

“ONE THIRD PERFECTED FOREVER”

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For over twenty-five years I have preached that you can be perfect. Several years ago as I was teaching on this subject the Spirit spoke to me and said, “Begin walking in perfection”. I was really shaken by this. Although I had taught perfection for years, I had no clue how it could be done!

I knew my salvation was perfect. But I didn't know how perfect until I understood the revelation of spirit, soul and body**. *** (Man is a triune being)*

“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” [Hebrews 10:11-14]

Our Lord Jesus gave Himself a sacrifice for sins one time forever! At that same time, He also perfected us forever. Jesus paid for all our sins: past, present and future. *“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” [Hebrews 10:10]* You were sanctified, through the offering of Jesus Christ once! The word *sanctified* means to set apart; to be made holy.

In the Old Testament sacrifices for sins were offered constantly! Over and over the blood of goats and bulls and calves were offered for the sins of the people. Hebrews chapter ten, verse eleven said the sacrifices the priests made never took away sins. But Christ by His own blood entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal

redemption for us (See Hebrews 9). He took our sins away! John the baptist testified, ". . . Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29] The Apostle John wrote, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." [1John 3:5]

So-called healing evangelists love to quote Isaiah 53:5 and compare it to First Peter 2:24. The reason they compare these two scriptures is they want you to understand that Isaiah prophesied that you would be healed when Christ came. Peter pointed back to the cross and stated you were already healed by the stripes He suffered. Their emphasis is on physical healing, not spiritual healing.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." [Isaiah 53:5]

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." [1Peter 2:24]

The teaching is you are already physically healed! If you have a sickness or disease all you must do is believe Jesus healed you by the stripes He suffered two thousand years ago. I believe many have believed this, reached out in faith, and were healed! (Or rather, their healing was manifested).

My question is, if you can believe your physical healing (past, present and future) was obtained one time by Christ's suffering, why cannot you believe all your sins (past present and future) were forgiven one time by the same sufferings? It is obvious when you look at both scriptures they are clearly speaking about your sins and transgressions: "*Wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, bare our sins in his own body*"

Understanding the revelation of spirit, soul and body has given me the key to walking in perfection. Now I understand it! The Spirit simply commanded me to walk in

the perfection that God had already freely given me the moment I was born again! Paul said, *"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."* You can't walk in something you don't have! You must have the Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit.

Therefore, for me to walk in perfection, I would have to have perfection in me! I would have to be perfect! The Holy Spirit was prompting me to be *renewed in the spirit of my mind* (Ephesians 4:23).

For me to be transformed into a perfect man, my mind would have to be renewed. I would have to think differently than I had. I would have to acknowledge what God had already done for me.

"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."
[1Corinthians 6:17]

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" [Romans 6:1-2]

Now, my "going on unto perfection" took on a whole new meaning. I began to realize that one-third of my being is righteous and holy. One-third of me is complete and entire. One third of me is one spirit with the Lord! One third of me is dead to sin! One third of me is perfect! Two thirds of me will be perfect!

Paul wrote to men that were not striving for perfection, but were already perfect: *"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought."* [1Corinthians 2:6]

The writer of Hebrews wrote, *"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect."* [Hebrews

12:22-23] He is referring to the born again church of the Lord Jesus Christ! The spirits of these just men are perfect!

Look carefully at this powerful statement of the Apostle Peter. *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."* [2Peter 1:3] God hath given (has already given) unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness!

Do you really believe Peter? Do you really believe God has already given you all things for you to succeed in your walk with Him?

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. [Philemon 1:6]

Several years ago, after a long fast I was frustrated because I thought I had not received anything from the Lord. As I was meditating on this the Spirit spoke and said, "I have given you the fullness of the revelation of Jesus the Son of God." I thought to myself, "I don't know any more than I did! Or did I? What did this mean"?

As I thought about what the Spirit had said, several scriptures began to open to me. *"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."* [1John 2:27] The Word of God was letting me know that there was an anointing abiding in me, and it was teaching me all things!

I knew this scripture was talking about the Holy Ghost for Jesus had said, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."* [John 16:13]

I realized many years ago that God lived in me, and that God possessed all wisdom, knowledge and revelation. However, it never impacted my mind as it does now.

But you know, I didn't THINK I had received anything during that time of fasting! Please understand, God speaks to our spirits, Spirit to spirit. He placed His revelation in my spirit, not in my natural mind.

I know that I know all things. Yes I do! I know that I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. Yes I can! I can heal the sick. I can cast out devils. I can open blind eyes. I can open deaf ears. I can raise the dead. YES I CAN! I am a new creature in Christ. Yes I am. I am born again. Yes I am! I am forgiven, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost throughout eternity. Yes I am! I know that I am perfect. Yes I am!

How can I say all those things? Because these are the things the Word has plainly said I am and can do.

Does your mind rebel in opposition to everything I have just said?

If we do not understand the principles of spirit, soul and body, we will never be able to fulfill His command to go into all the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit revealed by the Word that He had already given me the complete revelation of God. *"But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."* [1John 2:20] You know all things. All things!

Where is this wisdom and knowledge? Apostle John said, it is in you. Surely you can grasp this!

You might ask, "Why do I have to believe this, if I already have it, I have it, right"?

You can be filled with the Holy Ghost and have all nine gifts of the Spirit, and they would be useless to you if you didn't know how to operate them. It is possible to have every good thing from God already in you and not benefit you!

Everything God imparts to you must be received by faith. Faith moves God, but faith will not work until certain spiritual laws are applied!

Look closely at this scripture. *"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."* [Philemon 1:6]

Your faith will only become effective when you acknowledge (accept) that every good thing is already in you! That statement my friend is power in simplicity!

Here is another very familiar scripture that lets us understand that God has already given us sufficient power to accomplish whatever we need. *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."* [Ephesians 3:20]

This fantastic power that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above anything we can think or ask is not beyond the Milky Way, or way off in never, never land. No! This power is working in you, if you are born again!

I hope you can see this! *"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."* [1John 4:17]

Notice it says, as He is, not as He was! As He is, so are we in this world. As Jesus is, right now! As He is, so are we in the world.

What position does Christ presently have? He stated that all power in heaven and in the earth was given to Him! *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* [Matthew 28:18] *"Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."* [1Peter 3:22] Christ in you is the hope of glory! If you would only believe!

Your carnal mind is preventing the blessings of God in your life! You must renew your mind! *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."* [2Corinthians 10:5]

I have His fullness in my spirit. I received it when I was born again. *"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."* [John 1:16]

My spirit is filled with God and now I am purifying my soul by acknowledging (accepting) that God has given me every good thing that pertains to life and godliness. *"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."* [1John 3:3]

My friend, the more you read, study and believe God's Word, the more your mind changes. Love cannot be reasoned by the carnal mind. Neither can faith be reasoned. Therefore, when one begins to believe the scripture rather than reasoning what the scripture says, the more one is changed from glory to glory.

A few years ago I received a vision from the Lord. At the time, I tried to understand the meaning of the vision, but came up with several interpretations. Now, I understand the vision.

I woke early that morning and had begun to pray. Suddenly a vision came before me. An open book appeared and words began to come out of the book. These words entered my mind and an audible voice said, *"In times past man has earned his living by the sweat of his face, but the time is coming for a man to survive, he will have to think like God thinks."* The vision ended.

Christians remain divided over what part of tribulation and persecution the church endures just prior to the second coming of Christ. However, there is little doubt the church will face a time of tremendous trials in the last days. It will

be a time when ones faith will be tried as never before. Could this be what this vision was warning of?

I personally believe it was. I realize there are Christians who believe they will not suffer any part of the tribulation that is sure to come. Some seem to forget there are Christians suffering untold tribulations and persecutions in the world today. In Islam controlled countries many Christians are imprisoned for their faith in Jesus. For some of them, the penalty is death.

However, if Jesus is not to return for another five-hundred years, it would behoove every Christian to learn how to "Think like God thinks".

Paul said, *"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."* [1Corinthians 2:16] If we have the mind of Christ, shouldn't we know how to "Think like God thinks"?

The mind of God, His thoughts, His will is in your possession! You have it in your hand, and it is in your born again spirit! It is called the Word of God.

If you will allow it to enter your soul it will impact your whole being. This is something you must *let* or allow to happen. You will surely have to change (renew) your mind. (See Romans 12:1-2).

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. [Philippians 2:5-6]

In much the same way, Christians are in the form of Christ. *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* [Ephesians 5:30] (Also 1Cor. 12:27)

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When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any punctuality, or any annoyance; when you stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility - and endure it as Jesus endured.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society, any raiment, any interruption by the will of God.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendations, when you can truly love to be unknown.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart.

-THAT IS DYING TO SELF

Are you dead yet? In these last days, the Spirit would bring us to the cross.

*"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."
(Philippians 3:10)*

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