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BE PERFECT

Many Christians find it difficult to accept the Word of God relating to spiritual maturity and fullness for a people. Nevertheless the Word is true or flawless for Jesus said, "*Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect*". It may seem impossible to walk in all holiness, to love our enemies with a love borne of God, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be like Jesus in every way; but this nevertheless is what Jesus tells us in no uncertain way.

"--Everyone that is perfect shall be as His master."

(Luke 6:48)

"-That they may be made perfect in one." (John 17:23).

We know that Jesus lived upon this earth in the full glory of His Father - "*and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father*" (John 1:14). He lived for a little more than thirty-three years but in this short time He fulfilled all the desire and the perfect will of the Father. In those few years He lived the word He preached. He would not tell us to be perfect (mature and whole) unless it were possible. Jesus is the seed of God (Galatians 3: 16) and He shall surely bear fruit that is wholesome in every way just like "*the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself, first the blade, then the ear. after that the full corn in the ear*" (Mark 4:28). The Lord is raising a new generation - a people after His kind, after His own nature and His own likeness. He completed all that was required of The Father to



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bring forth a new generation having fallen into the ground and died so that there may be much fruit (John 12:24). God's purpose was not to wipe out the old generation or to somehow renovate them or make the old into new by taking them to a new place. Never, God's desire has always been to transform the old life by crucifying the flesh and slaying it at the cross so that from the ashes of Calvary a 'new man' might be born.

Why do some say that it is not possible to be absolutely sinless in our conscious area or absolutely righteous, absolutely unselfish or absolutely (i.e. perfectly) pure in thought, word or deed? Perhaps they think of it as something to be achieved. They fail to understand that the Lord Jesus Christ has done all that is needed for us to live an abundant life free of sin. He has made a way to experience total deliverance from the tyranny and bondage of sin, the flesh and the world. **Those believers who deny the possibility of a 'perfect' life, do so because they choose to practice sin in their lives.** They know there is deliverance in the blood of our Savior and they can walk in it, but they have decided in their minds to serve the Lord and practice sin at the same time.

Beloved, God will never change His mind about sin; He will never close His eyes to sin. The bride of Christ must be spotless; she must be pure as a chaste virgin. The Lord has made a way and provided strength to walk in it. The question, therefore, is whether you want to go that way? Are you desirous of radically giving up your sinful life? Our purity and spotless life is a matter of our own choice, for God has already purposed us to be in that company of a chaste bride. We have to accept God's terms and not our own. There are no short cuts to spiritual reality. Just because the majority is not willing to be freed from the bondage of sin, it does not mean that some cannot attain to that excellent state of spotlessness.

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