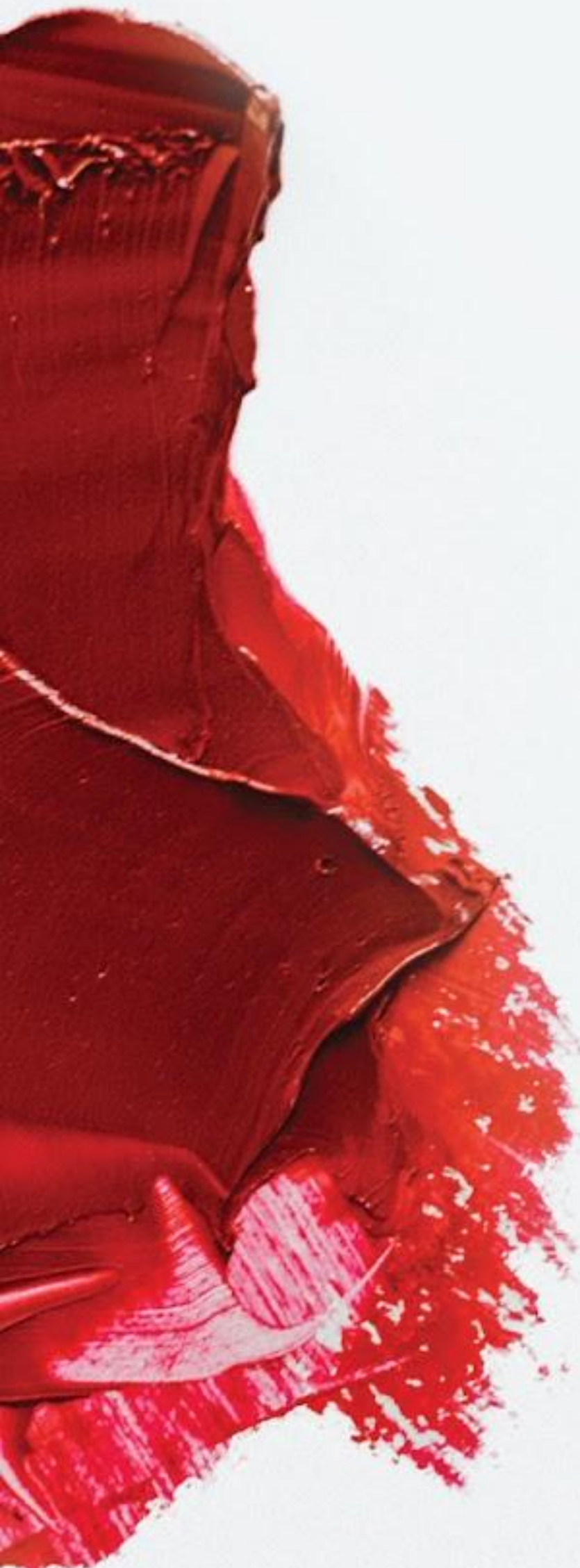




Week One
Who we are in Christ



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Ephesians 1:1-14



Ephesians 1:3-6 ESV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



Ephesians 1:11-14 ESV

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Ephesians 1:3 ^{ESV}

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Ephesians 1:3-6

From the Father, Adoption (past)

Ephesians 1:7-12

In the Son, Redemption (present)

Ephesians 1:13-14

Through the Spirit, Glorification (future)





From the Father

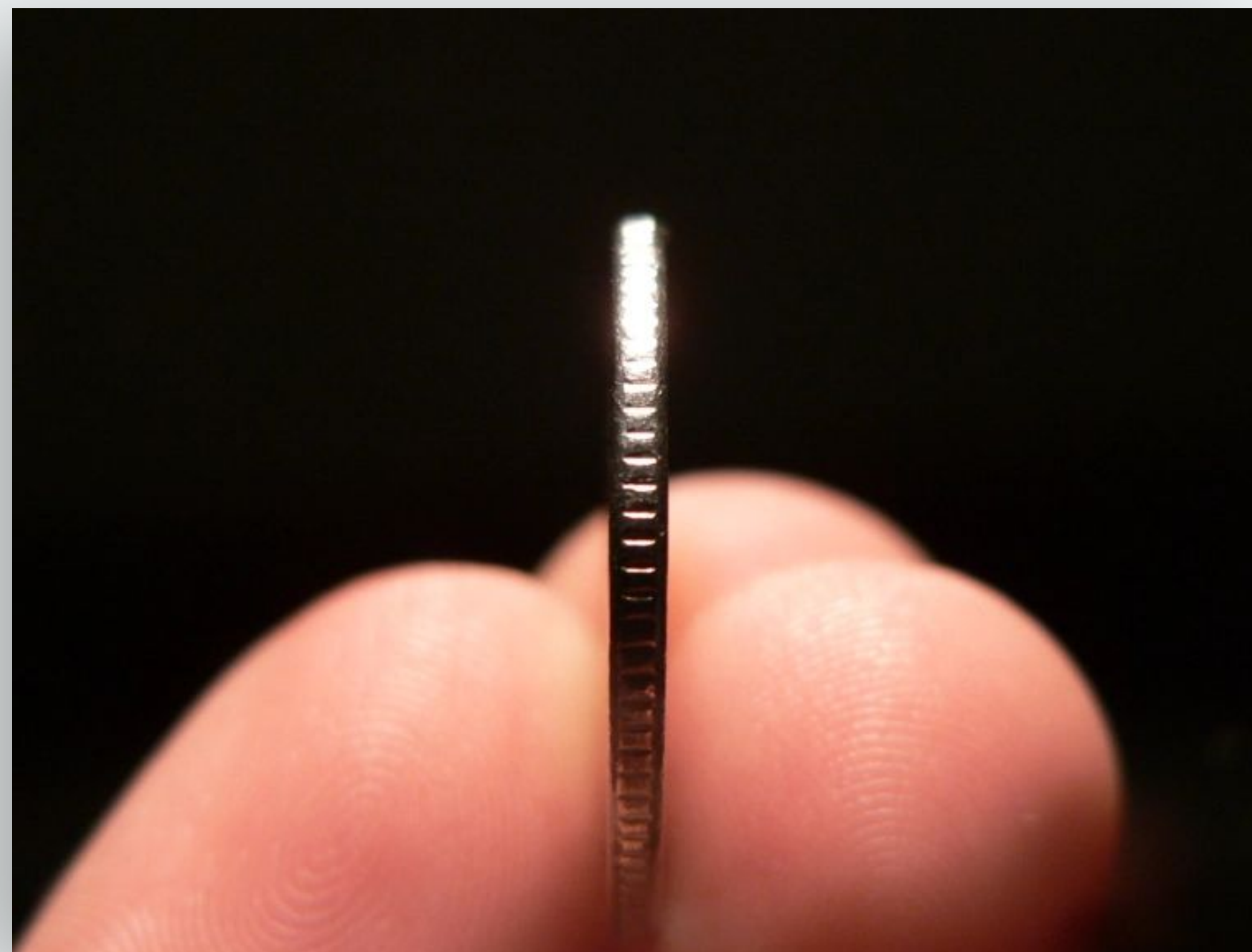
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Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love** ⁵ **he predestined us for adoption** through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



Ephesians 1:5 ^{ESV}

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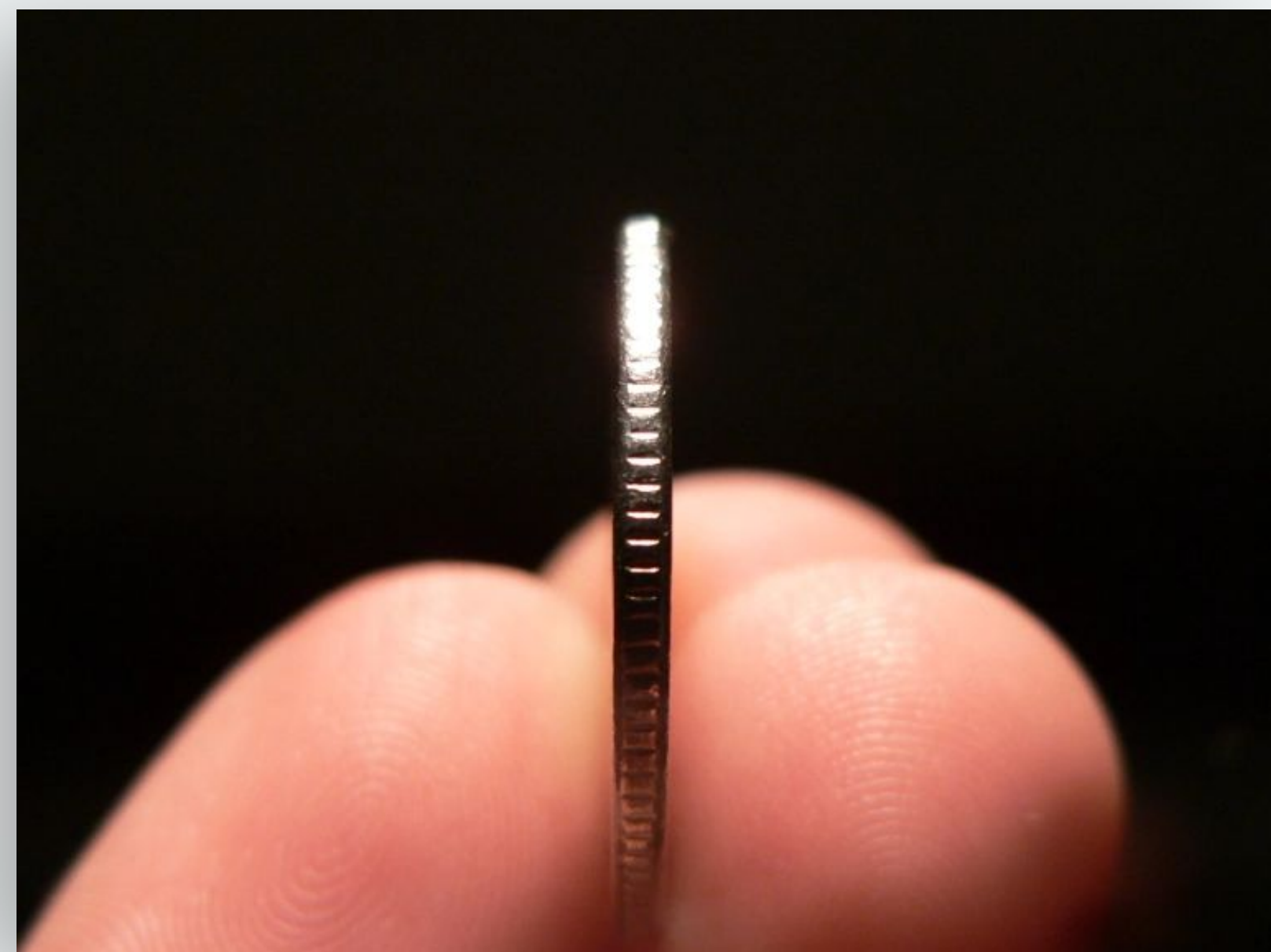


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Ephesians 1:13 ^{ESV}

In him **you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him,** were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.





2 Thessalonians 2:13 ^{ESV}

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, **through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.**





John 6:35, 39-40 ^{ESV}

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...

³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of **all that he has given me**, but raise it up on the last day.

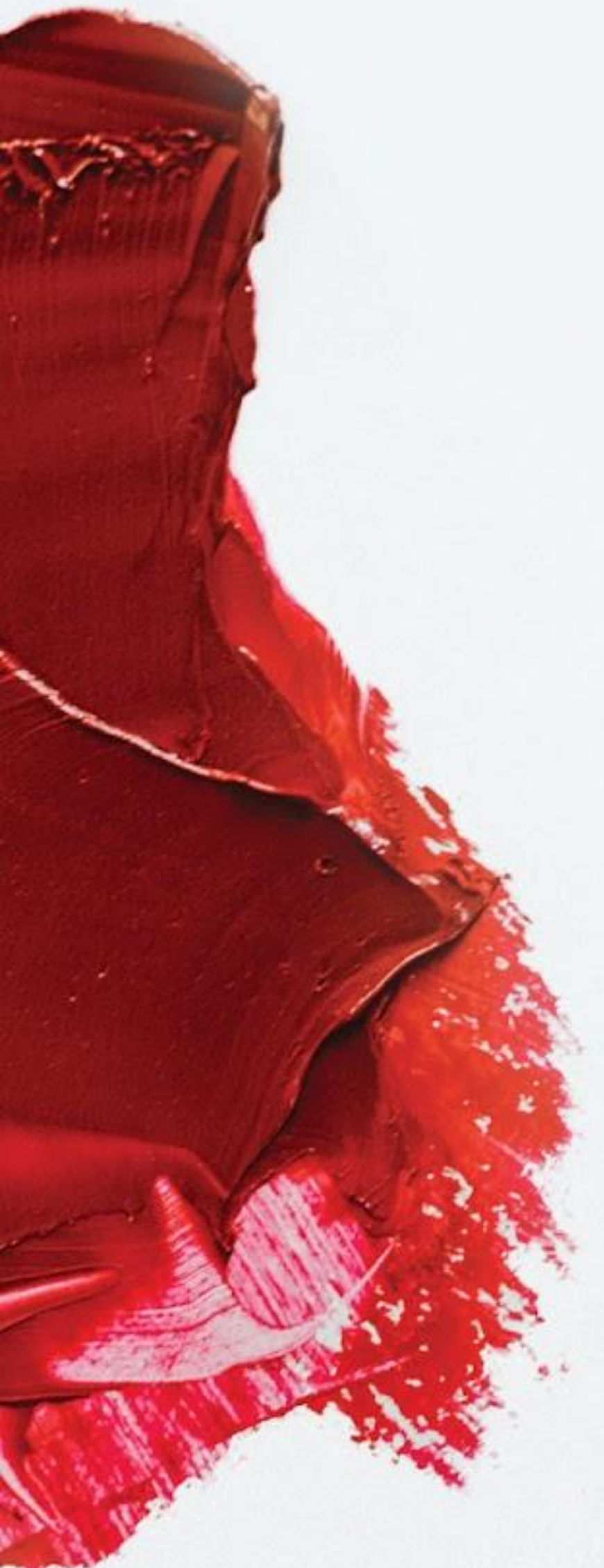
⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that **everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him** should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”



“God's predestination and human free choice are a mystery but not a contradiction. We apprehend each as true, but we do not comprehend how both are true. In brief, we are **chosen but free!**”


- **Norman Geisler**, *Chosen, But Free*





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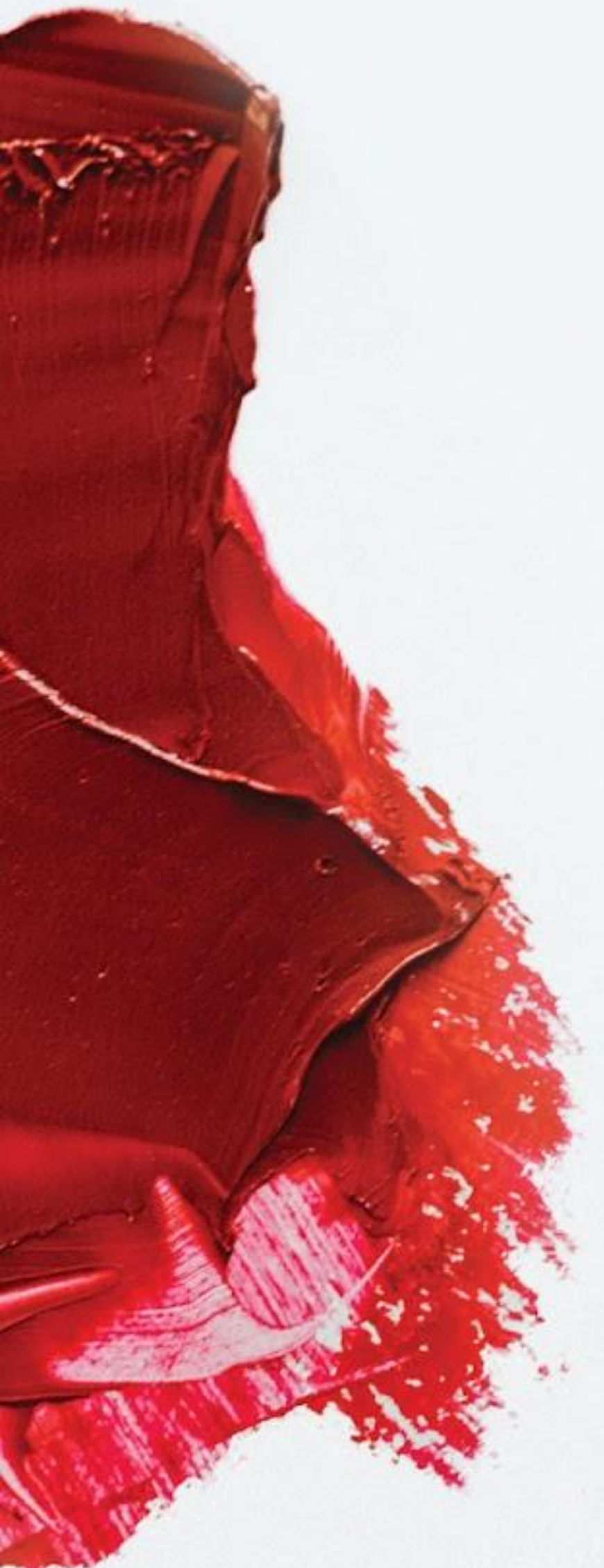


From the Father
In the Son

Ephesians 1:7-8 ^{ESV}

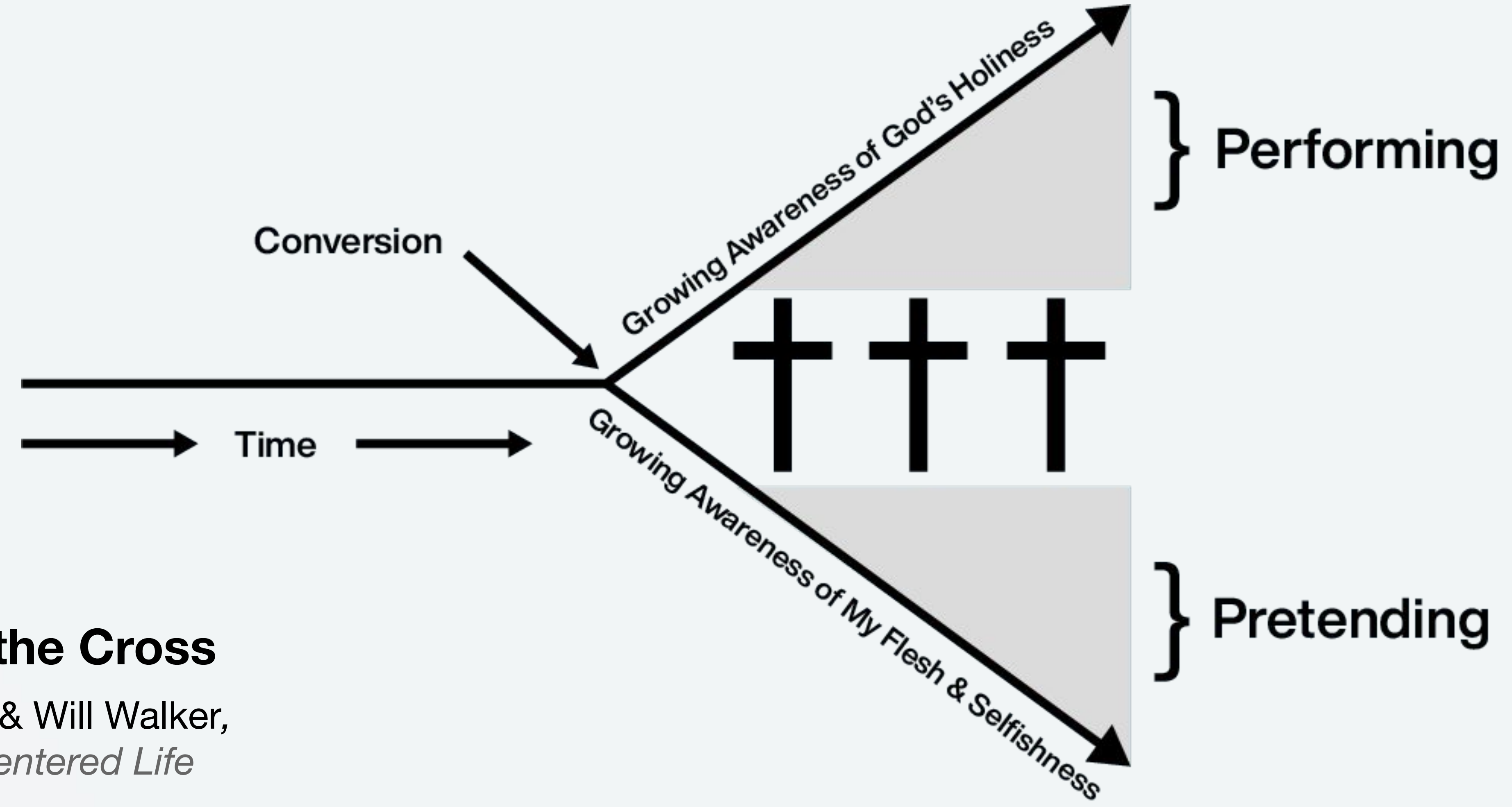
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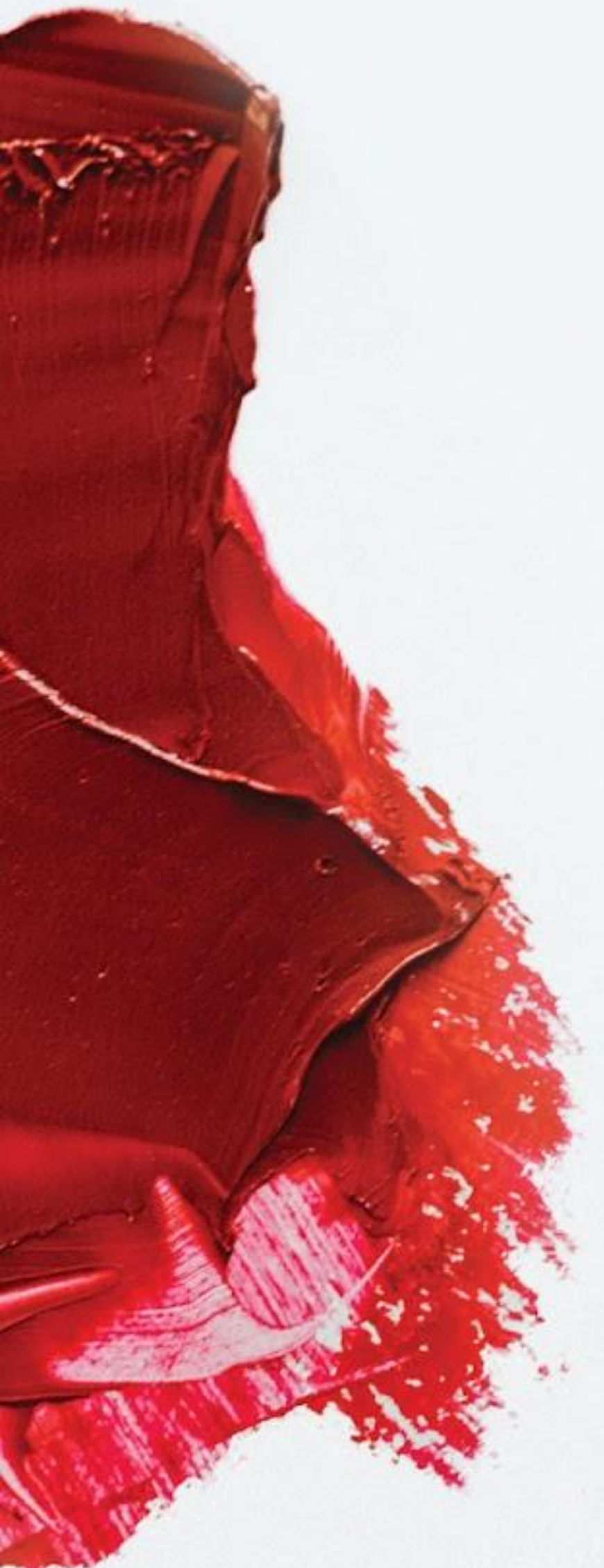




Shrinking the Cross

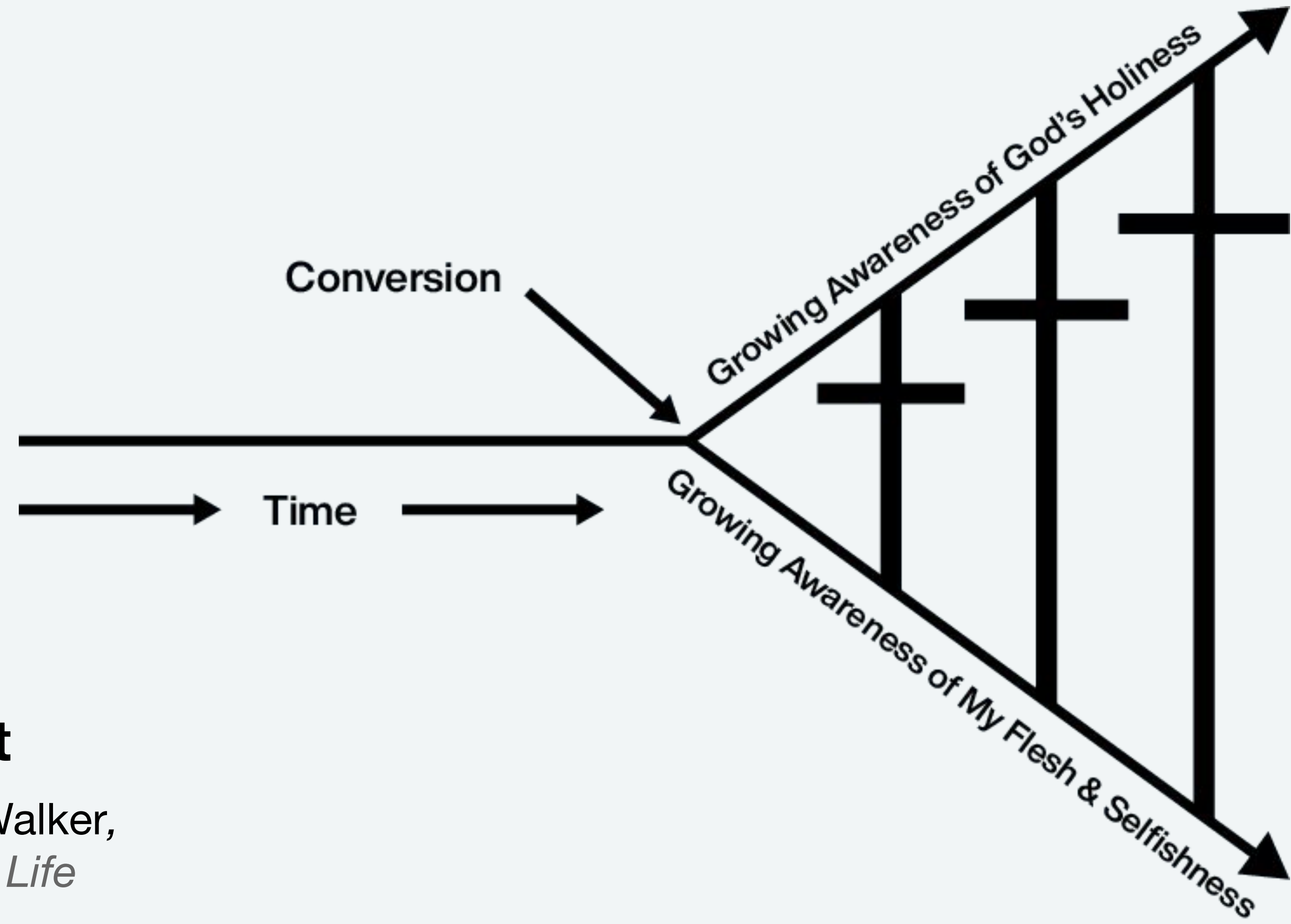
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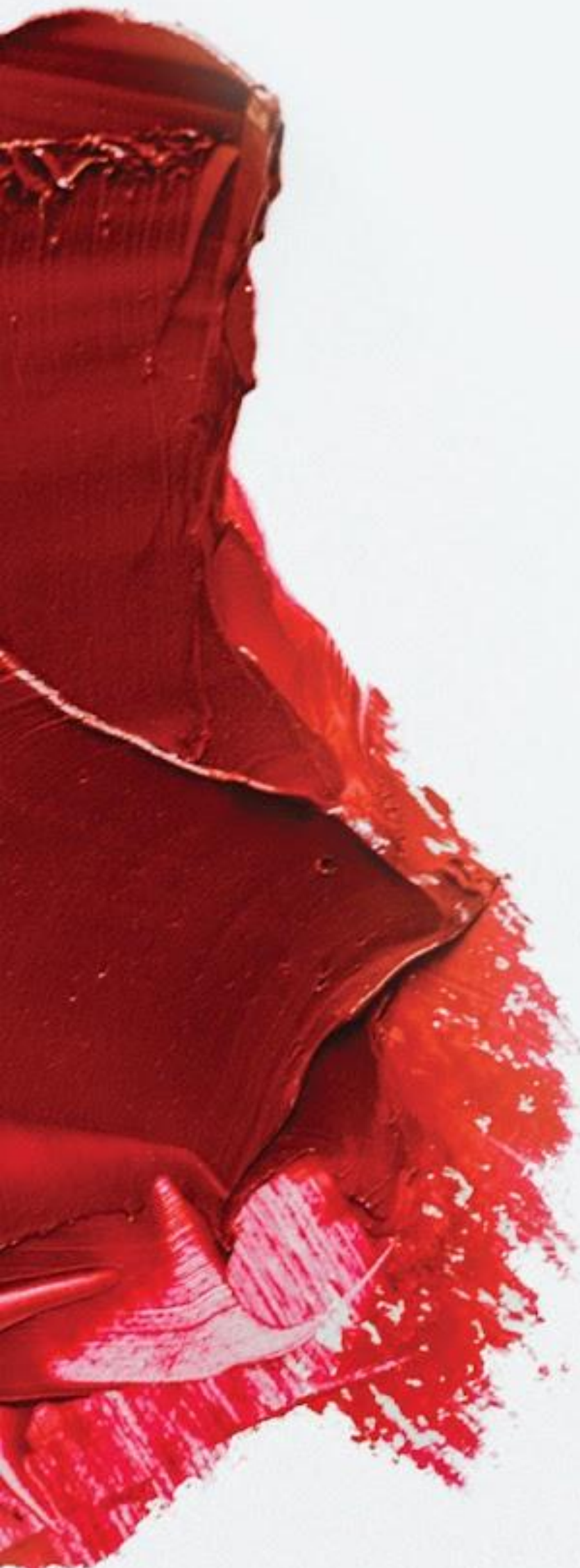




The Cross Chart

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In the Son

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From the Father
In the Son
Through the Spirit

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In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,** ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Because of the past choice of the Father, **I am His in Christ.** (1:3-6)

Because of the present riches of the Son, **I have all I need in Christ.** (1:7-12)

Because of the future work of the Spirit, **I will be like Christ fully.** (1:13-14)



“... to the praise of the Father’s glorious grace.” (1:6)

“... to the praise of the Son’s glory.” (1:12)

“... to the praise of the Spirit’s glory.” (1:14)

