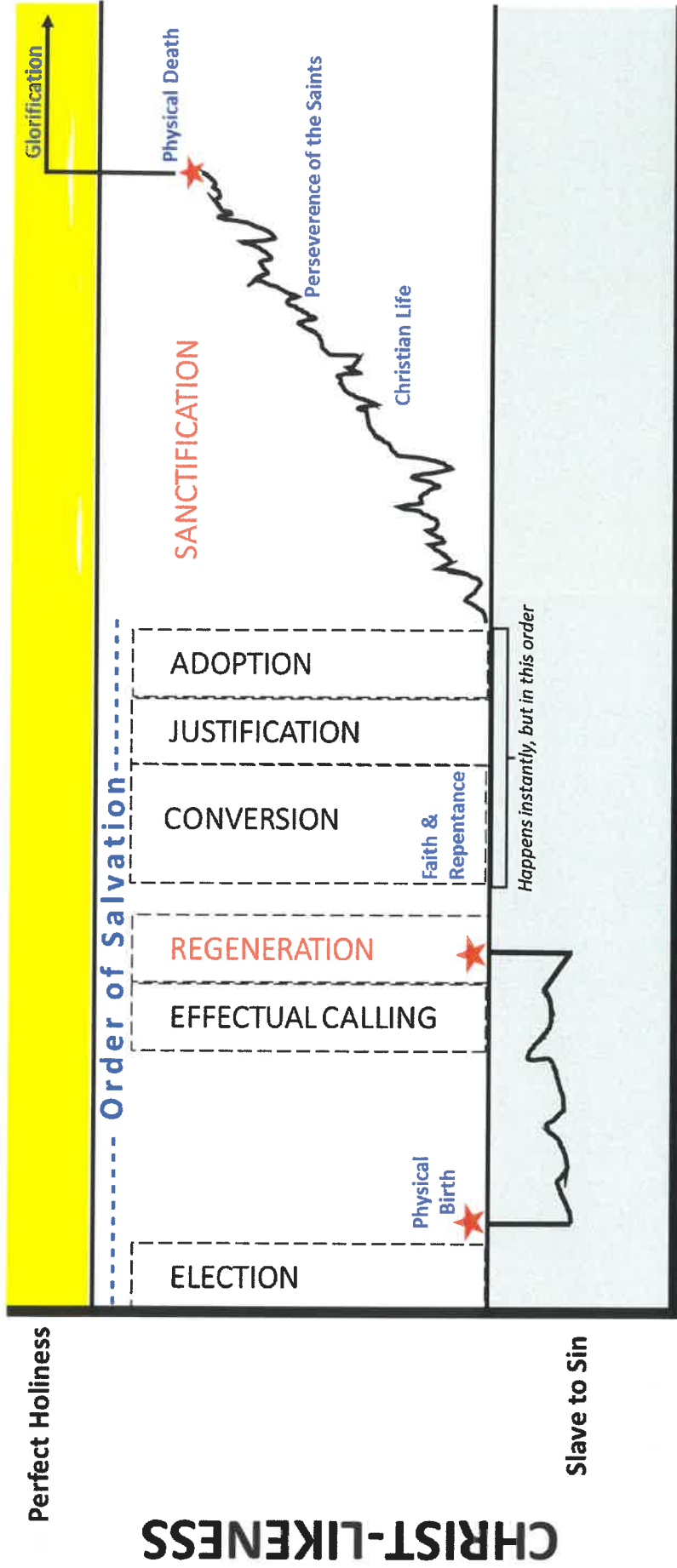


THE ORDER-OF-SALVATION & SANCTIFICATION



- Regeneration:** One-time event; indwelling of Holy Spirit; “Born Again”; action of God alone; new heart able to believe; cannot be lost
- Sanctification:** On-going growth in Christ-likeness; our cooperation with Holy Spirit; progressive; up & down but, overall, upward trajectory

Jonah Chapter 3

We left Jonah, at the end of chapter 2 with this:

Jonah 2:10

¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply."

AW Tozer

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

³ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

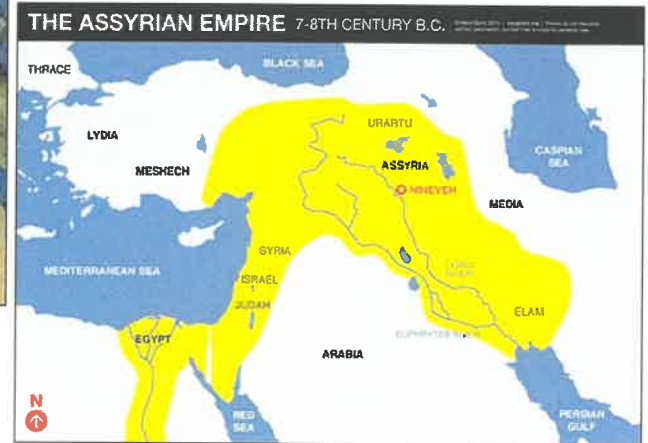
The People of Nineveh Repent

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

1st call (Chapter 1): **"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it,**

2nd call (Chapter 3): **"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."**



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How do we explain it?

"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

While God hates sin, God is sovereign over it:

- He uses it. Toward His own ends
- He allows it instead of stopping it
- He ordains it – for great purposes—even though He hates it
- He wills it --without ever causing it

If we know God is sovereign over our sin:

... then we are free to hate our sin—but love what God is doing through it.

Knowing this will help us. Prevents us from being overcome by it.

Barbara Duguid
Extravagant Grace

“Only Christ’s own can thank God for His ‘sinless use of sin’”.

Drew Poplin

“Sometimes, God allows what He hates to accomplish what He loves.”

Joni Eareckson

Work of the Holy Spirit - Classic Pattern:

- Illumination of sin
- Conviction
- Spiritual mourning
- Faith & repentance

The townsfolk of Coleraine, in the part of County Derry close to the County Antrim Revival centres, witnessed some of the most amazing scenes in the whole movement in Ireland. A schoolboy, under deep conviction of sin, seemed so incapable of continuing his studies that the kindly teacher sent him home in the company of another boy, already converted. On the way home the two boys noticed an empty house and entered it to pray. At last the unhappy boy found peace, and returned immediately to the classroom to tell his teacher: ‘I am so happy: I have the Lord Jesus in my heart!’ This innocent testimony had its effect on the class, and boy after boy slipped outside. The master, standing on something to look out of the window, observed the boys kneeling in prayer around the schoolyard, each one apart. The master was overcome, so he asked the converted schoolboy to comfort them. Soon the whole school was in strange disorder, and the clergymen were sent for and remained all day dealing with seekers after peace, schoolboys, schoolgirls, teachers and parents and neighbours, the premises being thus occupied until eleven o’clock that night.

On 7 June 1859 an open-air meeting was held on Fair Hill to hear one or two of the converts. So many thousands attended that it was deemed advisable to divide the crowd into separate meetings, each addressed by an evangelical minister of one denomination or another. The people stood motionless until the very last moment, when an auditor cried in distress. Several others likewise became prostrated, bewildering the ministers, who having had no similar experience previously, scarce knew how to help the distressed in soul and body. The clergymen spent all night in spiritual ministrations, and when the sun arose, the following day was spent in like manner.

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The Second Evangelical Awakening
Northern Ireland, 1859*