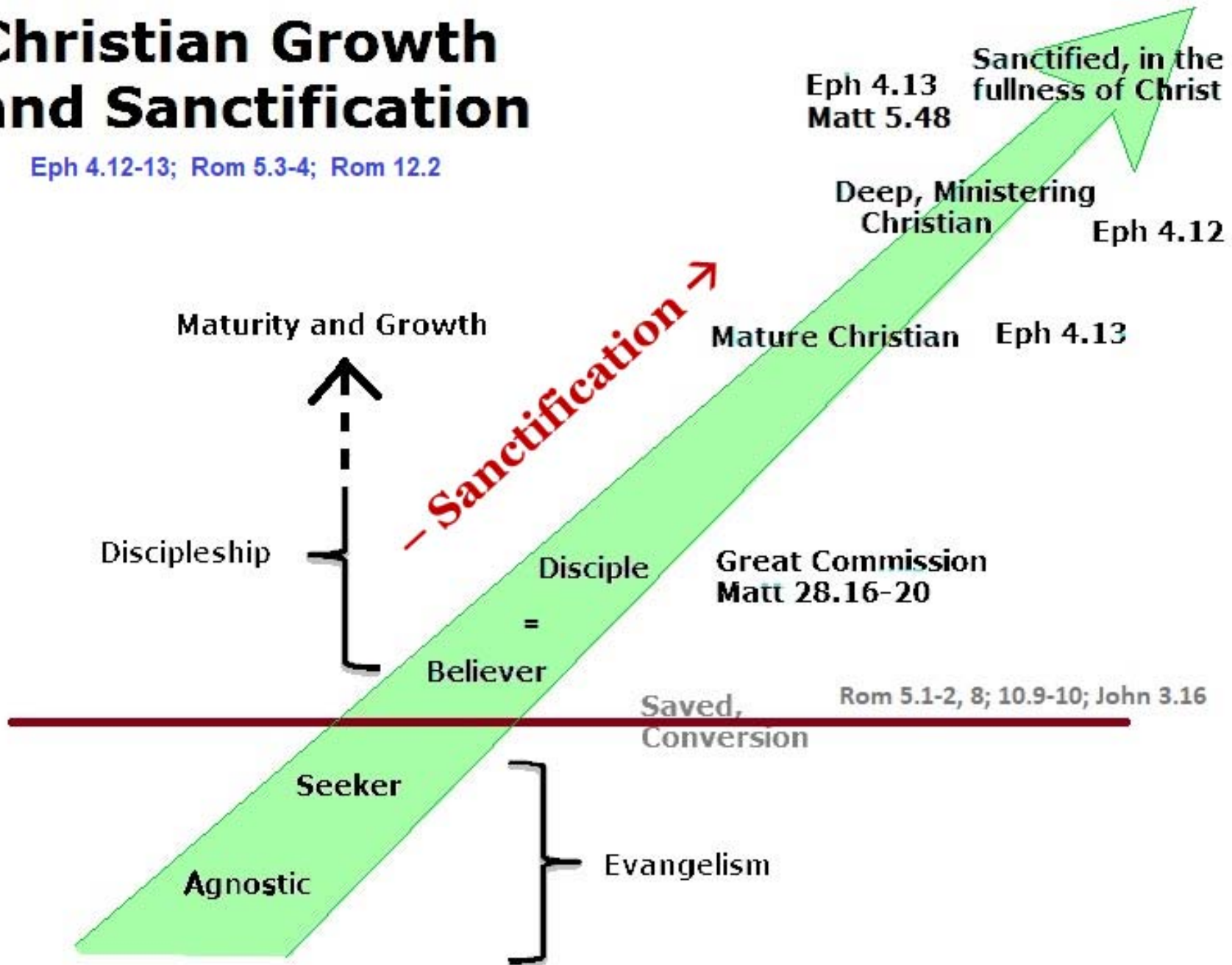


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Eph 4.12-13; Rom 5.3-4; Rom 12.2



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## The goal – Sanctification and growth to Christian maturity

[Ephesians 4:12-13](#) (BSB) -- **to equip the saints for works of ministry, to build up the body of Christ**, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, **as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ**.

[Romans 5:3-4](#) (BSB) -- Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

[Romans 12:2](#) (BSB) -- Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

[Matthew 5:48](#) (BSB) -- Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.

## The process – Discipleship – the Great Commission

[Matthew 28:18-20](#) (BSB) -- Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## The beginning – Salvation and conversion

[Romans 5:1-2](#) (BSB) -- Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

[Romans 10:9-10](#) (BSB) -- that if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved.

[John 3:16](#) (BSB) -- For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.