

The Pastor's Study:

Entry Number 1 on the subject of biblical perfection and overcoming.

The King James Version will be used throughout with emphasis added. Repetition is purposeful. The material is worthy of thoughtful study. This brief preface letter is meant to encourage us to take the next step in God's Grace.

“let us go on unto perfection” Hebrews 6:1

There is a need to qualify the term perfection as generally defined; qualified as per a scriptural understanding. Anything less leaves the matter in the rank of bizarre and unthinkable.

Biblical “perfection” is not doing everything right and without error. Overcoming sin and perfection is a matter of the heart and disposition. It is a Spiritual work of God. It becomes a reality as we dedicate our life to Christ; his teachings and his life example. See St. Mathew 5-7. Jesus life-message is the path we abide; a spiritual walk, both the “hearing” and the “doing.” The doing of the thing rest in the “estate of his righteousness” which is imputed to us. This vital point of understanding will be discussed ongoing in the writings that follow.

The subject of “perfection” includes the term “estate” because by God's Grace we are entered into the going-on or growing up “*unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*” Ephesians 4:13. The subject should be of great interest because it is primary to the Plan of God as applied to our lives.

Romans 5:1-11 demonstrates the mandate to “go on.” For that reason, it is brought forward early-on. The additions of underlining and bold type are not meant to add-to or take-away, but rather for clarification. The primary aim is to amplify on the thought of “going on to perfection” and not stopping or leveling-off at any point in God's Plan for our lives. That is the will-of-God and it should be generally understood and embraced. Again, this text in Romans helps make that point. The typical italics scripture quotes refer to the aspect understood and agreed-to by most of Christianity. That is; “*reconciliation.*” Call it part “A.” The bold type italics quotes will refer to the part “B,” the ***“let us go on to perfection”*** aspect.

Romans 5:1-11

1.” Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

*9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him.***

10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”

Humbly submitted: Please know that with this abbreviated start-up entry, and going forward, there is no pretense that we will exhaust the subject, nor is it likely to be without error in the writing or clarity of the thoughts expressed.

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