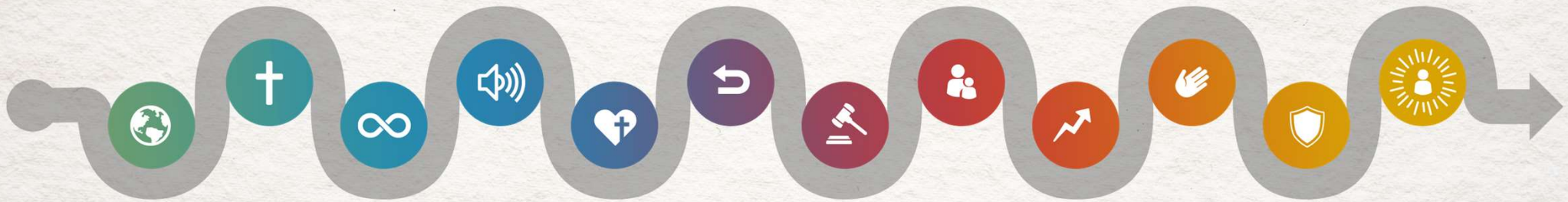


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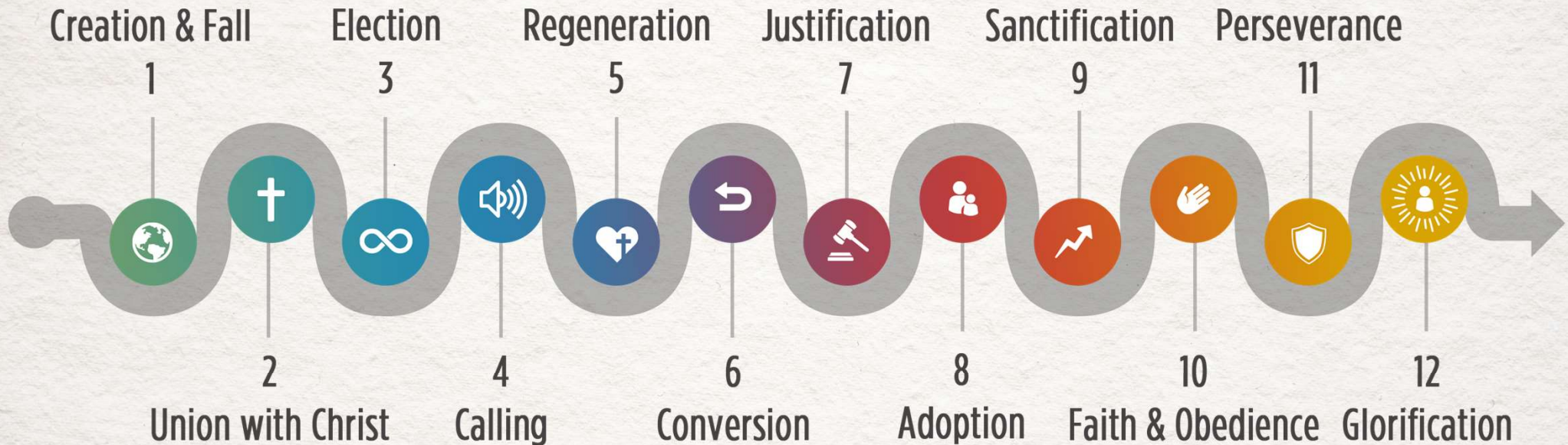
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved...”

- EPHESIANS 2:4-5



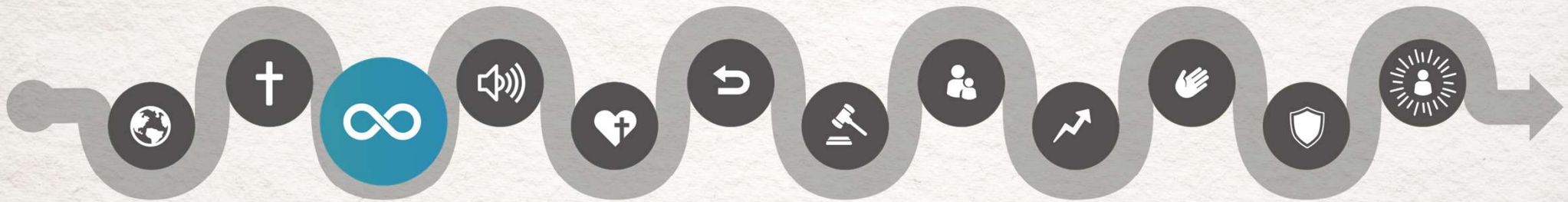


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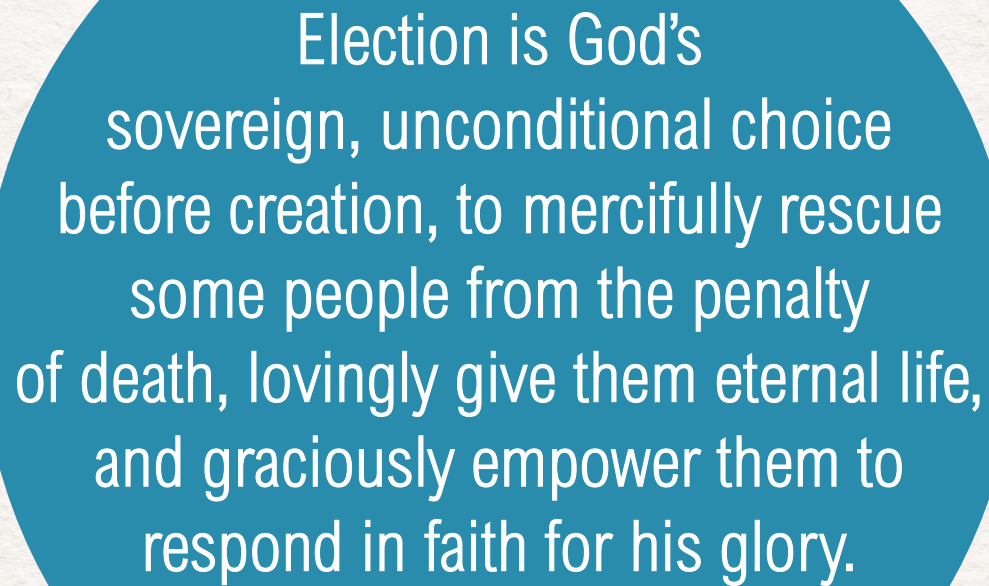

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“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

- ROMANS 8:29-30





Election is God's  
sovereign, unconditional choice  
before creation, to mercifully rescue  
some people from the penalty  
of death, lovingly give them eternal life,  
and graciously empower them to  
respond in faith for his glory.







# LIVING HOPE EXPANDED DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

**SECTION 3:** God has a good and sovereign plan encompassing all events, people, and spiritual beings. God – who is fully loving, personal, righteous, just, and powerful – is sovereign over all things, events, people, and angelic beings, both good and evil, orchestrating them according to his plan, for his glory and ultimate good. God has given man a true and voluntary will, yet it is subject to his ultimate governance.



# LIVING HOPE EXPANDED DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

**SECTION 8:** God rescues people from death into life based on his initiative and grace. God distributes forgiveness and new life solely based on his own grace and not any merit or inclination of man. Desiring to glorify himself through his mercy and love, God chose some to have the blindness of sin removed, receive the gift of faith, and voluntarily accept the offer of salvation made to all people. Seeing fit to glorify himself through his justice and judgment, God leaves others in their natural state of sin resulting in eternal death.

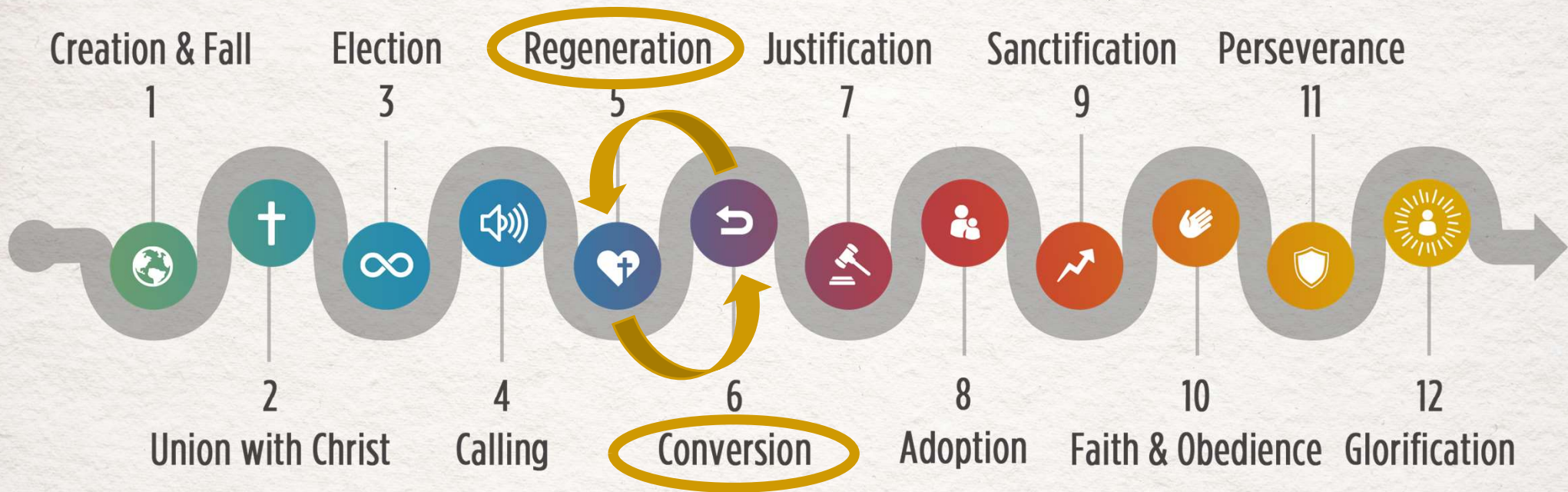


**Acts 13:48** – “And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.”

**Matthew 11:27** – Jesus said, “All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”



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“If the ultimate determining factor in whether we will be saved or not is our own decision to accept Christ, then we shall be more inclined to think that we deserve some credit for the fact that we were saved: in distinction from other people who continue to reject Christ, we were wise enough in our judgment, or good enough in our moral tendencies, or perspective enough in our spiritual capacities to decide to believe in Christ. But once we begin to think this way then we seriously diminish the glory that is to be given to God for our salvation.”

– **Wayne Grudem**





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## THE PURPOSE:

Why did God elect some for salvation?

### EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- 1- Election is rooted in our eternal union with Christ (vs. 3-4)
- 2- Election is driven by God's love to adopt us (vs. 5-6)
- 3- Election is displayed in the lavish riches of his grace (vs. 7-10)
- 4- Election is planned for our inheritance to God's glory (vs. 11-14)



## OUR RESPONSE:

How should we live in light of our election?

- 1- GRATITUDE
- 2- HUMILITY
- 3- ASSURANCE
- 4- DILIGENCE
- 5- BOLDNESS

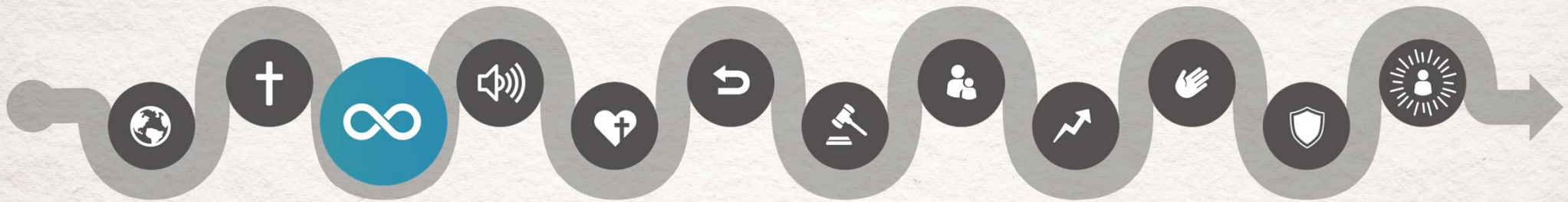
“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

– 2 Timothy 2:10-13



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