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“PERFECTION...at Last!”

To Be Like Him!

HEBREWS 7:11-28

“Perfection” (*teleiōsis*) - a developing unto completion which focuses on the final stage (fulfillment, end-phase)

Perfection/Maturity requires a _____!

We are NOT Perfected by...

- 1. THE _____ vs. 11**
- 2. THE _____ vss. 18, 19; GALATIANS 3:24**

We ARE Perfected by...

- 3. THE _____ vs. 24**
 - HE _____ INDESTRUCTIBLY vss. 15-17**
 - HE _____ COMPLETELY vs. 25**
 - HE _____ CONTINUALLY vss. 26-28**

Perfection/Maturity Measured...

- **By What We _____ JAMES 3:2; COLOSSIANS 4:6**
- **By What We _____ 1 JOHN 4:18**
- **By Whom We _____ MATTHEW 5:43-48**
- **By How We _____ JAMES 1:2-4**

“Bless you prison, bless you for being in my life. For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturity of the human soul.”

~ALEKSANDR SOLZHENITSYN, *The Gulag Archipelago*

- **ROMANS 8:28, 29**

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. In Sunday’s message we looked at the process for Christians to become mature/perfect human beings. Was there anything from the sermon that was helpful, eye-opening, troubling, or confusing?
2. Was it difficult to grasp the difference between absolute perfection and perfection as a process which Jesus works into us?
3. What typically keeps people from entering into the maturing/perfecting process that Jesus provides? Explain.
4. Is the perfection/maturity process a pleasant experience or difficult? Why?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Philippians 3:7-11. If Paul wants to become like Jesus, what is the first requirement in that process? What four things did Paul mention in verses 10 and 11 that he wanted to “know” about Jesus?**
- **Read John 14:21. What do we have to do to get Jesus to reveal Himself to us and consequently allow us to know Him better?**
- **Read Matthew 14:25-31. “Walking on water” is often used to describe someone who has reached perfection (or that no one has). How was Peter able to “walk on water” and why did he start to sink? What kind of storms in life can distract us from staying focused on Jesus?**
- **Read Hebrews 12:1, 2. How do we literally and practically keep our eyes on Jesus? What happens to our faith when we stay focused on Him?**
- **Review the four metrics for perfection/maturity mentioned in the sermon notes. Do you agree or disagree with these metrics? Which one do you think you have the most room for growth?**

LIVING OUT

- **What adjustments to your lifestyle can you make so you can grow *To Be Like Him*?**