

Nobody's Perfect

Sunday Morning, December 1, 2013

Thesis:

Christian Maturity Requires A Personal Pursuit of Godliness Through Christ.

Introduction:

Bumper Sticker:

"It's Not Easy Being Perfect, But Somebody Has To Do It!"

I. Nobody's Perfect!

(Romans 3:23)

For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.

(Romans 6:1)

What should we say then? Should we **continue in sin** so that grace may multiply?

II. Don't Be Deceived! Evil is Not Good!

(Isaiah 5:20)

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

(Wisdom of Solomon 1:12)

(From the Septuagint)

Seek not death in the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves destruction with the works of your hands.

(I John 5: 16 – 17)

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not bring death, he should ask, and God will give life to him—to those who commit sin that doesn't bring death. There is sin that brings death. I am not saying he should pray about that.
17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin that does not bring death.

Sin Unto Death

III. Therefore, Set Your Heart to Maturity in Christ! **(Philippians 3:12)**

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

Goal is Maturity

(Acts 24:16)

I always do my best to have a clear conscience toward God and men.

Goal is a Clear Conscience Before God and Man

(Ephesians 1:7)

We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Redemption Through Christ's Blood!

Conclusion:

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Invitation

Lord's Supper Service:

(Matthew 26:26 – 29)

Bread:

26 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is My body."

Cup:

27 Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you.

28 For this is My blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 But I tell you, from this moment I will not drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it in a new way in My Father's kingdom with you."