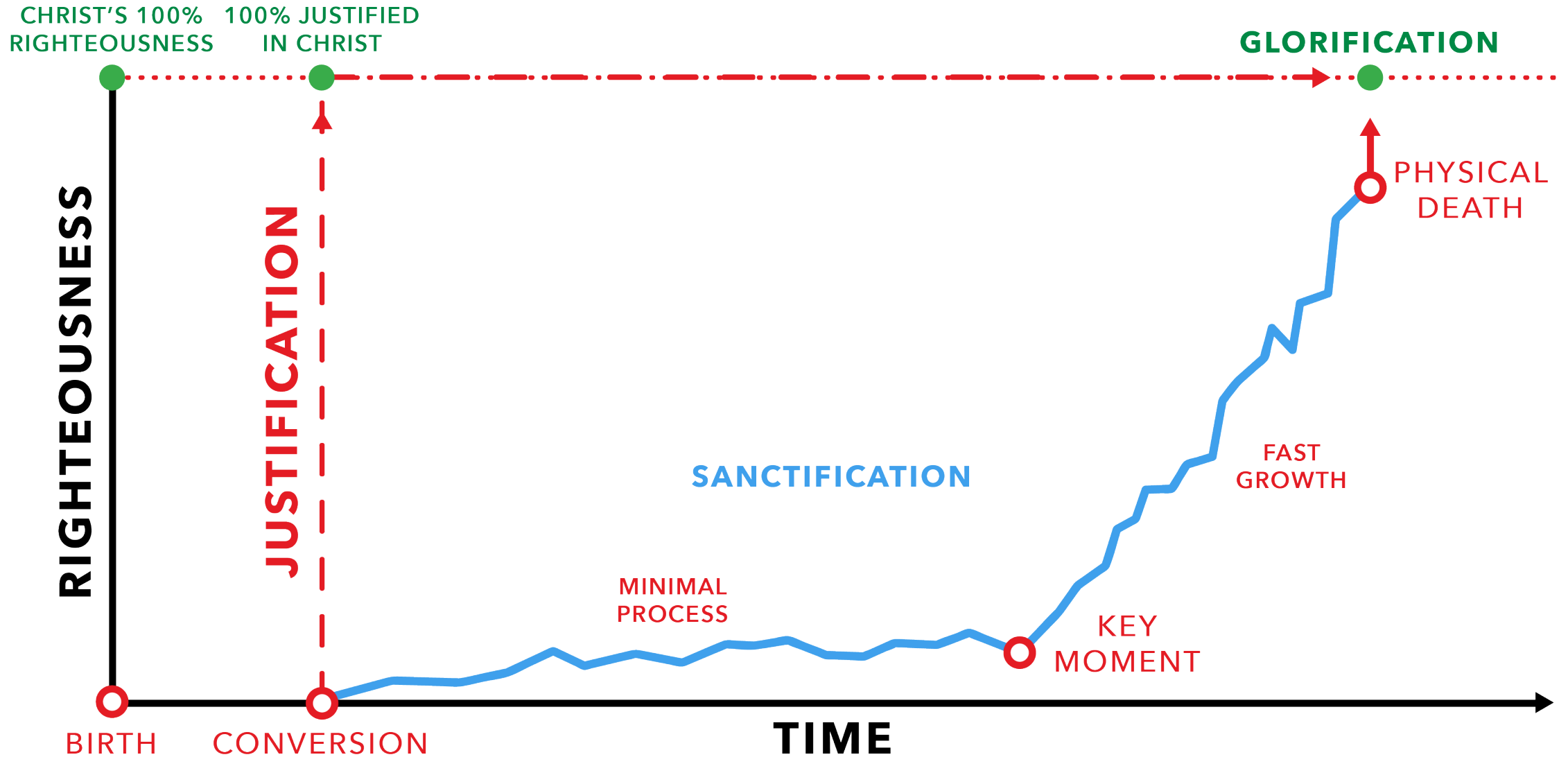
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CHRIST'S 100%
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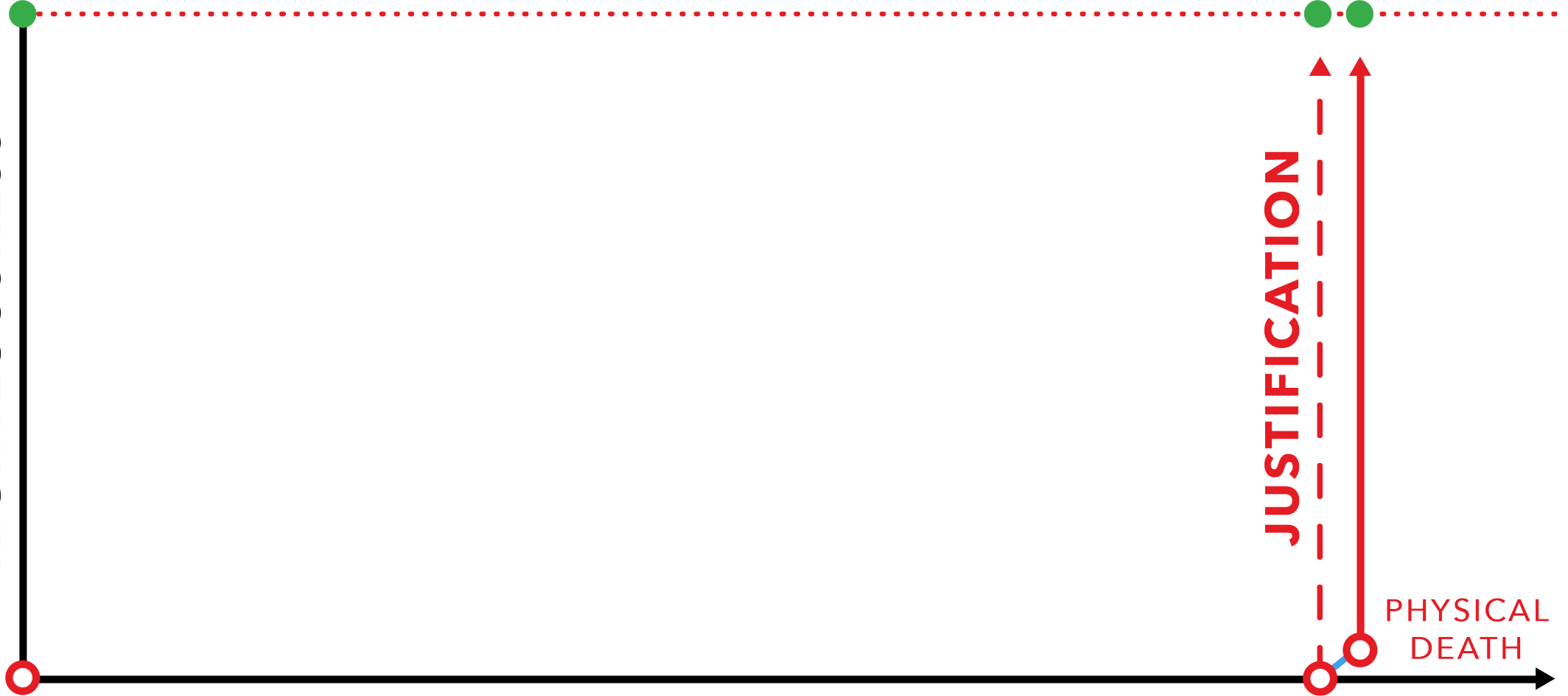
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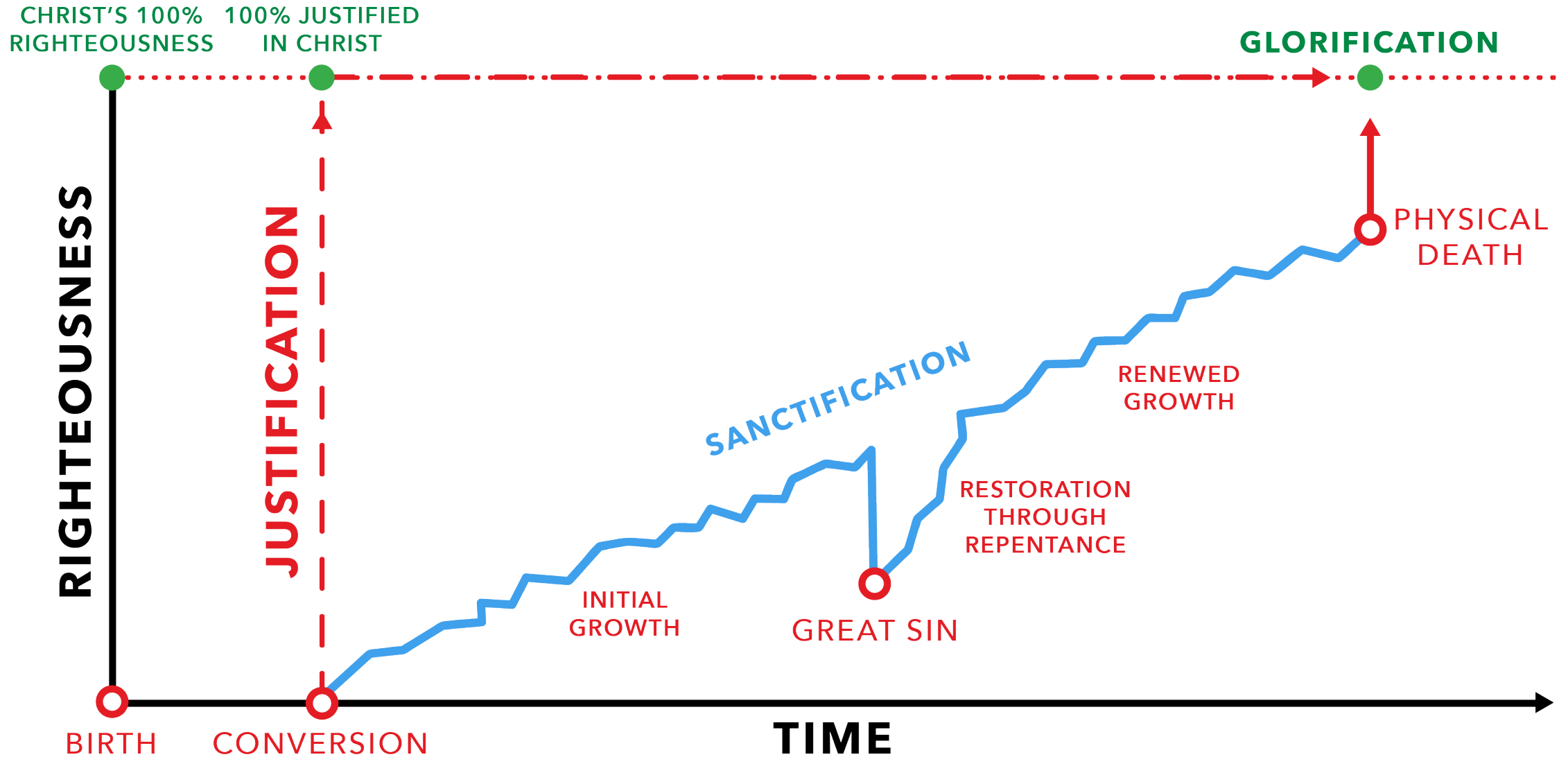
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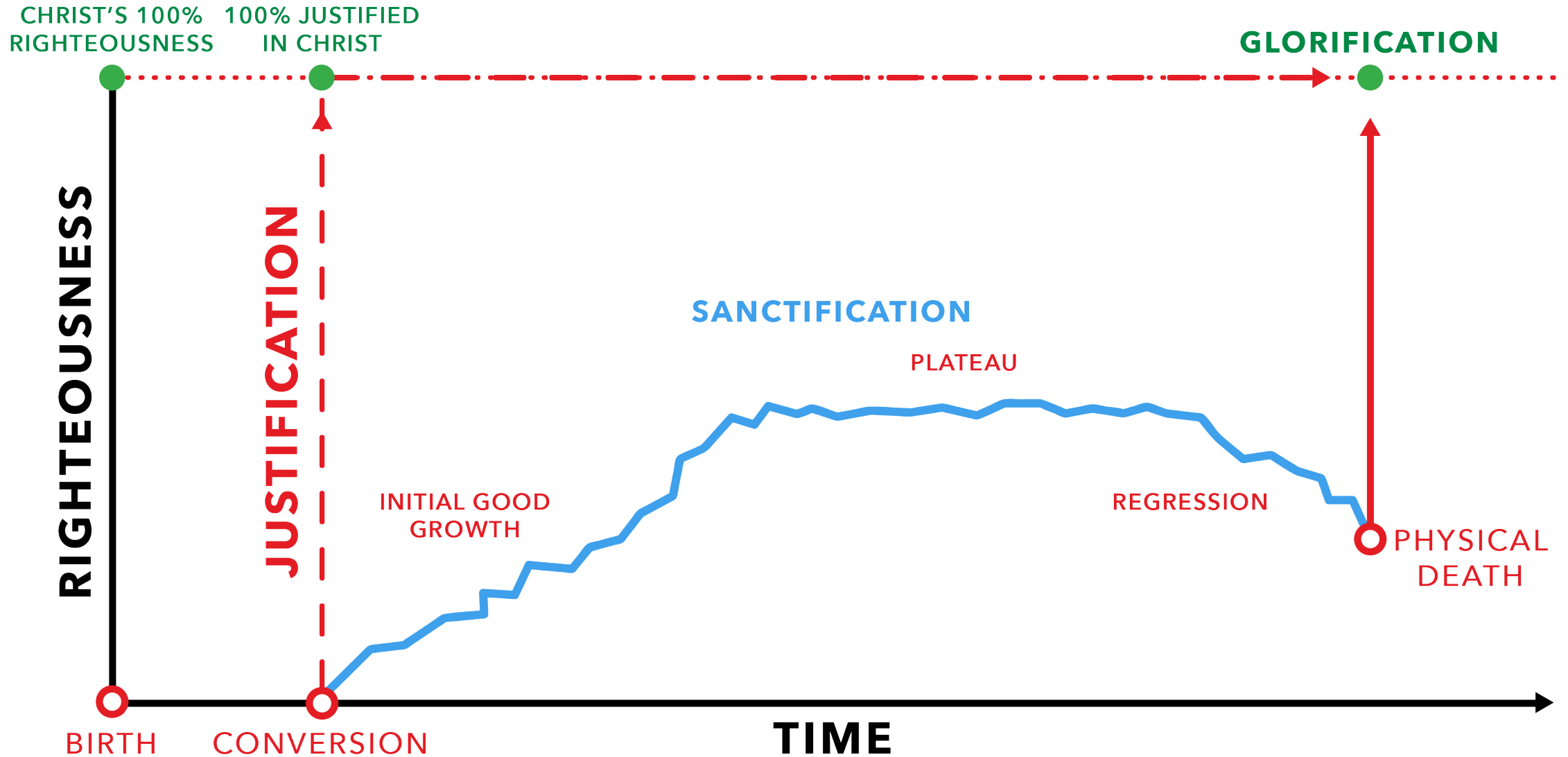
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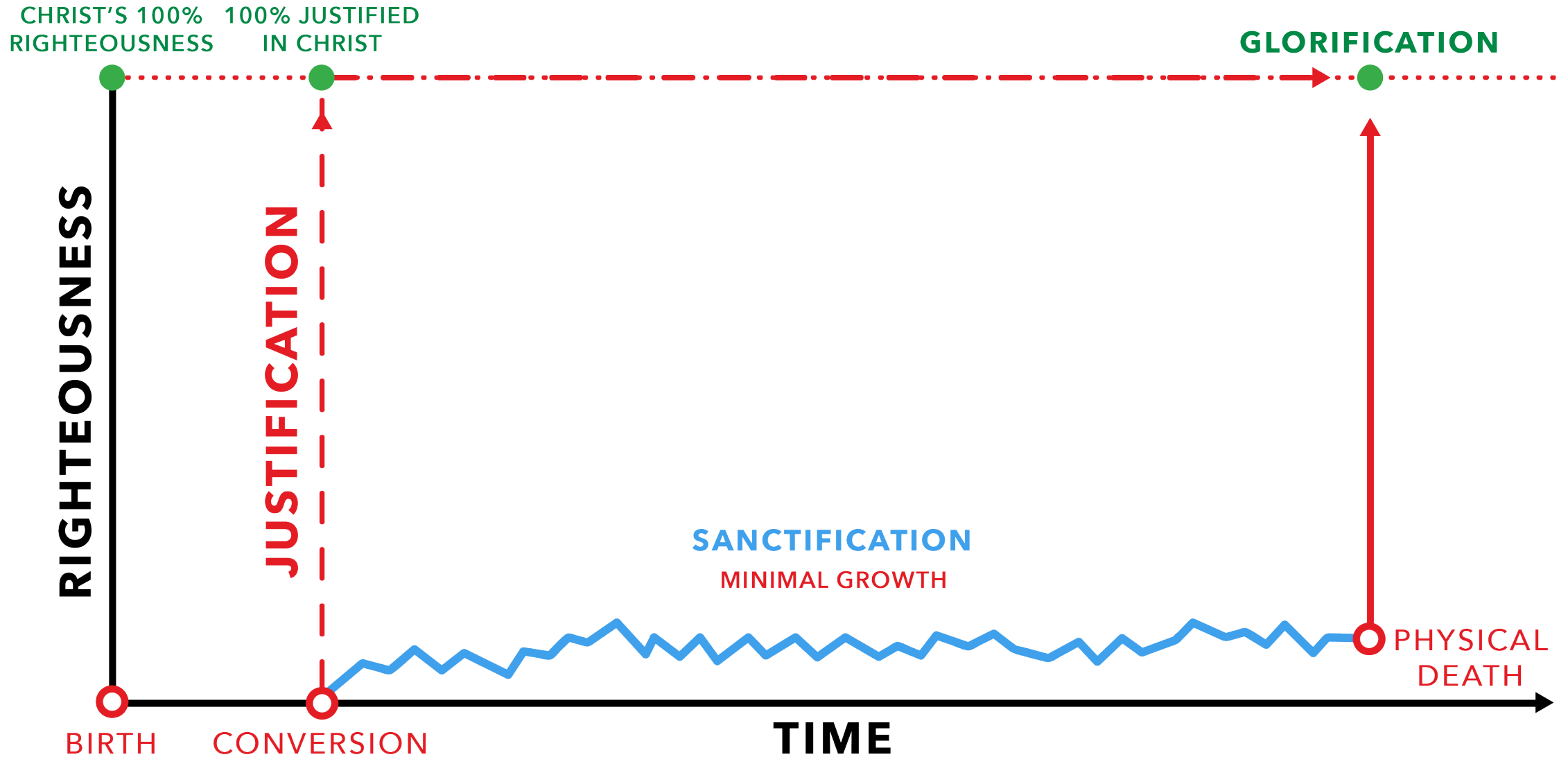
FORSAKEN FIRST LOVE

PERFECT POSITION IN CHRIST



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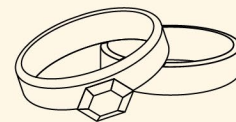
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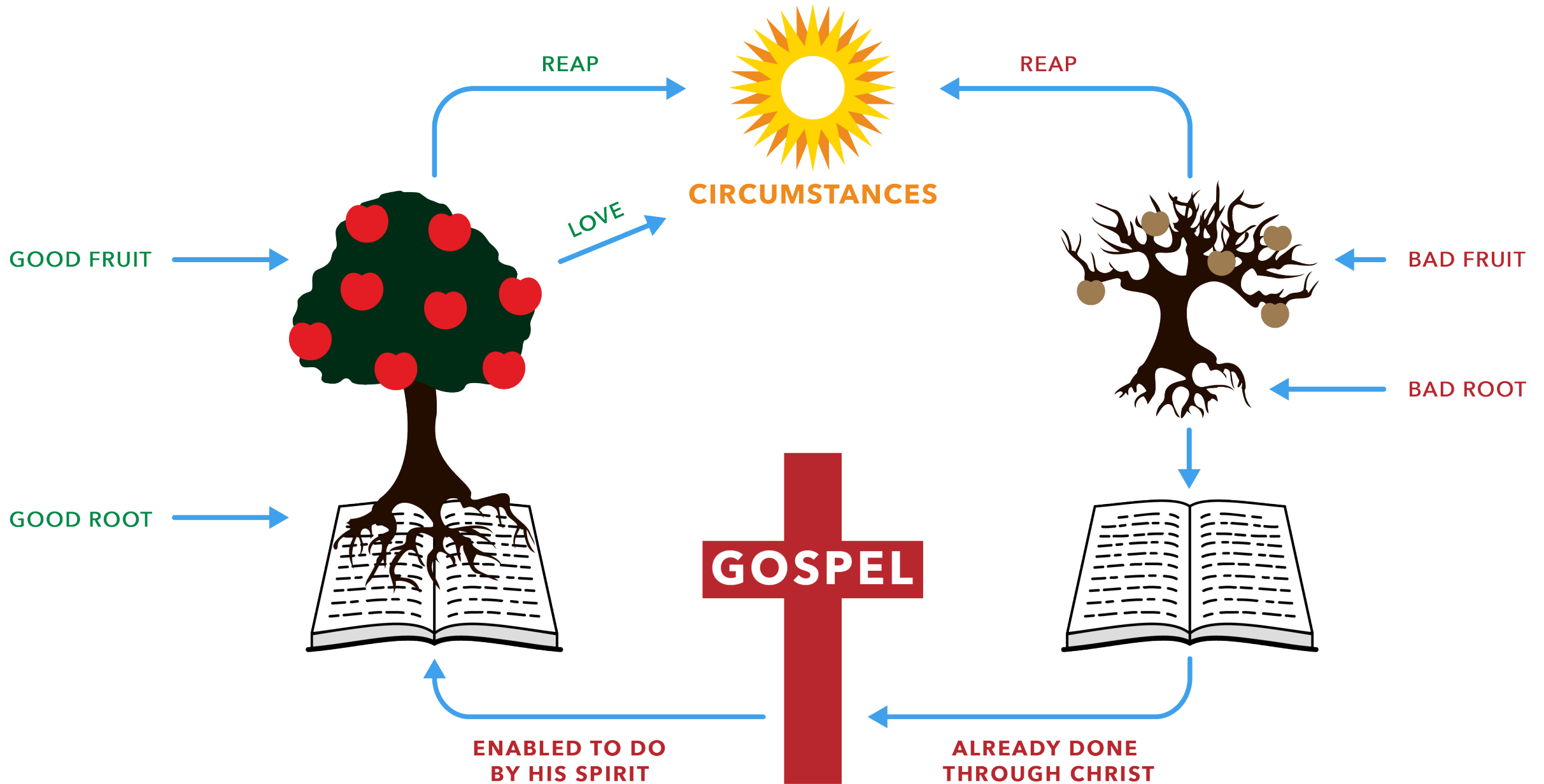




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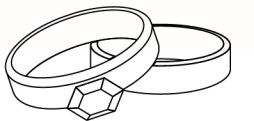


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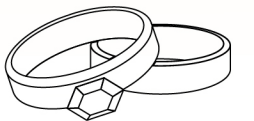
Discuss: Growing in the Gospel Together

1. What are some circumstances that cause you/your spouse to feel pressure, worry, anger, stress, or doubt? Explain.
2. What do these circumstances often reap? Explain.
3. What sins are related to these actions? Explain.
4. What has Christ already done for these sins? Explain.

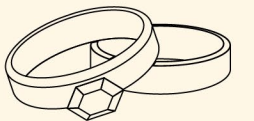


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5. What are some actions that God, through His Holy Spirit, can enable you to do? Explain.
6. In what ways have you maintained consistent growth, in knowledge and love of God, through your study of the Bible? Explain.
7. In what ways are you enabled to love your spouse, through the love of Christ? Explain.



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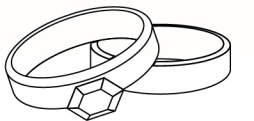
Workshop: Share With Your Spouse

1. Explain a summary of your salvation story.
2. Explain a summary of your spiritual growth over the years.
3. Describe your moments of upward progress.
4. Describe your moments of downward disobedience.



Reflect Together

1. What is one way that your spouse has helped you grow in Christlikeness?
2. What is one way that you would like your spouse to help you grow in Christlikeness?
3. What is one way you would like to improve in helping your spouse grow?





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