

God's Perfection

Brief Perspective on God's Perfection

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48.

The imperfect trying to understand the Perfect, and the creation trying to understand the Creator.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darken (Romans 1:20, 21).

The greatest revelation of the Creator God to humanity was when the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1:14). And no one can go to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

The only way back to the perfect God is opened.

On Sunday, two women publicly proclaimed to everyone present that they have chosen Jesus.

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Warming Up

1. Share an instance where you did something perfectly (example, bowled a 300-game, scored 100 for the Maths test). How did you feel about your achievement?
2. What is your natural response to the exhortation to be perfect?
 - a. Can't be done, I am not even going to start
 - b. I am starting to get depressed
 - c. I am game. Show me how to get started
 - d. It is God's promise that He is transforming me even right now.

Into the Passages

Read Psalm 18:30, Job 37:16, Psalm 19:7, Psalm 50:2, Hebrews 7:18

3. In what ways is God described as perfect? (NIV translation)
 - a. Psalm 18:30 - As for God, His __ is perfect
 - b. Job 37:16 - Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who has perfect ___?
 - c. Psalm 19:7 - The __ of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
 - d. Psalm 50:2 - From Zion, perfect in _____, God shines forth.
4. The Law shows us imperfection but cannot make us perfect. Coming up short is something we experience daily. What hope is there for us then?

Read Romans 6:1-14 Baptism in Jesus Christ, baptism into His death

5. Moving beyond the symbolism, how does a person become dead to sin but alive in Christ? Share your experience of bearing the cross of Christ daily.

Moving Forward

We saw quite a few newcomers to church on Baptism Sunday and these newcomers witnessed the profound event of baptism and heard the message that the perfect God longs for His creation to be reconciled to Him because He has made the way through Jesus.

6. What are some of the creative ways that you have shared your faith in Jesus?

Life Together

Christ in me, Christ in us. We caught a glimpse of how a 'Christ in us' community looks like in Acts 2:42-47. Let's aim for that.

Check the boxes (all that apply)

7. Devoted to apostle's (the pastor's) teaching
- Devoted to fellowship (i.e. small group)
- Devoted to breaking of bread
- Devoted to prayer
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These notes are primarily for the Into the Passage portion, and are to be used just as guidelines or commentary notes. Most of them are my own thoughts, so take that with a grain of salt. Let the Word of God lead you to truth, not these notes.

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8. The Law shows us imperfection but cannot make us perfect. Coming up short is something we experience daily. What hope is there for us then?

We fail daily. Period. But if we stop here, then life is terribly miserable.

Daily, when we come to God, we are reminded of our imputed righteousness, we are filled with joy, we hear once again that He loves us.

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9. Moving beyond the symbolism, how does a person become dead to sin but alive in Christ? Share your experience of bearing the cross of Christ daily.

In some instances, it may be a case of dry sinner becoming wet, if there is no reality of God in their lives.

Baptism can be the start of a transformative experience, if we avail ourselves to meeting God in His Word, prayer and in community.