

PRICELESS SOUL WELL OF REVIVAL

MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION – W.E. Shepherd

Surely there is a sense in which we may be perfect, or such admonition would not occur so many times in the Word. Notice the following texts:

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matt. 5:48.

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect.” 2 Cor. 13:11.

“And this also we wish even your perfection.” 2 Cor. 13:9.

“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect.” 1 Cor. 2:6.

“We proclaim Him, warning (admonishing) every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man perfect in Christ. Col. 1 :28-29.

“That you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” Col. 4:12.

“That we might see your face and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith.” 1 Thes. 3:10.

“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Tim. 3:17.

“Now the God of peace... make you perfect in every good thing to do his will...Heb. 13:20-21

“That ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 1:4.

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment.” 1 John 4:17.

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.” Heb. 6:1.

“If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man.” James 3:2.

What does all this perfection mean?

It means simply this: We are to be perfect in our spheres as Christians, as God is perfect in His sphere.

We are to fill our niche down here as He directs us.

And in filling it we must have, through the grace of God, perfect love, perfect submission, perfect loyalty, perfect peace, and a perfect heart cleansing.

Thank God for the possibility of Christian perfection.

How astonishing it is that people want everything perfect that pertains to this world, but are so willing to take salvation at such discounts!

A lady goes into a shop for women’s hats, calls for a hat, and at once rejects anything that has a blemish on it.

We call for a pair of shoes, and if there is something lacking we call for another pair.

A farmer goes into a nursery and proposes to buy some young apple trees.

If he detects woolly aphis or any other insect about the roots he will not take them.

And who blames him?

People want things right.

They are not satisfied with anything short of it.

God proposes to give us a perfect heart.

Shall we disown, reject, or cast off His gift?

Shall we ask for it to be discounted?

Is it possible to obtain such a blessing as a perfect heart? “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.”— 2 Chron. 16 :9.

Such a blessing is for us, and we are a disappointment to the Donor if we fail to accept it.

We speak of other things that are perfect, and there is no fuss made about it at all.

We find a household article branded “Perfection,” and we think it is all right.

Even tobacco will carry that name stamped upon it.

If perchance Christians use it to designate God’s article of salvation, immediately there is a hue and cry made, and they seem to think it almost blasphemy.

We pluck that lovely rose and say, "That is a perfect rose."

We see that noble steed passing swiftly by and exclaim, "That is the acme of perfection!"

We think nothing of it.

If God is able to make a perfect horse or flower, is He not also able and willing to make a perfect Christian? "O, consistency, thou art a jewel!"

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