

Grow Up in Christ so You can Become What God Wants you to Be.

Text: [Heb 5:9 ESV] 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Introduction

How was Jesus Made Perfect?

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Guide to perfection

You will only Find Life in Christ

Lively Hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead

Salvation is free. Discipleship costs.

God Knows Who We Really Are

How was Jesus Made Perfect

[Heb 5:8 KJV] 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

His 40 day Temptation Experience

Jesus Received Endurance from His Testing

[Jas 1:3 NLT] 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

[Jas 1:3 ESV] 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Guide

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

[Mat 4:1 KJV] 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

We Receive Power to Witness for Christ.

[Act 1:8 KJV] 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

God is not the Tempter.

Temptation literally means a test, not always a solicitation to do evil. God has promised to keep us from any testing that is greater than what we can handle (1 Corinthians 10:13).

If we truly pray, lead us not into temptation, it will be lived out in several ways. It will mean:

Never boast in your own strength.

Never desire trials.

Never go into temptation.

Never lead others into temptation.

We Will be Tested.

[Psa 81:7 KJV] 7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

[Psa 81:7 NLT] 7 You cried to me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered out of the thundercloud and tested your faith when there was no water at Meribah. Interlude

[Psa 105:19 NLT] 19 Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph's character.

The Lord Helps Us in our Testing.

[Heb 2:18 NLT] 18 Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

The Holy Spirit Calls, Decides what burdens we can Bare, Directs us on where to Go.

[Act 13:2, 4 KJV] 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ... 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

[Act 15:28 KJV] 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

The Spirit Directs Us Where Not to Go

[Act 16:6 KJV] 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

You will Only Find Life in Christ

[1Jo 5:11-14 KJV] 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Our Abilities and Strength Comes from the Vine

[Jhn 15:1-2, 5 KJV] 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ... 5 I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Lively Hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead

[1Pe 1:3-5 KJV] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a **lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

[1Pe 1:3-5 NLT] 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with **great expectation**, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance--an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

Our Hope is Set on the Living God

[1Ti 4:10 KJV] 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

[1Ti 4:10 ESV] 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Salvation is Free. Discipleship Costs. (Last Point)

Discipleship Costs. We Must Place the Lord above all else. This includes our personal goals and desires.

[Luk 14:26-33 KJV] 26 If any [man] come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have [sufficient] to finish [it]? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish [it], all that behold [it] begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

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[Luk 14:26 NLT] 26 "If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison--your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

[Mat 6:24 KJV] 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

The Lord's Mercy and Grace is free.

[Eph 2:4-5 KJV] 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Discipleship costs us every Day

We must Worship, Seek the Lord, Grow as Christians every day

General McArthur said In War, there is no substitute for Victory.

Victory comes to those who have complete Trust in the Lord

Make Your Life All About Jesus