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THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 9:1-14
“Clean Conscience”

- The Origins of Guilt
- Dealing with Guilt
- Cleaning Our Guilt
- Living Guilt-Free

Hebrews 9:1-14

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Origins of Guilt

Genesis 3:8-9

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife *hid themselves* from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, *“Where are you?”*

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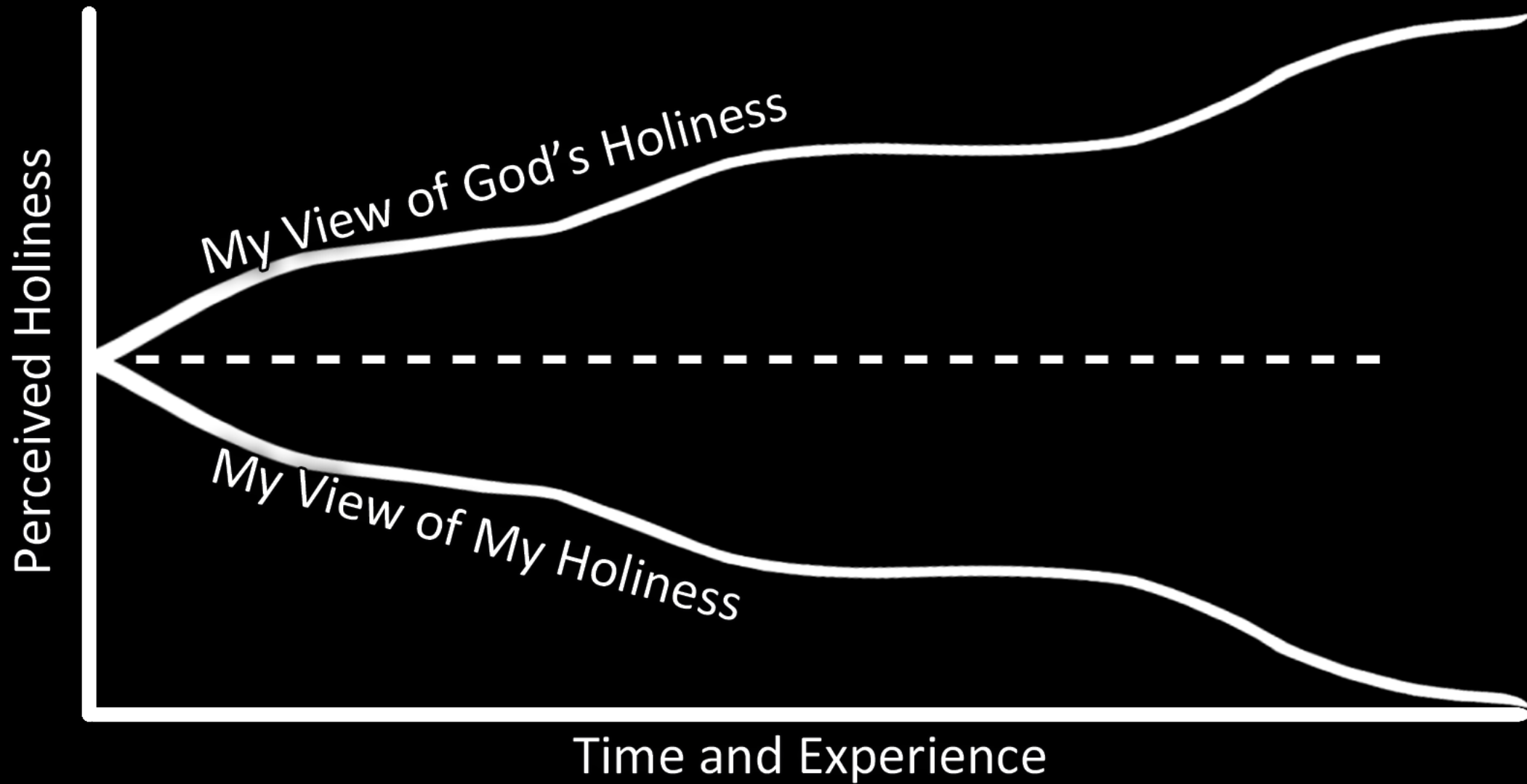
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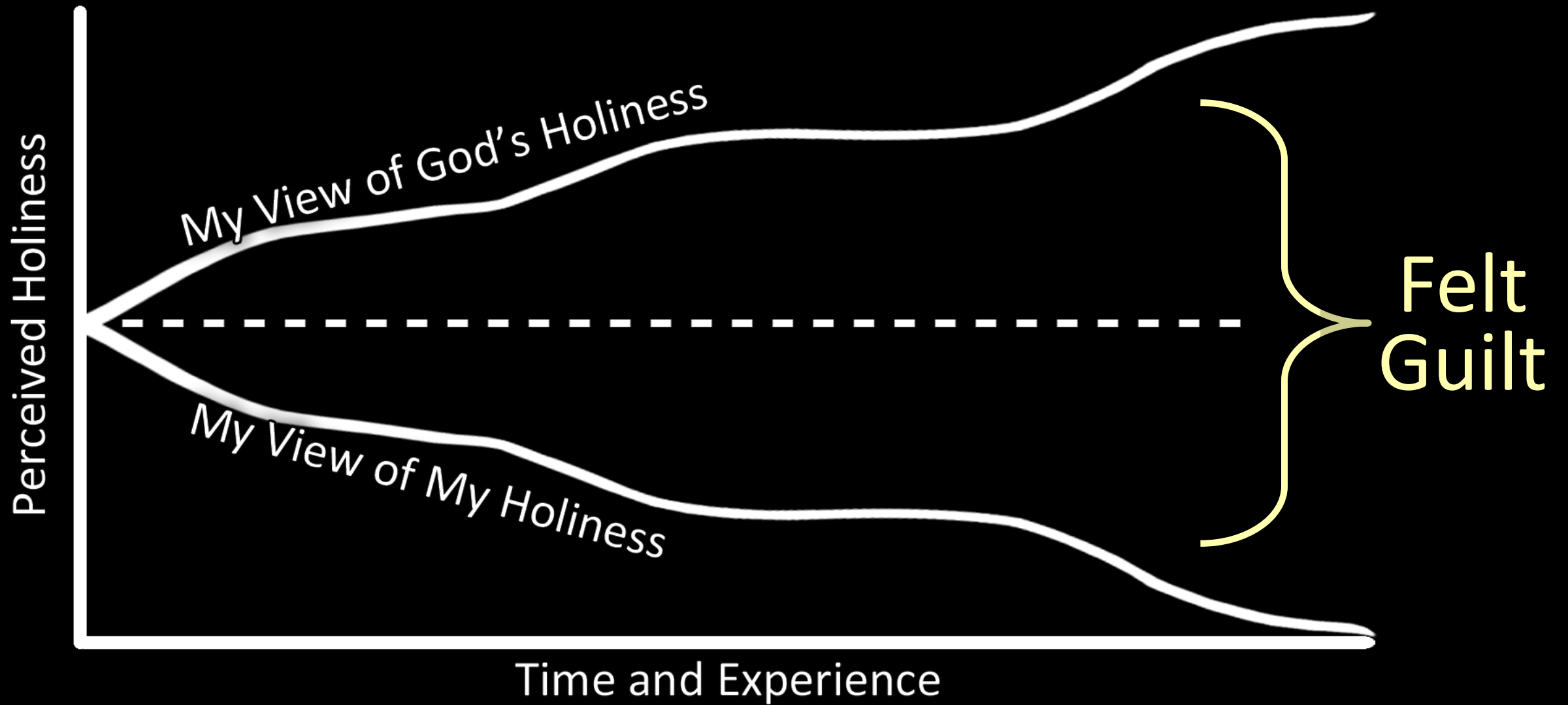
Isaiah 6:3

And one(seraphim) called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”





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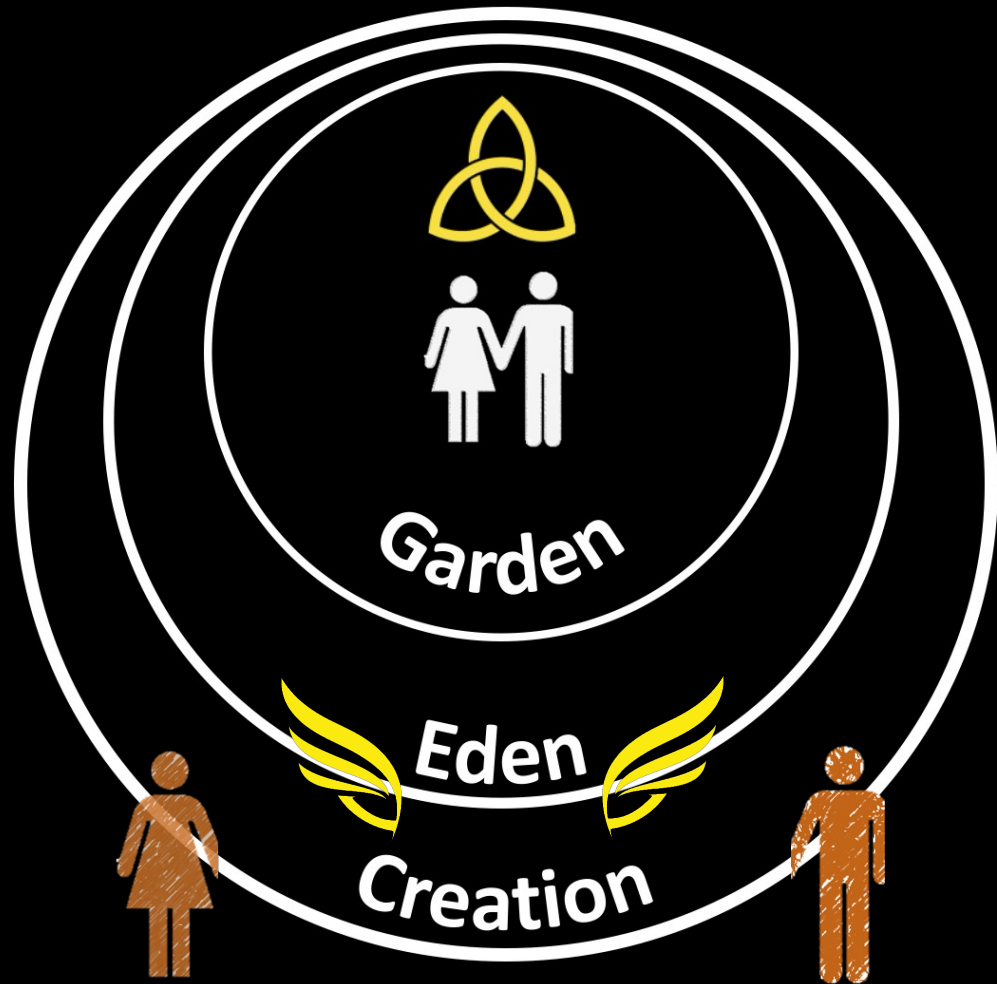
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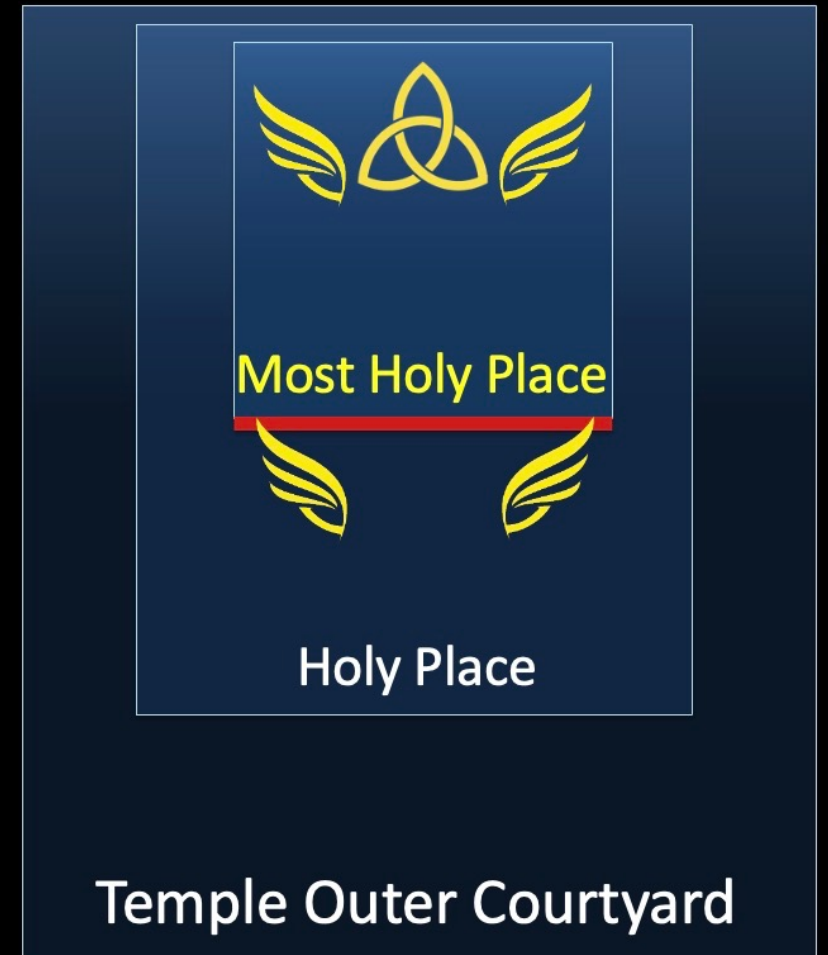
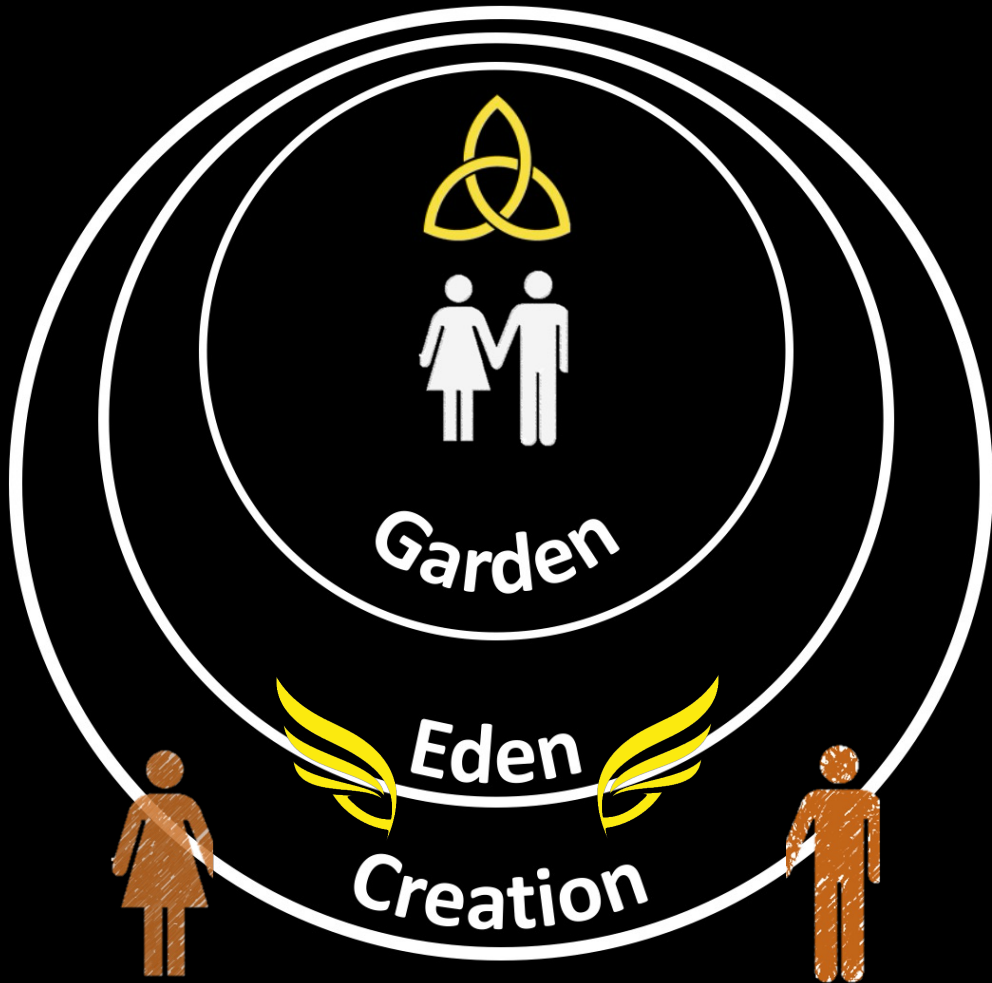
Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a burning coal that
he had taken with tongs from the altar.
⁷ And he touched my mouth and said:
“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin
atoned for.”

Dealing with Guilt



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Exodus 29:46

And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt **that I might dwell among them**. I am the LORD their God.

Dealing with Guilt

Romans 1

³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them

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Romans 7:24

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Give Up

I'll never get
any better

Cleansing Our Guilt

“Tetelestai”

- In the memo line on check
- Response for government for tax payments
- From 1st century jailer when a prisoner is released from jail.

Cleansing Our Guilt

¹⁴ *how much more* will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

“Tetelestai”

“...thus securing an eternal redemption”

Cleansing Our Guilt

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.

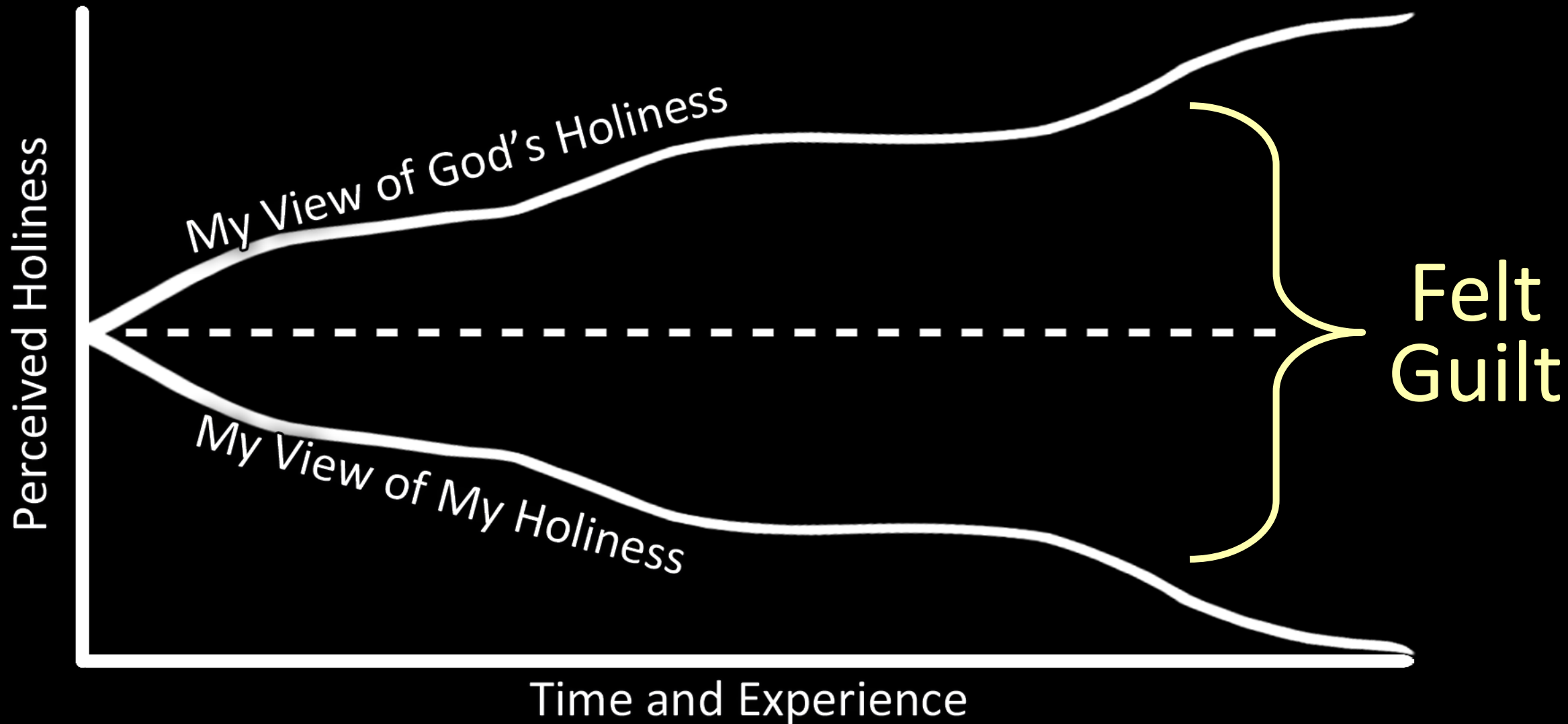
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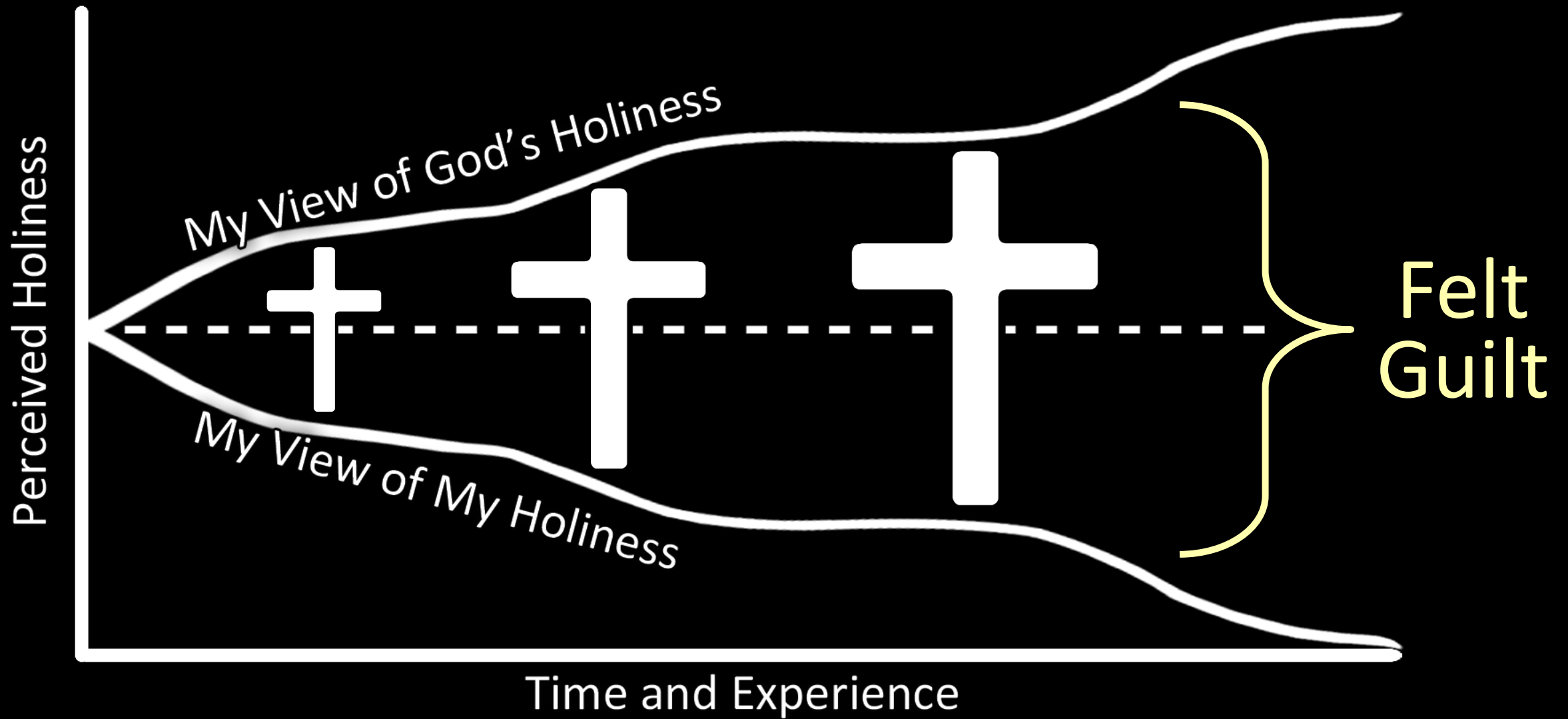
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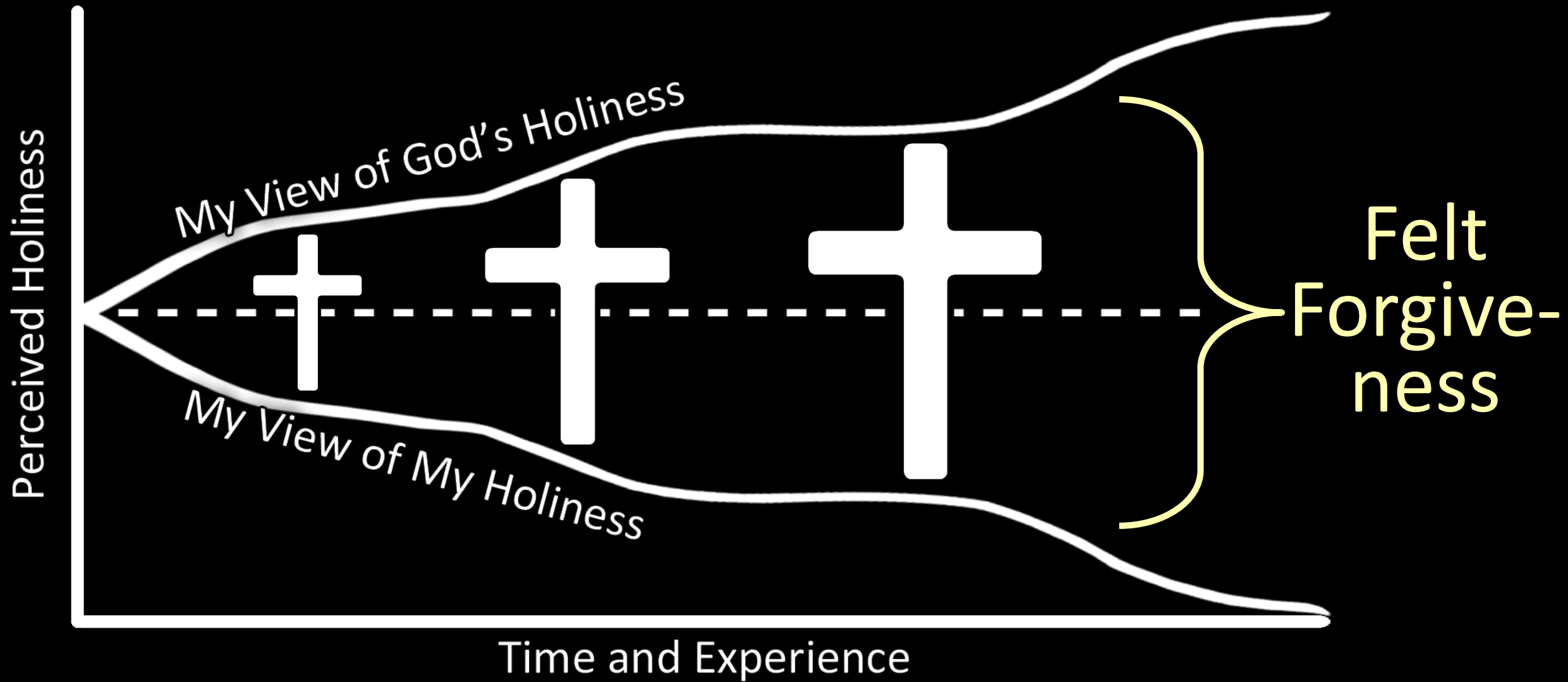
²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.







Living Guilt-Free

“purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

My Sin

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Yes

- 1) Lord, thank you for your full faithful forgiveness.
- 2) Lord, help me own your full approval and love

Living Guilt-Free

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

To Enjoy

To Express

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Generally

Specifically

Assurance of Pardon

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Benediction

Jeremiah 31:34b

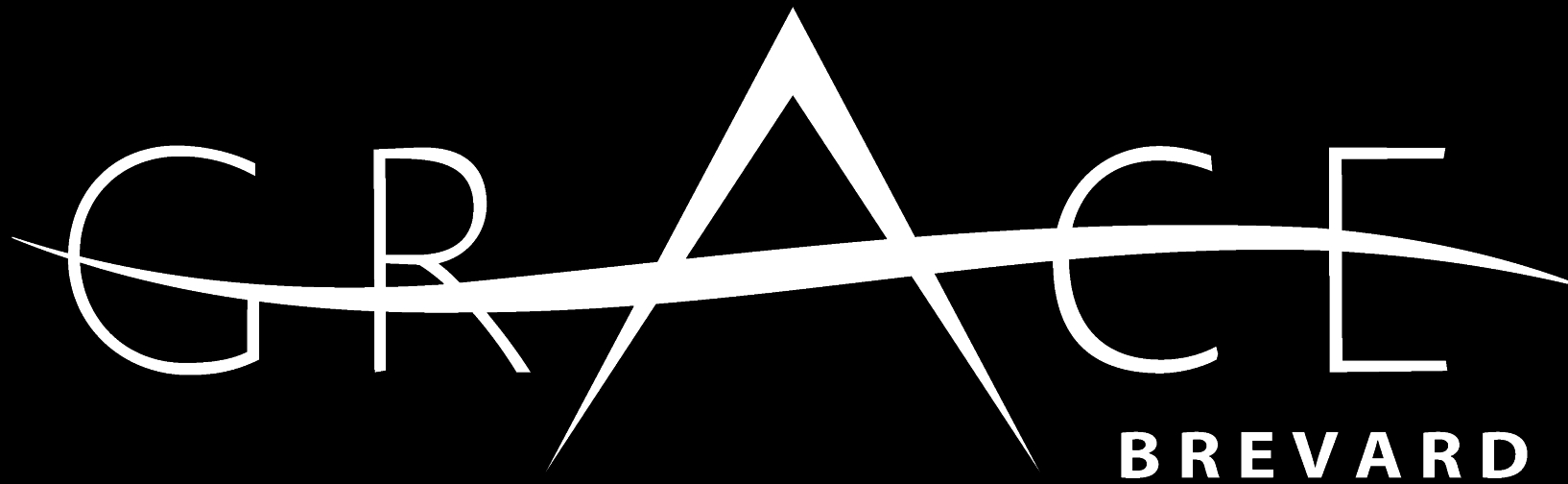
For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you



Congregational Meeting

Elder Election and Ordination



Joe Kirk



Jack Lange



Brian Canon

You can vote 'yes' or 'no' for each of the three candidates (so you can vote "yes" for all of them, not just one)

Brian Canon is up for ordination but he will postpone his "installation" and begin serving next year.

Elder Election and Ordination

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church you will on your own initiative make known to your church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Elder Election and Ordination

Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of Ruling Elder from love of God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Elder Election and Ordination

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Ruling Elder, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you officer?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a Ruling Elder, and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

Financial Update

Giving through 1/7/2024	\$202,315
Budgeted Giving	\$137,019
	+\$65,296

Note: In addition to the above total \$50,000 has been received and designated for the building.

Spending is on-budget through December 2023

Facilities Update

Missions Update

Children/Families Update

We are planning to hire a new
Children and Families Director
In the next few months.