

Perfection

Foundation Scripture:

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A. The Doctrine of Perfection

1. You are called to be perfect.
 - a) 2Ch 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.
 - b) Php 3:15 As many as be perfect, be thus minded.
 - c) Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
 - d) 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
 - e) Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will.
 - f) Jas 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
 - g) Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
 - h) Examples
 - Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.
 - Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God
 - Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
2. Perfection belongs to you.
 - a) Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec?
 - b) Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.
 - c) Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
 - d) 1 Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.
3. Jesus was made perfect for you.
 - a) Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
 - b) Luk 13:32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.
 - c) Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him
 - d) Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

B. Perfection through Jesus

1. You are dead to sin.
 - a) Psa 18:32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

- b) Col 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.
 - c) 2 Cor 5:21 You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
 - d) Rom 6:11 Reckon yourself dead to sin but alive to God through Jesus Christ.
 - e) Rom 6:6-8 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
(Rom 6:4 We are buried with Jesus by baptism into death) He that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.
 - f) Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made **perfect** in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
2. You are called to overcome death.
- a) Psa 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
Psa 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
 - b) Rom 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
 - c) 1Co 15:51 I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed.
 - d) Joh 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: whosoever lives and believeth in me shall never die.
 - e) Joh 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
3. You are made perfect by the Holy Spirit.
- a) Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made **perfect** by the flesh?
 - b) Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.
 - c) Heb 12:23 and to the spirits of **just men made perfect**.
 - d) Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
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 - f) 2Co 12:9 My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.
 - g) 1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
 - h) Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

C. Achieving Perfection

1. The Mind Set of Partnership.

- a) 1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.
- b) Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
- c) Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;
- d) Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.
- e) Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
- f) 1Ki 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.
- g) Psa 138:8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me: thy mercy, O LORD, endures for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.
- h) Jas 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- i) Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- j) Eph 4:12 For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

2. Personal Cleansing.

- a) Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
- b) 1Ki 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.
- c) 2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- d) 1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- e) 1Jo 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- f) 2Pe 3:11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,
- g) 2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
- h) 2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- i) Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

3. The Goal of Perfection.

- a) Be a part of the Glorious Church.
Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- b) Be a manifested Son of God.
Rom 8:19 AMP [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly & longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their son ship].
Rom 8:22-23 KJV For we know the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now; not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, i.e. the redemption of our body.
- c) Have a Glorified Body
Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them **he also glorified..**
Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us?
Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
Luke 4:18 (Jesus is our Jubilee; all things restored; Our Shalom, nothing missing nor broken)
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
- d) Be Alive and Remain
1 Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- e) Be an Ark Builder
Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
Rom 8:37 Live as an **overcomer** for you are a super-conqueror.
Rev 2 & 3 Live according to the Seven Letters to the churches.
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Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

The Doctrine of Perfection

Foundational Scripture. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. Heb 6:1-2

A. Doctrine of Perfection

1. Jn 17:20, 21 Perfection is agreement with & obedience to God which leads to oneness with Him.
2. Gen 3 Adam was obedient to God, fellowshiped with Him & walked in His glory until the Fall.
3. John 5:19 Jesus said/did only what the Father said and did; and He was made perfect.
4. Rev 4 In Heaven, all are perfectly obedient to God.
5. Matt 6:10 Today God wants His Will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
6. 1 Jn 4:16 God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.

B. Perfection before Grace

1. Gen 1:28 Adam was a living soul, son of God, made in the image and likeness of God, covered with the anointing of God and having dominion over the earth and all on it.
2. Gen 5:24 Enoch walked with God (in agreement) and he was not, for God took him.
3. Gen 6:9 Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and he walked with God.
4. Gen 17:1 Abraham was ninety years old and nine and the LORD appeared to him and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
5. 1 Ki 11:4 Solomon's heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David.
6. 2 Ki 2:11 Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

C. Perfection under Grace

1. You are dead to sin.
 - a) Col 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.
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 - b) Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.
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6. You achieve perfection by partnering with the Holy Spirit.
- a) Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
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Note: Strong's G5046 Teleios - complete, mature; with variation completeness, perfect.
Concordance G5048 Teleioo from 5046 – make perfect

Purposes of Perfection

A. The Glorious Church

1. Becoming the church without spot or wrinkle
 - a) Eph 5:25 even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
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Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
 - b) 1Jn 3:2 When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.
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2. Becoming manifested Sons of God
 - a) Rom 8:19 AMP [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly & longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their son ship].
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3. Overcoming death
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 - b) 1Co 15:51 I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (*die*), but we shall all be changed.
 - c) Joh 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: whosoever lives and believeth in me shall never die.

B. Ending Days

1. Preparing yourselves for the return of the Messiah
 - a) Luk 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?
 - b) Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; V13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
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1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.
2. Living after the Age of Grace
 - a) Age of grace comes to an end when there are no more salvations.
Rev 8:1-2 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
 - b) Live as warriors to prepare the way for the return of the Messiah by walking in authority.
Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; voices saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

c) Live as Ark Builders

Rom 8:37 Live as an **overcomer** for you are a super-conqueror.

Rev 2 & 3 Live according to the Seven Letters to the churches.

Heb 11:7 Live as a “Noah” preparing an ark of anointing for the saving of your household.

3. The Rapture

a) The Dead in Christ.

2Co 5:8 willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

b) Those who remain and are alive.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away** first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

c) The Catching Away.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

C. The Millennium

1. Rod of Iron

a) Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.

b) Rev 2:26-27 And he that **overcomes**, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

c) Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

2. Living in Perfection

a) Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

b) Rev 21:7-8 He that **overcomes** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

3. The Second Death

a) Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

b) Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.