

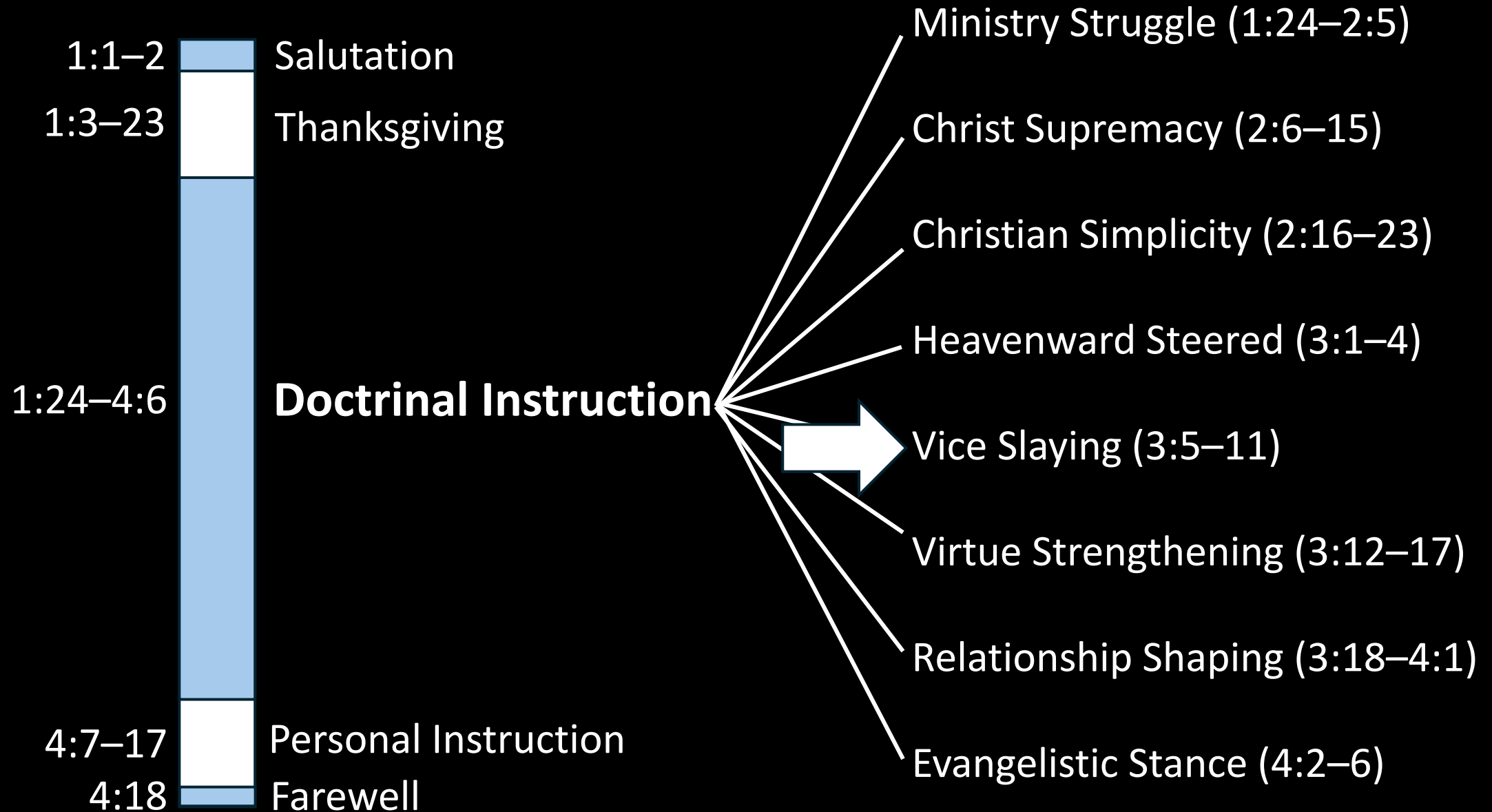
*Christ over All:
Paul's Letter to
the Colossians*

“Putting Sin
to Death,”
Part 1

Colossians 3:5–11



THE OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 3:5–11

“Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him — *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.”

THE ORDER OF PAUL'S LOGIC

Alterations to the gospel of Jesus Christ are a clear and present danger.

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ” (Col 2:8).



Recognize that Jesus Christ is supreme over everything.

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form . . . and He is the head over all rule and authority” (Col 2:9, 10b).



As such, Jesus Christ is eminently sufficient for your salvation.

“In Him you have been made complete” (Col 2:10a).



Concentrating on the flesh is not the way to deal with sin.

“These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence” (Col 2:23).



Instead, set your focus on Christ and your identity in Him.

“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. . . . For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3:1, 3).

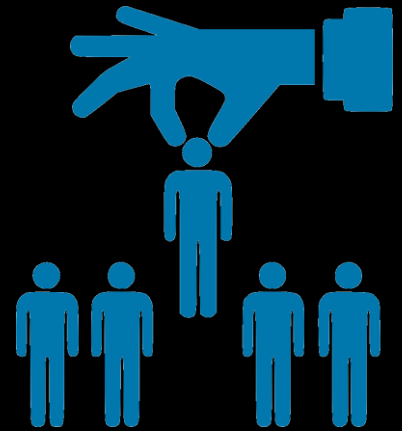


Because Christ is your life, put off the old desires and imitate Him.

“Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality Put on a heart of compassion” (Col 3:5, 12).

THE MEANING OF SANCTIFICATION

- “To sanctify” means “to set something apart for a special purpose.”
- This *setting apart* implies two things with reference to salvation:
 - *separation* from sin and the world; and
 - *consecration* to God and His purposes.
- The Bible describes “sanctification” in three stages: *positional*, *progressive*, and *perfective*.
- Misunderstanding these three stages will lead to significant error in thinking and behavior.

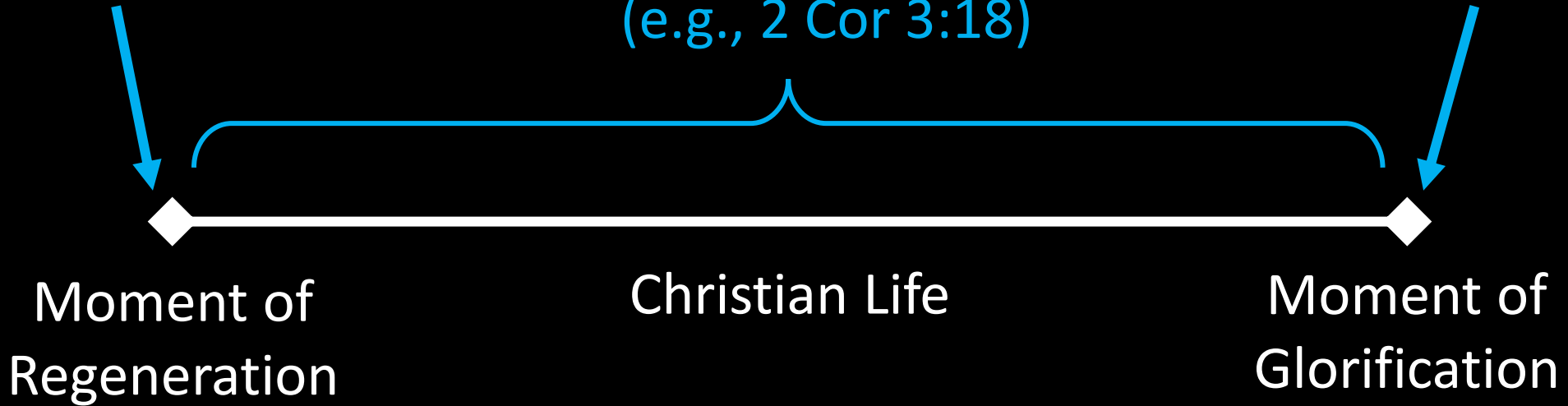


THE THREE STAGES OF SANCTIFICATION

(1) *Positional*
Sanctification
(e.g., 1 Cor 6:9–11)

(2) *Progressive*
Sanctification
(e.g., 2 Cor 3:18)

(3) *Perfective*
Sanctification
(e.g., 1 Thess 5:23–24)



1 John 3:2–3

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be.

} *Positional*
Sanctification (v. 2a)

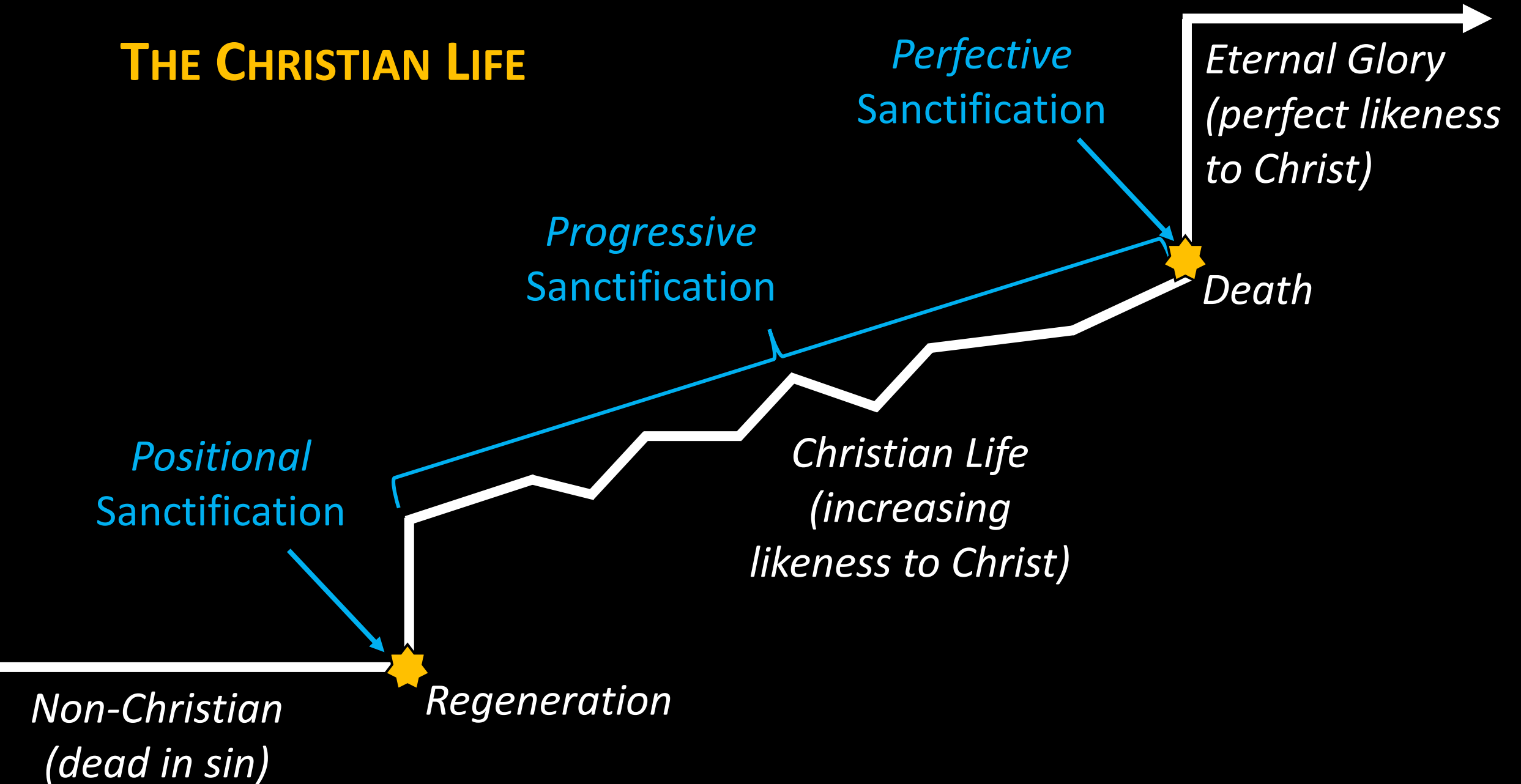
We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

} *Perfective*
Sanctification (v. 2b)

And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

} *Progressive*
Sanctification (v. 3)

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



THE NATURE OF PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

Progressive Sanctification

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Separation from sin

Mortification
("Put off")

Colossians 3:5-11

Consecration to God

Vivification
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Colossians 3:12-17