

Chapter 9

Holiness is Purpose of Man's Restoration by Birth-from-above

God Has Provided Perfection of Holiness as Our Goal on Earth

** Inherited depravity or sin (self-serving nature or sinful flesh nature) is not something in which we are personally guilty of, we inherited it from Adam and as long as in our bodies, we cannot of ourselves get rid of it. And as such, cannot be forgiven, it is not our fault. Depravity of our flesh nature is not something in which we can repent and turn from of ourselves. It is something that we need cleansing from BY SOMEONE ELSE. And we have no means in ourselves of doing this.

However, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The question is, How can He cleanse us from all unrighteousness? By repenting continuously by our choice and committing continuously by our choice (Mark 1:14) we are Justified (made Righteous and Holy) from our actions of sins by Christ's Resurrection and our initial repenting and committing, but how can we keep ourselves Holy to be in the Presence of God when we still have our sinful flesh natures to cause us to sin even when we don't want this? (Rom 6:22-23).

Can God simply make a decree that we are Holy while we helplessly go on sinning as carnal (sinful flesh nature) beings. God cannot take unholy beings into His Presence, and a simple legal bookkeeping decree cannot do it, and God cannot simply wave a wand and make a decree to make us Holy for His Heaven after we die. If that is the case why can't he do that for everyone?

That would make him a pagan god who just accomplishes whatever he wants, regardless of any regard for impartial Love, Truth, and Holiness (Rom 2:11, For there is no respect of persons with God.), and totally disregarding giving all his spirit possessing living human creations choice.

Again simply making anything by a decree from him would be totally only by a pagan god of sovereignty only doing only selfish wishes of whatever he wants. This is the definition of the satan isn't it. And this decree is nowhere found in the scriptures.

Here is what God's answer is to this dilemma is, accomplished in His resurrection to Justly give us His indwelling Holy Spirit to obey:

Rom 7:22-8:4

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God**; but with the flesh the law of sin.

8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk NOT after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Sanctification (an invented noun by translators, not occurring in Greek), is for the verb, **to make Holy**, FOR Holiness, Purity, and Perfection of Christ LIVING IN US. This is not just some mythical transfer of character from one person to another. Christ accomplished a means of Justly and Righteously Living in us to accomplish this by His death, burial, and **Resurrection** through which He became the Father's "Only Begotten Risen Christ" (Psa 2:7 and Acts 13:29-33) of John 3:16.

The Scriptures, as shown in all the quotes we have found in the scriptures, everywhere speak of these traits as being realities in those continuously by their choice repenting and continuously by their choice committing, to whom Christ's HOLY Indwelling Life is indwelling. And they are Loving Him with all their hearts and obedient to Him (the Mind of Christ) in them while living on earth. [As OT priests in the Temple serving Him day and night, we in our Temples (cleansed bodies) serving Him day and night.] Thereby Rejecting all un-Holiness as taught by the Holy Spirit, second by second, day and night, He (Himself) in them is thus enabled to cleanse us of all unrighteousness Himself, by what He did for them on the cross, buried, and yet Resurrected. Praise God.

Thereby, is the reason He had to come incarnate to provide a means whereby He could Righteously and Justly save His people from their sins, and especially their sinful flesh natures inherited from Adam. And the satan and his demons are thereby shamed Forever, and God's Great Love, Truth, and Holiness is Glorified Forever throughout Eternity. Truly. Amen.

RESTORATION Atonement (set-apart to Pure Perfect Holiness as the original Adam and Eve before their fall) is the reality of the Holiness of Perfect Christ Himself indwelling us to assure, teach, lead, gift, reveal, and empower each born-from-above person to obedience to Him throughout our Born-from-above

Living on earth, with the High Call of His Holiness as our goal (Phil 3:14). "He is our Perfection, our Righteousness, Holiness (sanctification) and Restoration (redemption, "release" from sin in Greek)" of 1 Cor 1:30.

The ideas of **heart Perfection/Purity and all that this comprises is what constitutes a committing one as entirely made Holy**, is not an obscure pipedream of some deluded "perfectionist," but **a real and Scriptural goal for attainment for every believer "committing to Christ in their Lives now on earth," eis-for purpose and goal**" of Him, our Lord Christ Jesus.

Read what Jesus taught to us during His service to His Father on this earth:

"For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me**" (John 6:38).

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me" (John 5:30).

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself, **but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.**" (John 14:10).

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which thou gavest Me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as We are one:**

I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made Perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast Loved them, as thou hast Loved Me" (John 17:21-23). **Wow!!**

THEN AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, the first thing He said to His disciples is, "Peace be unto you, Peace be unto you. **JUST AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, ALSO I, I AM SENDING YOU**" (John 20:21).
 [["The father that dwelleth in Me, "He doeth the works" (John 14:10).
 Read John 17:21-23 above, again. The Father and Son have made it possible for you to Live **FOREVER**, just as His Son in this Life on earth.]]

And remember, "HE THAT IS JOINED TO THE LORD IS ONE SPIRIT" (1 Cor 6:17). Again, saying that you are to be now Living as the Lord Himself directly to ONLY the Father in Heaven. "JUST AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, ALSO I, I AM SENDING YOU" (Jn 20:21). Think of it !!

Oh, I pray that this Great Salvation provided to each of us may be completely grasped by us!!

It is a Lord Jesus Christ Salvation through Faith (Mind of Christ) INSIDE YOU, not of a "works" salvation by our self-preferences sinful flesh nature "dead works," that any man could boast.". "It is by a gift of God (Himself INDWELLING YOU).....IN THE WAY OF good (agathos, God-good) Works by God Himself which God hath before appointed that we MIGHT walk in them." (Eph 2:8-10). "He will be DOING His God-Good Works-of-God through our obedient continuous choosing" (John 14:10). Without our obedience He cannot be it (John 3:36).

The impartial (Rom 2:6-11 and over 50 other scriptures) Just Final Judgment of all mankind, saved or lost, is "What sort (kind) of work do you have? A God-Good Work-of-God, or your own work? And it must be a lasting Work of our continuous obedience through death (Ezek 3:18-21; Col 3:23-25; John 3:36; 1 John 5:5; Rev 17:14; Rev 21:7; Rev 22:12, 19; etc.). NO Pharisee going by his own preference of doctrines and behaviors will enter Heaven (Matt 5:20).

One of the first things Christ said to His Apostles after His resurrection, was "**JUST AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, ALSO I, I AM SENDING YOU**" (John 20:21). Are you Indwelt by Him to do His God-directed Works?

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (2 Cor 13:5)

To be as Christ in perfect obedience to His directions by the Holy Spirit is our life-long goal, realistically provided to us in Christ's **Restoration** (Atonement) of us, despite our lack of perfect attainments. **Like Apostle Paul, we can only say, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already Perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12).** Christ said, "I can of Mine own Self do nothing: as I hear, I Judge: and My Judgment is Just; because I seek not Mine own Will, but the Will of the Father which hath sent Me" (John 5:30).

Some have made a career out of terrifying multitudes away from Holiness by ridiculing Holiness, sanctification, and Perfection of Christ in us. Do not allow those flesh driven teachers and preachers, who have failed this Grace of God, to dissuade you from experiencing the Promises and Blessings guaranteed and provided by God.

Let us remember, "**Grace = Christ (Faith) in you through your obedience, Doing what you cannot Do.**" AMEN "He IS DOING the Works" (John 14:10).

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the Glory (Spiritual Perfection) of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in (ev, inside) you, the hope of Glory (Spiritual Perfection): Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man Perfect (5046, teleios) in Christ Jesus" (Col 1:27-28).

Christ is the **cause**, His grace is the **method**, His indwelling Mind (Faith) is the **means**. His God-Good Work-of-God result, and **His salvation fully accomplished** of once sinful flesh nature men, to the full praise of His Spiritual Perfection (Glory).

Don't let the false teachers of the "sinning" "c"hristians (carnal "c"hristians) today tell you that teleios (perfect) does not mean Perfect, but only means "complete." Their Godless preferences have no relationship to Truth. Their doctrines are of the traditions of men which excuse "sinning" by their long preferred doctrines of traditions of men as Pharisees.

And God, as with the thief on the cross, in His Just Love, Truth, and Holiness will render an extremely simple impartial Just consistent Judgment to all mankind. "What sort of work, even just one lasting continuously, without turning against Me, until your physical death?" Just one needed. Remember the thief on the cross, who was granted repentance. Remember the Parable of the Vineyard Workers in Matt 20:1-16; also see Matt 16:27-28 and 1 Cor 3:13.

The doctrine of Christian Perfection while living in this world is badly misunderstood. We do not teach that man can be a god or God, nor be perfect God; nor do as perfectly as God; neither be a perfect Angel, nor as perfect as Adam was before his fall. Not perfect in knowledge; not physical perfection; not perfect before men, for the Jews said, Jesus was a devil.

He drove the money changers out of the Temple with a whip and most severely criticized the Pharisees (Matt 23), which some today would consider quite cruel and unloving and certainly not perceived as righteous actions by some. His actions and motives are even today misunderstood by ALL so-called "c"hristians. Jesus is the example of the Perfect Christian - Perfect in Love, Truth, and Holiness. By most very false "religious" definitions (doctrines) today, Jesus would not be considered "Perfect" by their standards either.

OUR UNDERSTANDING TODAY

IT IS AXIOMATIC: Scriptural **sanctification (HOLINESS)** CANNOT POSSIBLY BE UNDERSTOOD APART FROM UNDERSTANDING WHAT **"FAITH"** IS AND WHAT CHRIST'S **RESTORATION** (Atonement) DID. Very little true

understanding is taught today about either of these two foundational scripture teachings (DOCTRINES). See DOFFUN.COM for full explanations.

Three Schools of Understanding Holiness Today

Take your choice.

1. The ubiquitous Dispensational "grace" regardless "New Age" Fundamentalists. More recently, since 1948, a group of so-called **Ecumenicals** have come out of these, to be only distinguished by their doctrinal neutrality and social endeavors with others, regardless of any beliefs of these others. These have come into existence only during the past 100 years in the USA. They think sinless sanctification (Holiness) was never provided as a necessity by our Lord's Atonement for us in our living on earth.

They must, therefore, teach Unconditional Eternal Security to Heaven for the continuously sinning worldly people. Guaranteed Eternal Life depends upon whoever has at only one moment of time believed = trusted = faith in a promise of Eternal Life in the ink printed pages of their many Bibles. Their eternal salvation depends upon a one time only mental notation in their miserable continuously sinning lives, regardless of their behaviors or various beliefs.

Today, these are represented among the Southern Baptists, Independent Baptists, and many other independent and Ecumenical groups today. These people are indistinguishable from our modern Godless society today, but call themselves "carnal" Christians, continuing sinners saved by God's grace. Isn't grace wonderful, they say.

Many of these are those becoming the Emergent Church movement today, saying all gods are the same, just add Christ to your gods. These say Historic Christianity demanding Holiness was wrong, they say. Simply become a follower of Christ in your own religion, and adopt Eastern meditation, called Contemplative Spirituality, as the best way to experience your god. Also, may adopt icons, candles, and Roman Catholic worship methods as helps.

2. The Calvinists from 1536 AD, taught the theological basis from which the modern Dispensationalists have departed and formulated their beliefs in 1830. On a most singular contrary note, the Calvinists teach that only certain special people are saved, elected by God, to Heaven, regardless of themselves or whatever they may think or believe, at the time of the instantaneous "election to Heaven.". They interestingly teach that these special ones, are inscrutably Elected to go to Heaven through no initial consciousness or responsible choice of

their own. And that these few are so instantaneously transformed that they live Holy and exemplary lives persevering to death.

This greatly narrows the field of those saved, or think they are elected to salvation, as opposed to the more modern Dispensational "grace" regardless groups, who insist that all people are provided salvation by a one time mental notation of their own volition or choice, despite continued sinful living.

However, both the Dispensationalists and the Calvinists are taught to understand that they can have no righteousness or Holiness in themselves in any manner or means while on this earth. That true Holiness and righteousness only awaits them in Christ as He sits in Heaven. They call this the work of God's completed Atonement awaiting them in Heaven..

Both of the above schools of Theology believe in a Penal Substitution Atonement by Christ which we discussed in detail in Chapter 2, and what the scriptures teach is our true Restoration by Christ. See Chapter 2, *Atonement by Attributes*.

These two schools, or the many variations between them concerning Holiness, are filling our New Age churches of all so-called "saved" types today.

3. The scriptures teach our sanctification (Holiness) is provided by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who put away our sin natures in His necessary sinless flesh Death in His burial, and His provision of a Resurrected Life of Himself to be Lived through us in our daily obedience to Him. This work of our Lord Jesus Christ could only be accomplished by God incarnate Himself. This provision to us is called His Atonement or Restoration provided to us.

This provision is accomplished in order to justly, righteously, place His indwelling Holy Spirit into the dead spirits of people who choose to respond to His initial Holy Spirit enlightenments. After His Atonement provides cleansing of our conscience and souls, and the taking of our sinful flesh natures to the grave, He, as our only Holiness and Righteousness, enters our initially cleansed and purified souls and bodies to reside in our Quickened spirits.

This is His provision for their lives, separated from Him by our inherited sinful natures, which previously could only sin continuously in our self-serving ways. But after being "born-from-above, we may live Holy and Righteously by our Lord now within us, in obedience to our Heavenly Father, just as our Lord was obedient to Him, while He walked on earth. The first thing He said to His disciples after His resurrection, was, "Peace be unto you, as My Father has sent me, also I, I am sending you." Think about that !!

Those enlightened souls, separated (dead) from Him (Life), deliberately consciously respond to the Holy Spirit's enlightening of them by repenting and

committing their lives to obeying their Lord. They earnestly desire cleansing from their sinful ways to obtain His Life provided to them. They are then indwelt by His Holy Spirit, entering their once dead, separated from God's Spirit. And His indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ, called faith, wants to lead them in the paths of righteousness and Holiness, throughout their obedient living on earth.

God has provided a Perfect sinless salvation to them here while on this earth. Their responsibility is to live by the Perfect provision of the indwelling Perfect Holy Spirit of God Himself within them thereafter. This is New Testament means of sanctification (Holiness) in entirety. And justification and sanctification begins at being born-from-above.

This does not mean that human infirmities, ignorance's, or mistakes are ever removed in our human living, as those who carry within ourselves "sin" (self-serving) as our very flesh nature. It does mean that our Lord and God Creator provided by His Loving and Holy Death for us, provided to us a means of Living above sin, not minding the law of sin in our flesh, but minding the law of Christ within our now Living human spirit without sinning. We devote our repenting and committing Living to obey Him only, His indwelling Holy Mind of Christ, which is "faith."

The "Righteous" shall Live by this "faith of Jesus Christ," Perfectly provided by Him. Faith is nothing of a sin natured man. It is not a man's trusting or believing. It is Christ Himself (faith) in you AFTER Birth-from-above, assuring, leading, teaching, gifting, revealing knowledge, producing God's Good-Words, and ultimate salvation. All this through "obedience of Faith" (Rom 1:5 and 16:26).

And Christ's provision to us to save us is Perfect and our Lives are to be lived in Perfect "Faith" obedience provided to us on this earth. At the end of our lives on earth, all people (saved or unsaved) shall be judged for Heaven or hell on the basis of their works, whether obedient through "faith graciously offered" or not.

This is the Perfection of Sanctification completely explained. Saved through faith alone, by grace alone, in the way of God-good (agathos) works resulting (Eph 2:8-10). See the plain and clear scriptures provided in these articles, Judgment--Good vs evil/sin, and Sanctification—Scriptures, in Doffun.com

We can now have some understanding of what this thing called "grace" is. The **Grace of God = "Christ's Mind (Faith) within you, through your Obedience, Doing what you cannot Do."** This is what "saved by Grace through Faith" means (Eph 2:8-10). It is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God *Himself*. For we are His Workmanship, Created in Christ Jesus for the result and purpose of good

(agathos, God-Good) Works, which God hath before ordained that we should Walk in them” (Eph 2:8-10).

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This is not as though we are ever sinless (ever attained to His Perfect Provision, Rom 9:30) in our personal Holiness, because of our infirmities, ignorance's, or mistakes. But a sinless Perfection of Sanctification (Holiness) is provided to us by our Lord, and all people shall be Judged according to their Obedience to it.

Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14). "Not as though I had already attained, either were already Perfect: but I Follow after, if that I may Apprehend that for which also I am Apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12).

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ is Living in me: and the Life which I now live in the flesh I Live by the Faith of the Son of God, who Loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20). "And if the Righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:18)

This is the Holiness most nearly taught by John Wesley (1700's), but who was greatly encumbered and hindered by the theological terms of the Middle Age Calvinist KJV translators of the Greek scriptures, which greatly hinder all of us in our understanding in English translations even today, and most completely obscured in ALL later translations today after 1875.

Because of the scriptural blindness caused by the theological terms introduced since Roman Catholic Jerome (380 AD) and Roman Catholic Augustine (400 AD), and the invented Atonement theory by Roman Catholic Anselm (@ 1098), most all people today do not understand any aspect of our Lord's Restoration provided to us, nor Faith by which they are to Obediently Live and be Judged for Eternity.

John Calvin (1534 AD), who wrote the first Systematic Theology by man, and all Reformers continued the false Roman Catholic teachings from Augustine and Anselm (@1098 AD) on the Atonement and Salvation and Prophecy doctrines. The invented English words of Calvinists appear in our translations, causing continued blindness even in all translations today. And most all noted Bible teachers and preachers today are totally apostate from any understanding of

Salvation in any aspect,

NOW SCRIPTURES RELATING TO SANCTIFICATION (PERSONAL HOLINESS, HAGIASMOS,)

The words Justification and sanctification are totally invented words by translators. Instead of nouns they are verb forms meaning to make Righteous and to make Holy. Wouldn't understanding today have been better without their allowing false teachings of traditions of men?

JUSTIFICATION (made righteous), and SANCTIFICATION (personal Holiness), GIVEN AT NEW-BIRTH FROM ABOVE, are to continue for Eternity through obedience of Faith (Rom 1:5 and 26:26) received only in the new-birth (Gal 3:22, Rom 3:22, Eph 1:13). But who today understand what FAITH and Christ's Resurrection RESTORATION of mankind is?

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed (aorist middle- by own volition indicative- in reality), but ye are sanctified, **made Holy** (aorist passive- by another indicative- in reality.), but ye are justified, **made righteous** (aorist passive- by another indicative- in reality.) in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are now sanctified, **made Holy** (perfect passive participle).

2 Thess 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen (aorist middle indic.) you to (eis- for the result or purpose of) Salvation through (ev- within) sanctification (38, hagioasmos, **Holiness**) of Spirit and (not belief) **Faith** of Truth.

Luke 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather SEPARATION"

SEPARATED, made HOLY (sanctified) from world at time of Birth-from-above (1 Cor 15: 33; Rom 12:1-2) To Truth Your inerrant Guide Book of God (Truth), Logos, refers both to Christ and His written Word.

"I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify (37, hagiazo, to **make Holy**) aorist active imperative) **them (ev) in (the) Truth of You** (genitive): **the Word (logos) of You is the Truth**" (John 17:14-17).

The Word of You is the Truth (John 17:14-17), in Greek, makes Your Word and Truth exact equivalents. Also, "The Spirit is the Truth" (1 John 5:6). This is a very rare use of the article, a finding in Greek NT. This also makes the Spirit and the Word of You equal but not synonymous. They never contradict each other but serve different purposes. They are equal but we are given Life and Christ likeness only by the Spirit. Because we are supposed to be led by the Spirit within us that has also Restored us and teaches His Word, reveals, assures, gifts, and empowers us to walk in the way of God, of God Himself in us, not by the dead ink letters of the written Word, because we are taught that the letter kills but the Spirit gives Life (2 Cor 3:6). Following only the dead letter of scripture by our own thinking is Pharisaical, and not one modern-day Pharisee will enter Heaven (Matt 5:20). BEWARE.

To self death, self of flesh nature, no longer regarded as necessarily existent after Christ's RESTORATION of us.

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom 6:11, 14).

"For he hath finalized sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the Righteousness of God in Him**" (2 Cor 5:21).

To Faith of Christ, Walk by Holy Spirit in YOU (Faith).

"I am now Crucified (perfect passive indic) with Christ: nevertheless I am Living (pres active indic) ; yet not I, but Christ is Living (pres active indic) in (ev- within) me: and the Life which I now am Living (pres active indic) in (ev) the flesh I am Living (pres active indic) by (ev) the Faith of the Son of

God, who Loved (aorist active participle) me, and gave (aorist active participle) Himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

For (because) it is God which Worketh in you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure" (Phil 2:12-13).

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the **Temple of the Living God**; as God hath said, **I will Dwell in them, and Walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My People"(2 Cor 6:16).

OUR SANCTIFIED (Holy) LIVING IS TO ABOUND THROUGHOUT LIFE

Freed from sin in nature and acts by Christ's Restoration Goal of living Now in Holiness Luke 14:26-33

"But God be thanked, that **used to be the servants of sin**, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made Free from sin, ye became the Servants of Righteousness.

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to lawlessness unto (eis, for the result of) the lawlessness; even **so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto (eis, for the result of) Holiness**" (Rom 6:17-19).

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye **have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 6:22-23).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God" (2 Cor 7:1).

"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be **partakers of His holiness.**

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable **fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby**" (Heb 12:10-11 10).

"Follow peace (fem. sing) with all men, and **Holiness (masc. sing), without which (masc. sing) no man shall see the Lord:**" (Heb 12:14)

"**As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

But as He which hath called (aorist active participle) you is Holy, **so be** (aorist passive imperative- a command) **ye Holy** (40, hagios, 232x) **in all manner of conversation** (behavior);

Because it is written, **Be ye** (future, middle-by own volition, indicative- in reality) **Holy** (hagios); **for I am Holy** (hogios).

And if ye call on the Father, who **without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work**, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear" (1 Peter 1:14-17).

NEVER PERFECT (TELEIOS) IN OURSELVES ALONE.

Always moving toward the Perfection of Christ our Lord. In our Flesh-nature (selfishness) dwells the law of sin (Rom 7:23,25). We must die daily, to our flesh (1 Cor 15:31). Therefore, we groan to put off this flesh (Rom 8:23 and 2 Cor 5:2,4).

1 Kings 8:43-56 46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy,....

Prov 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

Eccl 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth Good, and sinneth not.

Matt 6:12 And forgive us our debts , as we forgive our debtors. (it is debts and debtors by the Greek NT)

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect (teleios, 5046) man, and able also to bridle the whole body

1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we are having (pres active indic) no sin (a noun, meaning sin nature of our flesh, not an action), we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our (the) sins, He is faithful and just to forgive (aorist) us the

sins, and to cleanse (aorist) us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned (in the past, Gnostic Perfect, verbal aspect), we make Him a liar, and His Word (logos) is not in us.

But as Partakers of CHRIST'S PERFECTION WITHIN OUR REGENERATED SPIRITS

Our PERFECTION spoken of in scriptures is not a future goal or a destination hidden in Christ in Heaven. Perfection is our continual obedient journey of the Life of Perfect Christ Himself within us for all Eternity, NOW. We live in Eternity NOW and our Citizenship is NOW in Heaven. DO NOT REBEL as satan did.

1. Perfect as our Father

Matt 5:48 Be ye therefore Perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect.

2. Perfect in Good (agathos) Works

Heb 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good (agathos-God-good) work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory (Spiritual Perfection) for ever and ever. Amen.

3. Perfect in Gifts

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1 Cor 12:11 But all these (Gifts) worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.

4. Perfect in Love

1 John 4:17 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.

5. Perfect without fear

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made Perfect in Love.

This scripture, means no fear of evil. Angels and sons of God always fear God. Wisdom is to fear God (Job 28:28, Psa 34:9, Psa 103:17-19). Luke

12:4-5 says, "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him" (Luke 12:4-5).

6. Perfect in wanting nothing

James 1:4 But let Patience have her Perfect Work, that ye may be Perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

7. Perfect in unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, unto a Perfect Man, unto the measure of the stature of the Fullness of Christ:

8. Perfect in the Will of God

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand Perfect and Complete in all the Will of God.

9. Perfect in Living through Faith

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ Liveth in me: and the Life which I now live in the flesh I Live by the Faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

10. Perfect in the Sinless Perfection OF CHRIST in us, IF WE OBEY HIM.

Heb 12:23 "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 (1342, dikaios, **Righteous**, not vague just) men now Perfect (5048, teleioo, to make perfect, resultative perfect- NOW **perfect**, passive participle)"

Gen 17:1-2 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; **walk before Me, and be thou Perfect.** And I will make my Covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Matt 5:48 **Be ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect

2 Cor :6:2 **Today** is Salvation,

For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the Day of Salvation have I succoured thee: behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the Day of Salvation.

A. HE HAS CLEANSED us from our sins (in His Restoration of us) to be Righteousness of God in (ev, within) Him (2 Cor 5:21) = our Righteous state through indwelling Faith of Christ (Rom 3:22) **NOW**

This is not a "play act" as though, "as if" we will someday be Righteous, we are righteous IN HIM NOW or we are not Christian.

There is no such thing as a "sinning un-Holy Christian" who will be taken to a Holy Heaven, suddenly in Heaven made Righteous and Perfect Forever, only because he believed (a mental notation only) Jesus was a historical figure and trusted or accepted Him, who died to be his Saviour and Lord to Save him. Even the demons believe (are committed to) much more than this. They will obey Jesus commands to stay out of hell longer if they obey, but they cannot repent (reject self) because they were never given the "right of choice" that He in His Wisdom gave to Adam and Eve.

Without **repenting (rejecting self) continuously by his choice and continuously by his choice committing (putting himself under the service of His Lord) his living in obedient Holy service** to His Savior and Lord, no one can be saved. And even a one-time commitment, or only extended time with turning back to the end, is not acceptable. "And if the Righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Pet 4:18).

This kind of doctrine (carnal Christians) of ancient Gnosticism of two classes of Christians, is the common Dispensational Ecumenical "grace" regardless blasphemy today. This thinking mocks Christ's great Atonement for us and makes today's *christianity* a repulsive perversion of God's Attributes. This teaching for the past 100 years of Dispensationalism in the USA is why our society is now pagan and reprobate, awaiting God's Just Final Judgment. "What kind of work do you have? Mine or of your own thinking."

These penal satisfactionists [Note: Lutheran-Calvinists and now modern apostate Dispensational "grace" regardless, who believe Christ took all our sins, past, present, and future in Himself to suffer our eternal torments, to give us Heaven, regardless of what we believe or do] have destroyed the salvation vocabulary. The reality of their position is: the world has no Savior, and no one is saved from sin in this life. They have neither doctrine nor terminology for deliverance from sin in the here and now. Their view of the Christian religion is no higher than that of the heathen of long ago.

The Greek Stoic philosopher Epictetus said:

"How, then: is it possible to be sinless? It is impossible; but this is possible, to strive not to sin."

Earlier the Greek philosopher, Plato, had articulated these words:

"But having become good, to remain in a good state and be good, is not possible, and is not granted to man. God only has this blessing; but man cannot help being bad when the force of circumstances overpowers him."

Note the corresponding kinship between Greek philosophy and false Christianity...that both despair of all hope for deliverance from sin in the body. Hear the outbreak of hopelessness in what we call the Christian Church as the advocates of the "sinning Christian" speak about sin.

Calvin says:

"We maintain, therefore, that sin always exists in the saints, till they are divested of the mortal body."

Hear best-selling Calvinist author and radio speaker, John F. MacArthur, he says: "Perhaps the classic example of a sinning believer is the apostle Paul."

"Paul? Yes. **The more he matured in obedience to Christ**, the more the apostle became aware of his own in the past sinfulness.... Near the end of his life, when he wrote to Timothy, Paul spoke of himself as 'foremost of all [sinners]' (I Tim. 1:15)." Thus, the interpreted gospel by today's "sinning c"hristians" has no more saving essence than the philosophy of Epictetus or Plato.

The Jehovah's Witnesses have destroyed the Person of Christ. The advocates of the "sinning Christian" have destroyed the atonement of Christ and the power of His blood to save from all sin now. Hence, there is deliverance from sin in neither! For one who is not God cannot save, neither one whose blood and incarnate death does not remove sin in this life.

Thus the penal satisfaction system of Catholicism, Calvinism, and Dispensationalism and all its offshoots of extrinsic "external" or "synthetic" righteousness and holiness now, but promised in Heaven only, must take its place with the false systems throughout the ages. Our Lord and His Apostles taught to BEWARE THE TRADITIONS OF MEN to your own destruction.

A. We are made Righteous by Him

Heb 12:14 Be following (1377, dioko-to pursue, present-continuously, active-by own volition, imperative-by command) peace (fem. sing.) with all men, and Holiness (masc. sing.), without which (masc. sing.) no man shall see (future tense) the Lord:

1 Peter 1:14-17 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

But as He which hath called you is Holy, so be (aorist passive imperative- a command) ye Holy (40, hagios, 232x) in all manner of conversation (behavior);

Because it is written, **Be ye** (future, middle-by own volition, indicative- in reality) **Holy** (hagios); **for I am Holy** (hogios).

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

2 Cor 5:21 For He who knew no sin , in behalf of us finalized sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in (en, within) Him. [[[Correctly translated here. But, perhaps, this is one of the worst and most lying and blasphemously translated verses in the entire KJV]]]

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son is cleansing (present active indicative) us from all sin

John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

Rom 5:1 Therefore having been justified (1344, dikaioo, being made righteous, aorist passive participle) by (ek, out from) faith, we are having peace with God through (dia, genitive) our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by (dia, through, genitive) faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that are committing (pisteuo, are committing): for there is no difference:

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in (en, within) Christ Jesus, who are walking (present active indicative) not after the flesh, but after (kata, according to) the Spirit.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the Truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

2 Thess 2:13 God hath from the beginning chosen you for the purpose of (eis) salvation in (ev) Holiness of Spirit and faith of Truth.

Col 1:27 Christ in (en, within) you, the hope (expectation) of Glory (Spiritual Perfection). READ THIS verse AGAIN !

B. He IS CLEANSING us, IF we sin. IF WE OBEY HIM.

Matt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for he shall save His people from their sins.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son is cleansing (present active indicative) us from all sin (hamartia).

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just (1342, dikaios-righteous, mostly used as "righteous") to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse (aorist active subjunctive) us from all unrighteousness (adikia, unrighteousness).

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin

Our part, as those ultimately among His general assembly and church, "**righteous men made perfect**" (**Heb 12:23**) at the end "**conformed to the image of His Son**" (**Rom 8:29**), is by "being transformed (present passive imperative, COMMAND, PRESENTLY CONTINUOUSLY, being acted upon) by the renewing of your mind"... "that ye may prove (1381, dokimazo, to prove FOR AUTHENTICATION, present- PRESENTLY CONTINUOUSLY active-OF OWN VOLITION infinitive) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom 12:2 NOW on this earth).

Modern day Ecumenicals teach the opposite of our deliberately "**pressing** (CONTINUOUSLY DELIBERATLY, pres. active indicative) for (eis, **FOR**

THE RESULT OF) the prize of the high calling of God **in** (ev, inside of) **Christ Jesus**" (Phil 3:14) is:

"Ecumenical "compromise," then necessarily ALWAYS satanic deductive thinking in all things"

Present day Ecumenicalism (compromise and mixture) is the foretold apostasy of the latter days. 1 Tim 4:1 and 2 Thess 2:10-11

DID YOU KNOW? Once we stray from the absolute Perfect TRUTH (Christ Himself), we find ourselves in absolute error.

PERFECTION In our Spirit and Soul and Body after our birth-from-above regenerated spirits.

1 John 5:10-11 He that is believing (pres. active partic.) on (eis, for the result or purpose of) the Son of God is having (pres. active indic.) the Witness in (ev, inside of) himself....

And this is the record, that God hath given (aorist, act. indic) to us Eternal Life, and this Life is (pres. act. indic) in (ev) His Son.

Matt 5:48-6:1 Be ye therefore Perfect (5046, teleios), even as your Father which is in heaven is Perfect (teleios, 5046). **THIS IS A COMMANDMENT OF CHRIST.**

Eph 4:12-13 For the Perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge (epignosis-full knowledge) of the Son of God, unto a Perfect (5046, teleios) Man , unto the measure of the stature of the Fullness of Christ:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man Perfect (teleios, 5046) in (ev) Christ Jesus

Phil 3:9-14 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the Faith of Christ, the Righteousness which is of God by Faith:

That I may know him, and the Power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the Resurrection of the dead.

Not as though I had already attained, neither being already Perfect (teleioo-perfect passive indicative): but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press (1377, dioko- to pursue, present-continuously, active- by own volition, indicative- in reality) toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

CONFORMED TO HIS PERFECT SON.

Heb 12:1-4 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience (endurance) the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author (archegos, 747, "Origin" in place/time/rank, God Himself) and finisher (teleiotes, 5047, "perfection") of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (1 Thess 5:8)

For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Rom 8:29 For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

SANCTIFICATION COMPLETED AT OUR DEATH

(our Spirits and souls to Heaven)

1 Thess 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body (soma, not sarx-flesh) be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 21:27-22:1 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that

defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. 14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city

Heb 12:22-23 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 (1342, dikaios, "righteous") men made perfect** (teleioo, 5048, perfect passive Participle),

See sons of God Rom 8: 4-19 1 John 3:1-3 John 1:12 says, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He authority (right) to become the sons of God, to them that are committing (present tense--now continuously, active--now in reality) for the result and purpose of (eis) His name", Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 2:10-11).

We must remember, that after death it is TOO LATE to become Holy or righteous (right-related to God).

There is no "to make Holy" (hagiazo) in the future tense in the scriptures; without Holiness "no man will see God" (Heb 12:14).

Also, "our righteousness" is only in Christ acquired by Now IN THE PRESENT TENSE "continuing in the faith grounded and settled, and being not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Col 1:23) in the present time.

"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2). Playing church doesn't do it.

AND PERFECTED WHEN THE LORD RETURNS

(Spiritual bodies joining our souls and Spirits in Eternal Perfection)

Rom 8:22-25 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption (restoration) of our body.

For we are saved (aorist passive indic) by hope (elipsis, expectation): but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience (endurance) wait for it.

1 Thess 5:8-9 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Heb 12:23 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 (1342, dikaios, righteous) men made perfect (5048, teleioo, to make perfect, perfect passive participle)"

By Perfected, we mean that as Holy and Righteous in this Life through obedience of Faith of Indwelling Christ, that a Perfect Spiritual "Body " relationship will be totally Restored only after our resurrection.

However, we must see from the above scriptures that our Holiness (hagiasmos, 38, Holiness), must be an intrinsic initial progressing changing state and, thereafter, a continuous process of obedience of Faith to being continuously set-apart, Separated from impurities or mixture.

We are commanded as "Holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly calling" (Heb 3:1) and "partakers of the Holy Spirit" (Heb 6:4) and "Living by His Faith" (Hab 2:4, Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11, and Heb 10:38) to be continually "completing (epiteleo, 2005, present active partic.) Holiness (hagiosune, 42, state of Holiness) in the fear of God."

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves

from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, completing (present active participle) Holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor 6:17-7:1

These, and many other like scriptures, are all commands that in obedience to the Holy Spirit within us, we are to do this ourselves, present tense--now continuously, active voice, in reality --of our own volitional obedience to His Lordship, Living in Holiness.