

Being Made Perfect Forever
Hebrews 10:1-18

“The Christ who died on Calvary’s cross, will not have to die again for my new sins, or to offer a fresh atonement for any transgressions that I may yet commit. No; but, once for all, gathering up the whole mass of his people’s sins into one colossal burden, he took it upon his shoulders, and flung the whole of it into the sepulcher wherein once he slept, and there it is buried, never to be raised again to bear witness against the redeemed any more forever.”

The work of Jesus for atonement is finished. If it is not enough for us, then nothing will be. “God has set forth Christ for you as guilty sinners to rest on; and if that is not enough for you, what more would you have? Christ has offered himself, and died and suffered in our stead, and gone into his glory; and, if you cannot depend upon him, what more would you have him do? Shall he come and die again? You have rejected him once; you would reject him though he died twice.” (Spurgeon) Guzik

- I. The Lord is perfect in every way. He is holy in a perfect way, just in a perfect way, merciful in a perfect way, shows grace in a perfect way, and He loves us with a perfect and sincere love. Imperfection is non-existent in the expression of His character toward us. We on the other hand, are imperfect in every way. It is impossible for perfection to exist in our fallen state unless we are supernaturally given perfection. It is necessary if we are to stand before a Holy God without condemnation. It can only be given through His Son. It not only enables us to draw near to God, but it also allows us to do so without feeling guilty over sin that has been forgiven through the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 10:1-2

Matt. 6:19-21

1 Cor. 15:12

Heb. 9:14

1 Jn. 3:21

1 Jn. 1:5-10

Gen. 3:5,7-9

1 Jn. 2:28

Eph. 4:22-24

Eph. 5:8-14

2 Cor. 7:10 *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

“You can devise all kinds of ways to try to get rid of your guilty feelings. But your guilt is not just a feeling or a personal problem—it really has to do with your relationship with God. How you deal with your guilt depends on how you view God and what place he has in your life.” Tim Lane

- II. Our state of perfection before a holy and Just God means that we have been set apart for God through the sacrifice of Jesus' body once and for all. It is a positional standing before Him, meaning that it can't be changed in any way. *The tense of the Greek verb **hagiazō** means that being made holy is an action applied to a believer that has been completed in the past, once for all, not needing to be repeated. It means that we have been made permanently holy. Nothing from our past state of existence is to be attached to it, be it regret, guilt, or self-condemnation. To do so means that we don't accept the holiness we've been given. If Jesus' sacrifice set us free, then we are free indeed (**Jn. 8:36**) to enjoy and reverence the presence of Christ in our hearts and lives.*

Hebrews 10:3-10

Ps. 10:6-8

1 Cor. 6:9-11

*ἁγιάζω **hagiazō**, hag-ee-ad'-zo; to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate:—hallow, be holy, sanctify.*

Perfect Passive tense: (perfect) action having been completed in the past, once for all, not needing to be repeated (passive) represents the subject as being the recipient of the action.

Rev. 22:11 *Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."*

- III. Being made perfect forever means that it is forever and ever. It is our destiny and our hope. There are no enemies that can in anyway alter, change, or take it away, Jesus will not allow them to do that. Meanwhile there are tremendous changes taking place in our lives as the Lord puts us through the process of being made holy in this life as he conforms us more and more into His image (**Rom. 8:29**). We have been given the power of His Word written on our hearts and minds and not only that, our sins and lawless acts are no longer seen by Him. In fact, they are totally forgotten. When Jesus sees us, all he sees is his imputed holiness, perfection, and righteousness.

Heb. 10:11-18

Phil 2:8-10

2 Peter 3:9

Eph. 1:4-6 *4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*