

A PORTRAIT OF MATURITY

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1. A Mature Look at Maturity
2. A Mature Look at Our Lives
3. A Mature Look at God's World

1. A MATURE LOOK AT MATURITY

MATURITY IS NOT JUST . . .

- Daily Bible reading & prayer
- Moral living
- Active church involvement
- Biblical & doctrinal knowledge

MATURITY IS

- Living all of life under the lordship of Christ
- “If you confess with your mouth **Jesus is Lord**, and believe in your heart God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

MATURITY IS

- Skillfully discerning how our Lord wants us to live
- “The mature, those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” *Hebrews 5:14*

MATURITY IS

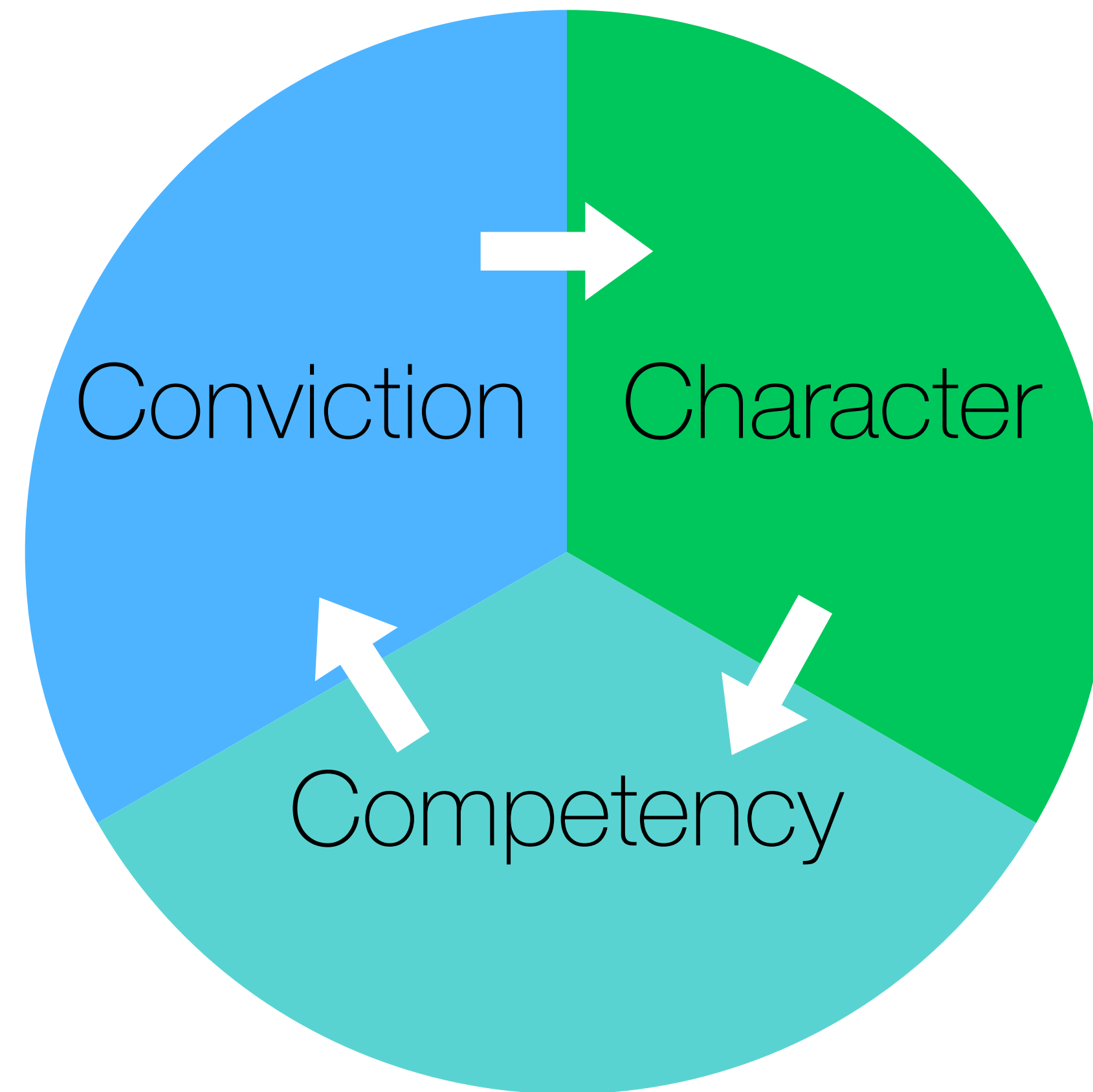
- Showing self-sacrificial love
- “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” *Eph. 5:1–2*

MATURITY IS

- Being eager to do good works
- “Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” *Titus 2:14*

2. A MATURE LOOK AT OUR LIVES

GROWTH IN . . .



THE 3 C'S

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| Conviction | Head | Knowledge & Faith |
| Character | Heart | Virtues |
| Competency | Hands | Action |

CONVICTION

- We gain knowledge from God's word and God's world.
- We have certainty that God's word is true and its promises will come to pass.
- We are certain of sin in us and God's justice in punishing such sin.
- We rely on Christ as the all-sufficient Savior, Refuge, and Lord.

CHARACTER

- Our internal nature is conformed to Christ.
- Affection: We love and hate what Christ loves and hates.
- Desire: We seek what Christ seeks.
- Will: We choose and reject what Christ chooses and rejects.
- Thought: We think about what Christ thinks about.
- Emotions: We feel what Christ feels.

COMPETENCY

- Our external lifestyle should be marked by habitual obedience.
- We are presented to God as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1-2).
- We obey God in these seven areas: Worship, Spiritual Disciplines, Family, Ministry to believers, Ministry to non-believers, Stewardship, & Work.

Conviction

Belief In The Word

Shapes

Character

Our Will, Emotions, & Desires

Dictates

Competency

Our Choices, Ministry, & Lives

Conviction

God created our sexuality.

Shapes

Character

We want to honor God with our sexuality.

Dictates

Competency

We flee sexual immorality & pursue sexual expression in marriage

3. A MATURE LOOK AT GOD'S WORLD

GOD'S PERFECT CREATION

Mankind was created to be rightly related to:

- Self
- God
- Fellow humanity
- The physical world
- Dependent Image-bearer
- Dependence
- Love
- Stewardship

SIN'S COMPLETE DISTORTION

Sin distorted man's relationship to:

- Self
- God
- Fellow humanity
- The physical world
- Independence
- Rebellion & Enmity
- Hate & Conflict
- Enmity & Exploitation

SALVATION



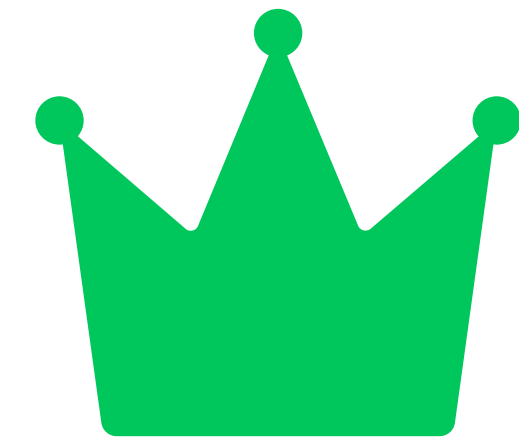
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From Sin



Born
Again



Declared
Righteous

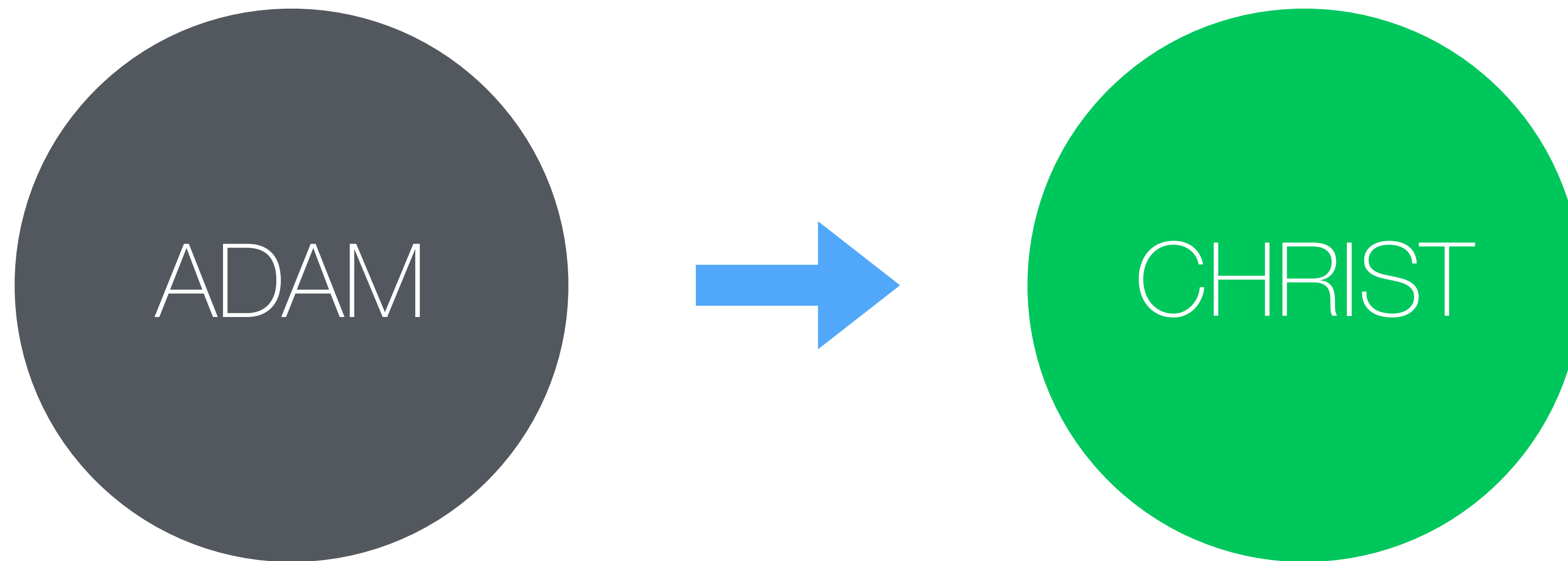


New
Lord

CHRIST IS . . .

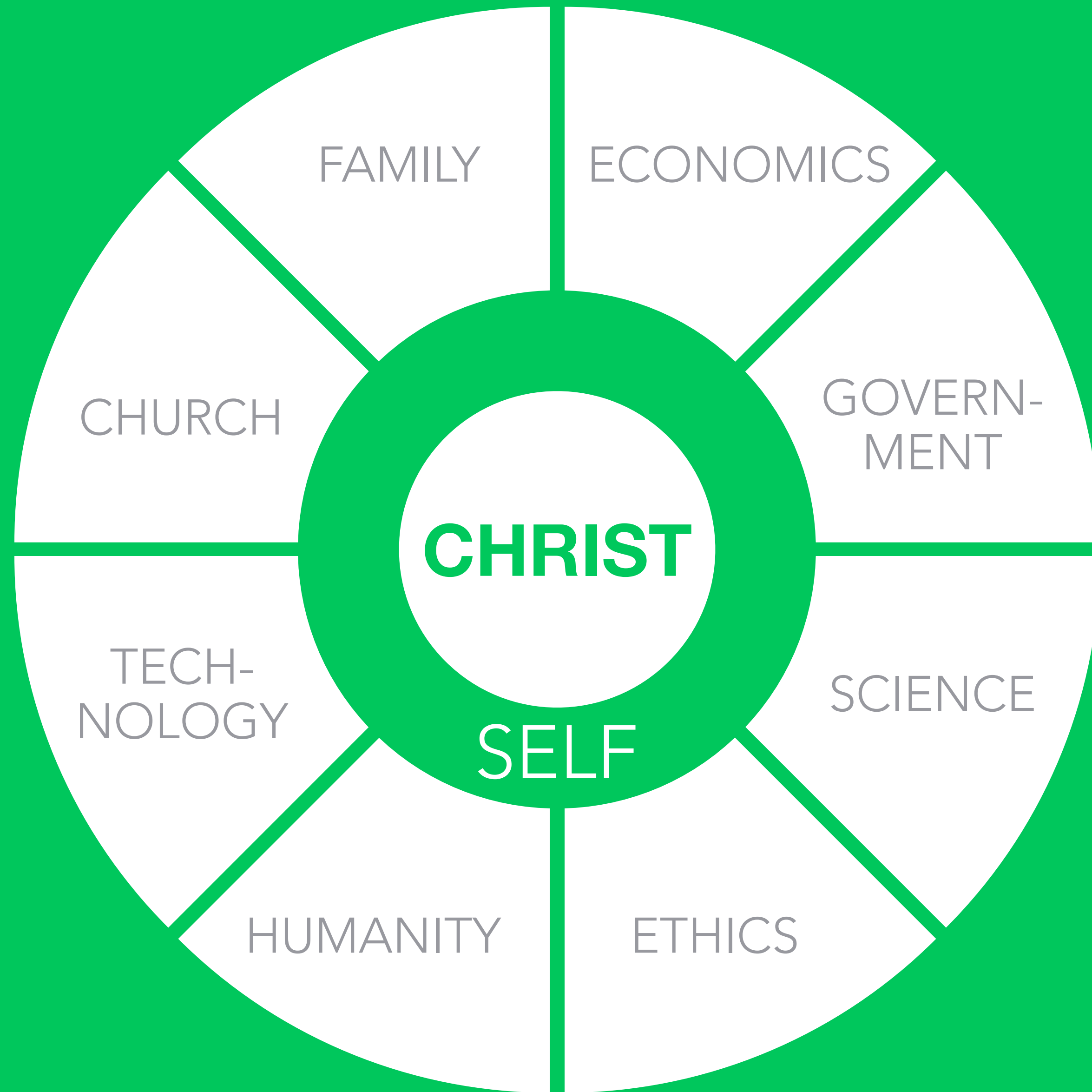
- Christ is not just a liberator.
- Christ is not an add-on.
- Christ is not a life coach.
- Christ is not just a counselor.
- Christ is Lord.
- Christ is the lawgiver.

NEW HUMANITY, NEW IDENTITY



LORDSHIP LENSES





CREATION, FALL, REDEMPTION

- Creation: What was God's original intention?
- Fall: How has sin disfigured it?
- Redemption: How can Christ redeem this?

