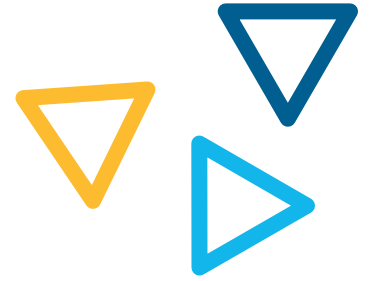


DISCIPLESHIP 1.0
**WHAT DOES GOD
 THINK OF ME?**



STUDENT

THE MAIN THING

We are unconditionally loved by God, and because of Jesus, we are holy and blameless in His sight. These truths compel us to place our faith not in our performance (or lack of performance) but in the truth of God’s Word.



Q: Imagine Jesus was sitting with us now. How do you think He would look at you? With ...

Excitement	Joy
Pride	Anger
Shame	Indifference
Frustration	Satisfaction
Pleasure	Love
Embarrassment	Disappointment
Judgement	Regret
Sadness	Other ...

Q: Why do you think He looks at you this way?

When we accepted Jesus, everything changed. This is a simple diagram (see the end of this document) that can help us understand what is true according to Scripture, as well as what we often experience in our walk with God.

① The vertical axis is meant to show righteousness, while the horizontal axis shows the course of time in a Christian’s life

OUR POSITION

▽ *Before we knew Christ*

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

② Q: What was true of you before you knew Christ?

▽ *When Christ came into our lives*

Read Ephesians 2:4-7

③ Q: What is true of you now that you know Christ?

Q: What motivated God to do this?

Read Ephesians 1:1-14

④ Q: Make a list of all of the things we have been given in Christ.

Q: Looking at this list you've written, what does it mean to you to know that these things are sealed, guaranteed, inherited, and our possession?

⑤ The last part of this diagram is the difference between our position and our condition in Christ. Though we are perfect in our position in Christ, we are not perfect in our daily condition. When we trusted Christ, He gave us a perfect position in Him. He also began the work of making our lives look more and more like His.

LIVING IN OUR POSITION

Q: Do you find yourself living according to your position or your condition?

Q: How do we live according to our position in Christ?

Q: What are some lies you hear that help you recognize when you are living

according to your condition?

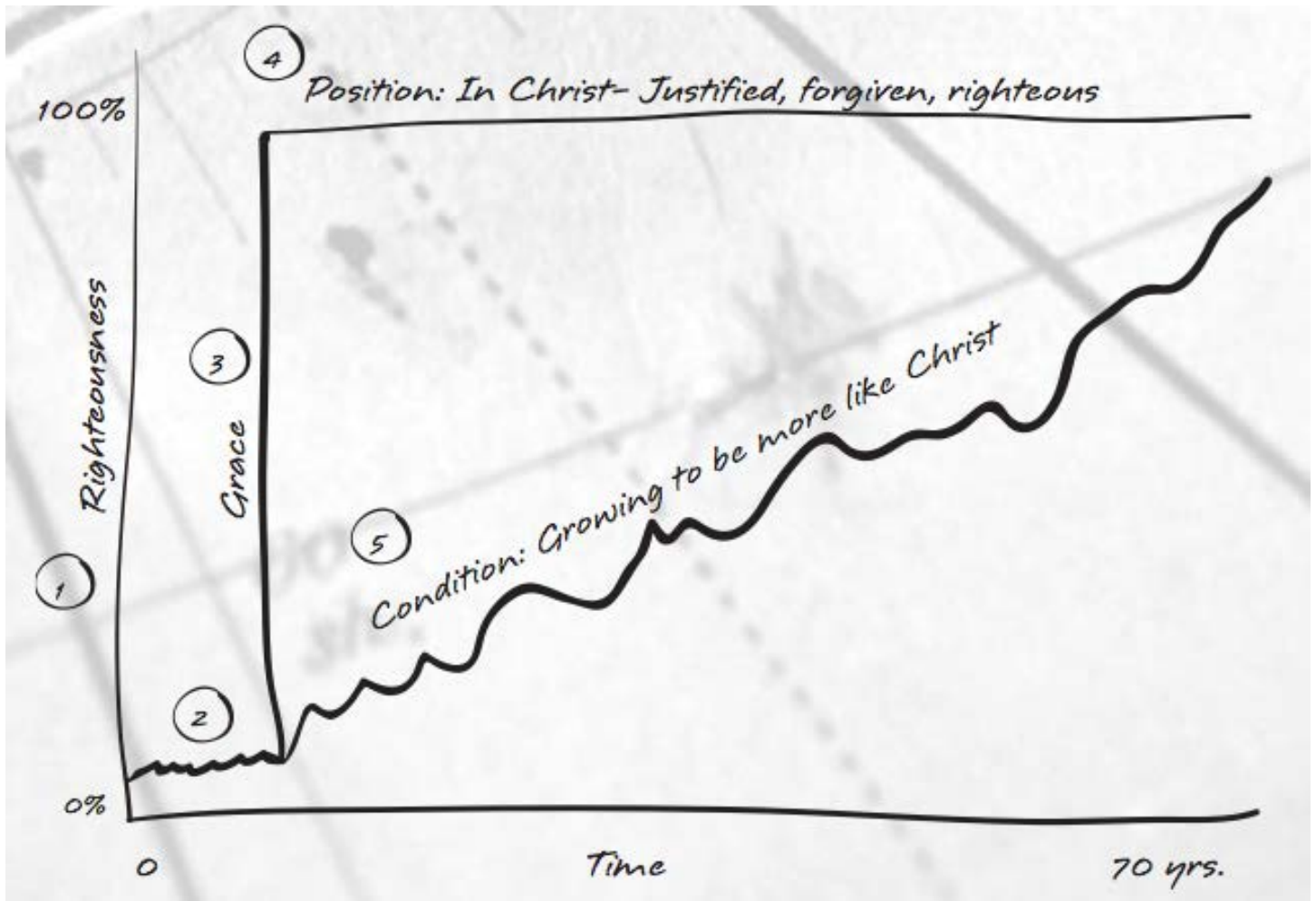
Q: What are some verses from the Bible that refute these lies as false and help you place your faith in what is true?

APPLICATION AND ACTION

- ▶ Memorize Romans 8:1 or another verse as a reminder for the next time doubts arise.
- ▶ Think of a Christian who could benefit from hearing this truth and share it with them.

HOW DID IT GO?

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