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WRITINGS

Section 06

Children of GOD: When is Perfect, Perfect!

It is assumed that the reader has previously read the Tutorial as a minimum. Statements will be made in this writing reflecting that assumption. It is also suggested that the concepts in “An Overview of Creation and Man’s Purpose” be understood. Go to: <http://www.bibleseek.com/rlc00403.pdf>.

In Matthew 5:48 Jesus states, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” This is a strong statement--one that is carefully avoided in most religious teachings today. Is it good to avoid such a statement if the statement means exactly what it seems to say? What does it mean?

Answer this question. Suppose it was necessary for 5 people to go to Los Angeles, CA to meet a requirement imposed by their employer. One was in New York, NY; one was in Chicago, IL; one was in Miami, FL; one was in Dallas, TX; and one was in San Diego, CA. Now each person would go to Los Angeles by a different route based on where their starting point was. Each would also be as “perfect” as possible in their trip if they followed the correct route to get there. In the process of traveling, their “transitional” perfection would be changing because they would be growing closer to meeting the requirement day by day.

When a potter selects a lump of clay to make a piece of pottery, the potter attempts to select a lump that is “perfect” for the end result expected. When the potter begins forming the clay into to envisioned piece of pottery, the clay is “perfect” during the forming process if the potter performs

his task perfectly. The clay is perfect from beginning to end. The lump of clay becomes “absolutely perfect” after the potter has completed his envisioned task.

Absolute Perfection is the state where any change results in less perfection--for a given purpose. Transitional perfection is the state of moving from a point less than absolute perfection to absolute perfection by way of the shortest route possible.

Each individual making up the body of Christ must eventually be absolutely perfect for the purpose for which they were created! To deny this fact is to deny all that Scripture tells us and common sense. Eternal life is from GOD and has always been and always will be. The only way to get eternal life is to become that life. We will have then become what always has been and will always be.

No one except GOD knows what our eventual purpose will be in the body of Christ. We do not know where we are relative to absolute perfection; and neither do we know where we will be when we do get there. There is only one thing we can do; and that is ***to always seek the purposes of GOD in all of our daily activities***. If we truly do this, then it will be GOD’s Spirit that is leading us to our highest perfection. We must have the fullest confidence that GOD will get us there--***not deny the necessity of being perfect***. To deny our need for eventual perfection is just the ***self-serving nature*** speaking--our only true enemy. ***He is the great deceiver, and every waking minute must be used to not give him life in us.***