

Hebrews Series

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# Hebrews 12:14–15

## **Section Five: 11:1–13:25**

**Instruction: 11:1–40**

**Practical Challenge: Focus on Christ 12:1–29**

**12:1–2 Christ set the example of endurance.**

**12:3–11 The believer endures training in order to be a useful, mature believer.**

**12:12–17 Conclusion: We must become strong spiritually, to enjoy the blessings of a full reward in heaven.**

**12:18–29 Explains how this flows from the superior new covenant.**

**Warning: 12:25–29**

**“a figure of speech in which one thing is called by the name of something else, or is said to be that other thing. Unlike similes, which use *like* or *as*, metaphorical comparisons are implicit—not explicit.”**

**—*Garner’s Modern American Usage***

**Heb. 12:12, “Therefore strengthen the hands  
which hang down, and the feeble knees,”**

**Isa. 35:3, “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.**

**Isa. 35:4, “Say to those who are fearful-hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you’.”**

**Zeph. 3:16, “In that day it shall be said to  
Jerusalem: ‘Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands  
be weak’.”**

**Job 4:3, “Behold you have admonished many, and you have strengthened weak hands.”**

**Heb. 12:12, “Therefore strengthen the hands  
which hang down, and the feeble knees,”**

**Heb. 12:13, “and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”**

***ἀνόρθω/ω anorthoo***

***Aorist active imperative***

***Priority command***

**“to restore to straightness or erectness, to build someth. up again after it has fallen, rebuild, restore, to become erect from a bent position, straighten up”**

**Heb. 12:13, “and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”**

**Proverbs 4:26, LXX**

**“Make straight paths for your feet, and keep your path straight.”**

Heb. 12:13, “and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.”

οἰστὰς ποιεῖτε *orthos poiete*

*Present active imperative*

*make it a habit*

“to make something straight”

**Two commands:**

**Strengthen droopy hands and wobbly knees**

**Aorist–priority**

**Make straight paths**

**Present–ongoing characteristic**

**Three Commands:**

**Strengthen droopy hands and wobbly knees**

**Aorist–priority**

**Make straight paths**

**Present–ongoing characteristic**

**Pursue peace with others**

**Present–ongoing characteristic**

**Pursue spiritual growth!**

**Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”**

**Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”**

**diwꞥkw (*dioko*)**

***Present active imperative 2PL: make it a habit***

***“to move rapidly and decisively toward an objective—hasten, run, press forward”***

***“pursue, strive for, seek after, aspire to something”***

Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”

1 Thessalonians 5:15, “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always **seek** after that which is good for one another and for all *people*.”

**Heb. 12:14, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”**

**ἁγιασμοῦ (*hagiasmos*),**

**“holiness, consecration, sanctification”**

**Phase 2 sanctification—living the Christian way of life**

# THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE**

**ONE**

**Justification**

**PHASE**

**TWO**

**Spiritual  
Life**

**PHASE**

**THREE**

**Glorification**

**Positional  
Sanctification**

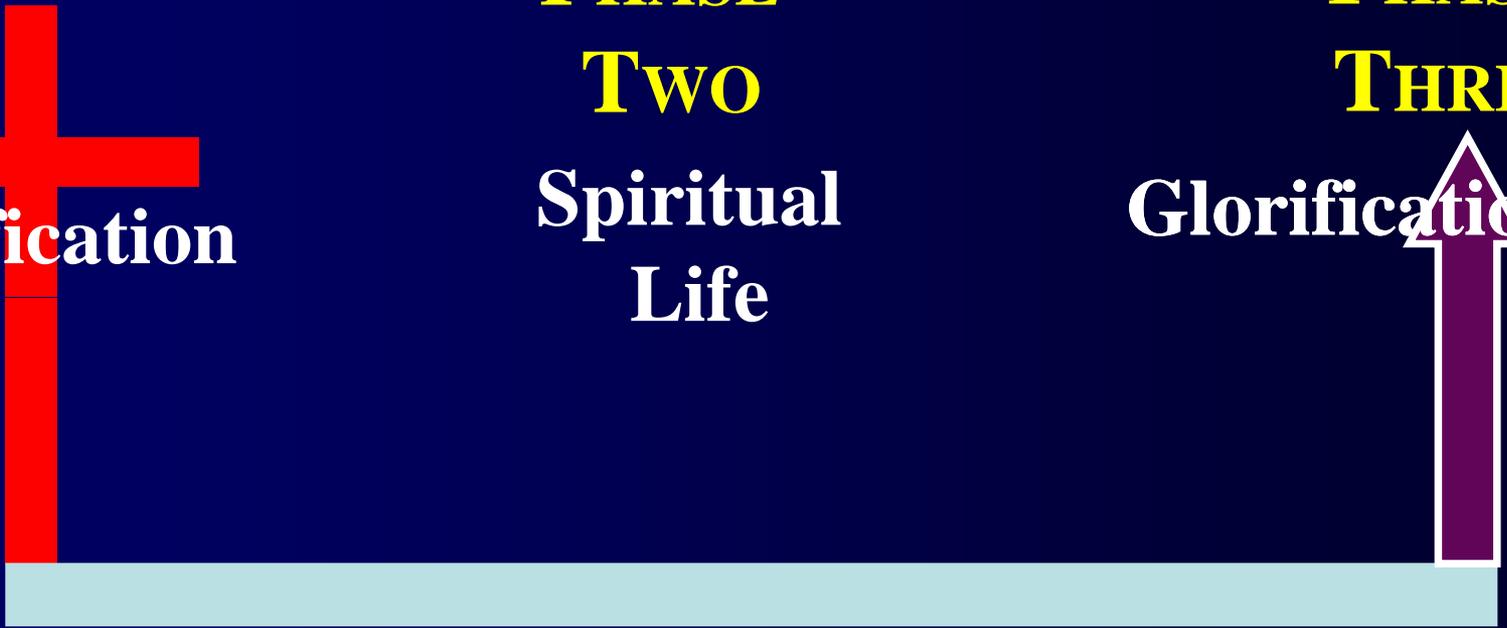
**Freed from  
Penalty of Sin**

**Progressive  
Sanctification**

**Freed from  
Power of Sin**

**Ultimate  
Sanctification**

**Freed from  
Presence of Sin**



# **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**Spirituality**

**Spiritual  
Maturity**

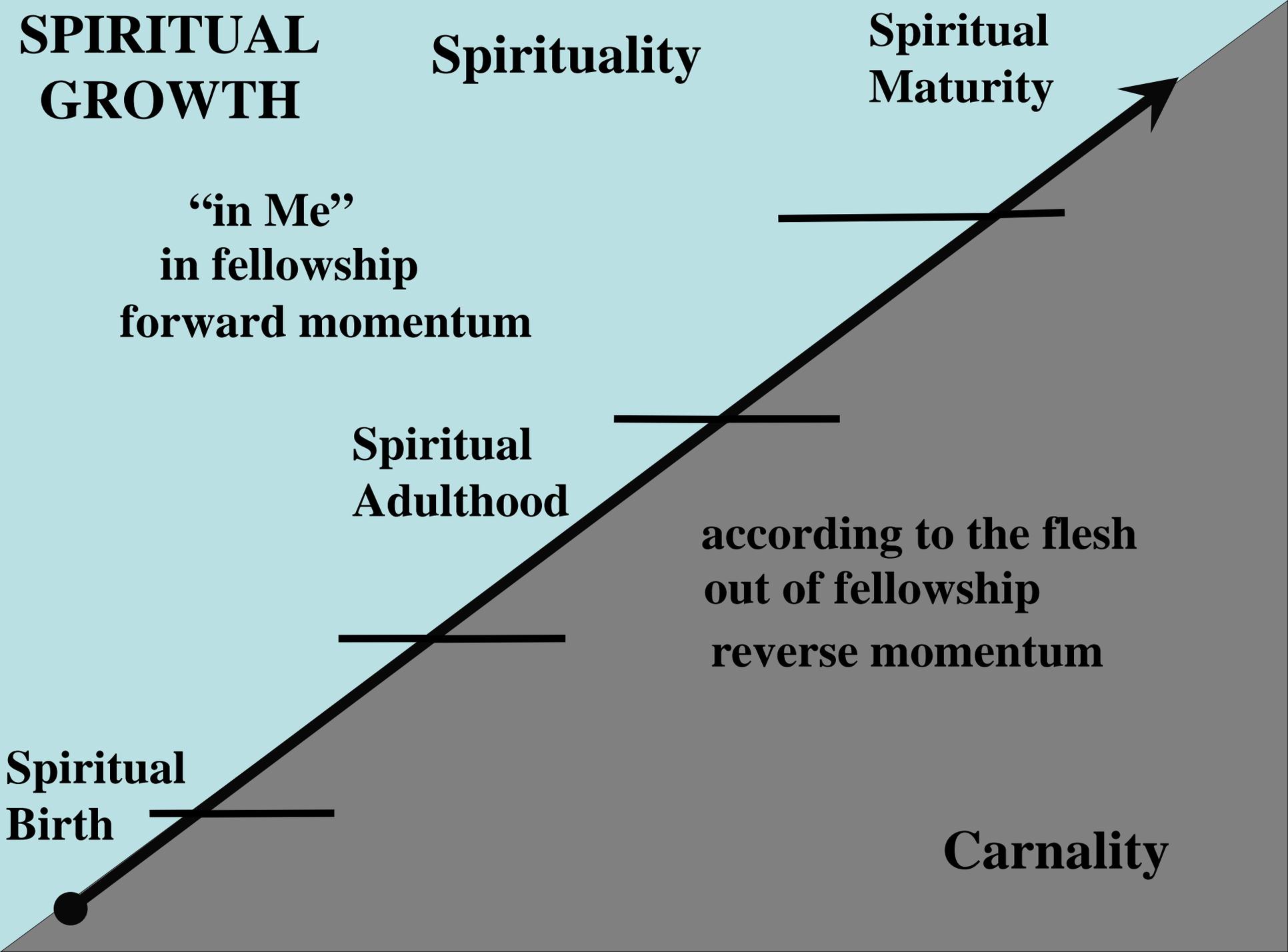
**“in Me”  
in fellowship  
forward momentum**

**Spiritual  
Adulthood**

**according to the flesh  
out of fellowship  
reverse momentum**

**Spiritual  
Birth**

**Carnality**



**Rev. 2:7, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”**

**John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

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**1 John 2:14, “I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”**

**1 John 5:4,**

**“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”**

**Rev. 2:11, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”**

**Rev. 2:17, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”**

**Rev. 2:26, “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—**

**Rev. 2:27, “He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father;**

**Rev. 2:28, “and I will give him the morning star.”**

**Rev. 3:5, “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”**

**Rev. 3:12, “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.”**

**Rev. 3:21, “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”**