

He Has Perfected for All Time Those Being Sanctified

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"But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered **one sacrifice (Himself) for sins for all time,**' *sat down on the Right Hand of God;*' (Psalm 110:1) and from that time foreword waiting 'until His enemies are made His footstool.' (Psalm 110:1) For by-one offering **He has perfected for all time those being sanctified.** And the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us; for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.' (Jeremiah 31:33-34) Now where remission of these (sins) is, **there is no more offering for sin.** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest-place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which **He has consecrated for us,** through the veil, that is to say, His flesh." (Hebrews 10:12-14-20)

Perfected: from the Greek word *teteleioken* a verb which means: he-has-perfected, (and is continuing to perfect); from *teleioo* which means: to bring to an end destination, to complete, to finish, to perfect; to consummate, to accomplish; to reach the end-stage, i.e. working through the entire process (stages) to reach the final phase (conclusion); as of time or prediction; to add what is yet lacking in order to render a thing, or person, perfected. (in context: through His death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins, Jesus has perfected, and is continuing to perfect from sin, once and for all time, all those people who have put their faith and hope in Christ Jesus; and as a result we are now being continually sanctified to the end of the age.)

All-time: from the Greek word *dienekes* (an adjective) which means: all-time, forever, or eternally; carried through continually, perpetually. Properly: to carry through all the way across, in an unbroken (non-stop) fashion; to persist all the way, to the intended end.

Those: from the Greek word *tous* (plural masculine article) which means: those; (those persons in Christ Jesus who are being sanctified.)

Sanctified: from the Greek word *hagiazomenous* a verb which means: being-sancified; in the sense of continuously being sanctified; from *hagiazoo* a verb which means: to make holy, to sanctify, to consecrate, to dedicate. To separate and set apart something or someone as holy, and consecrated to, and for God. (In context: refers to the on-going sanctification process of those saints, those Holy-ones, who are being transformed day-by-day into the image and holiness of Christ Jesus).

Literal: "He-has-perfected for that eternally-carried-through, those being-sanctified."

Current English: "He has perfected for all time those being sanctified."

The context is that Jesus has paid the full ransom price for the forgiveness of all our sins: past, present, and future. Our perfection and sanctification is thus an ongoing process; since we still deal with an ongoing sin nature. However, we are continually made perfect, and fully sanctified, in and through Christ Jesus. Consider the following:

Jesus said: "You have heard that it has been said, 'You shalt love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say unto you, 'Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you; and pray for those who despitefully use you, and persecute you; so that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love them who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the publicans do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not even the publicans do so? **Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.**" (Matthew 5:43-48)"

In this sense, who has made themselves perfect in and through their own efforts - apart from Christ Jesus?

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Peter, the apostle of Christ Jesus, wrote to us saying:

"But as He (the Father) who has called you is holy, so also be you holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, '**Be you holy; for I am holy.**' (1 Peter 1:15-16)
(quote from Leviticus 11:45)

By our own efforts it is impossible to be as perfect as God the Father is perfect; nor is it possible in our own efforts to be as holy as God is holy. However, all such things are possible for the Father through His Son Jesus the Christ-Messiah. Consider the following:

"**For the law**, being a shadow of good things to come (in Christ Jesus) and not the very image of the (good) things, **can never**, with those sacrifices which they offered year by year, **continually make those who come near perfect**. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the worshippers once purged would have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For **it is not possible** that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." (Hebrews 10:1-4)

"Then Jesus said unto His disciples, 'Truly I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; and again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.' When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, '**Who then can be saved?**' But Jesus looked at them, and said unto them, '**With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**' (Matthew 19:23-26)

Only in Christ Jesus is perpetual perfection and sanctification from sin **possible**. Please consider the following words of Paul, the apostle of Christ Jesus, on our ongoing struggle with our sin nature:

"For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that which I desire not to do, it is no longer I that does it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God within the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Oh wretched man that I am! **who** shall deliver me from the body of this death? **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. **Therefore, there is now no condemnation to those who 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 has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh;** so that the righteousness (perfection and sanctification) of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Romans 7:19-25, 8:1-4)

"**For the law made none perfect, but the bringing in of a Better Hope (in Christ Jesus) did; by the which we do draw near unto God.**" (Hebrews 7:19)

On our part we must keep pursuing the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus; and all that He has to offer us. as it says:

"...That I may know Him (Jesus), and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformed unto His death; if by any means I (and we) might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained it, **either were already perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may lay-hold that for which I am also laid-hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have yet laid-hold: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God **in Christ Jesus**. Let us therefore, **as many as are perfect**, be thus minded." (Philippians 3:10-15)

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Our perfection in and through Christ Jesus is indeed our Blessed Hope; and is founded upon the prayers and promises of Jesus and His holy prophets and apostles. It is founded upon the full assurance of God's sure Word!

Jesus prayed for us as follows: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them through Your truth. Your Word is truth.** As You have sent Me into the world, even so I have also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that **they also might be sanctified through the Truth.**" Nor do I pray for these alone, but for those (us) also who shall believe on Me through their word; so that they **all** may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they also may be one in Us; so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; so that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and You in Me, so that **they may be made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, **and has loved them (us)**, as You have loved Me." (John 17:16-23)

Paul wrote, "... I have been made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which has been given to me **for you**, to fulfill the word of God; even the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints; to whom God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory**: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; so that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**; for which purpose I also labor, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily." (Colossians 1:25-29)

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, roams about, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him steadfastly in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are being accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. **But the God of all grace**, who has called us unto His eternal glory **in Christ Jesus**, after that you have suffered a while, **will make you perfect**, establish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 5:7-11)

"But you have come to mount Zion, and to the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly and Church of the Firstborn, who are registered in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, **and to the spirits of just (righteous) men having-been-perfected**, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel." (Hebrews 12: 22-24)

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **make you perfect in every good work to do His will**, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

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**For it is impossible for us to achieve perfection through our own efforts.
But the Father, through His Son Jesus, has achieved our perfection instead.
For with God all things are possible!**

**Our perfection by Christ Jesus is for all time maintained continuously through the once
and for all time sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross!**

**Jesus You are the Mediator of a New and Everlasting Covenant!
Through You we are made Perfect! Through You we are made Holy!
Through You we have eternal Life! Through You we are Sanctified Forever!
All Praise and Glory and Honor and Dominion be Yours – Always and Always - Amen!**