

Introduction: Is it not comforting knowing that there is something or someone who is perfect? Can you imagine the endless searching looking for perfection? The hopelessness, yet the drawing of our inner self to find perfection. We look for the perfect leaf, rock, gem, man or woman. Intuitively we look for perfect. They picked Wonder Women because her face was the most symmetrical.

THE JOY OF PERFECT

1. A gymnastic perfect ten is heralded as an amazing feat, and it is.
2. Jesus the only perfect 10. 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 "For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away." V. 12 "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." Strong's 5046 also 5048 consummate, full age, completeness.
3. 2 Corinthians 7:1 "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."
4. Only one perfect will, Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
5. Jesus prayed for us, John 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."
6. Jesus speaking, "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matt.5:48
7. David said, Psalm 138:8 "The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands."
8. Adam and Eve were made perfect, made in the image of God but God knew that humankind would rebel against His wishes, so a plan was made before the world was created to redeem all of us.

THE FUTILITY OF PERFECTION

1. That which is imperfect can not in itself or by itself make itself perfect. But God is perfect and accepts nothing less. So, the dilemma.
2. The heart of God's plan of salvation centers on the office and function of a mediator who could bridge the gap between an offended God and helpless, sinful humanity. Job's feelings, Job 9:32-33.
3. 1 Timothy 2:5-6 "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all..."
4. The penalty for the sins of humanity was death. So, Jesus was sent, 1 John 1:14 "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." See Hebrews 2:14-17
5. Salvation has been made possible through the mediating death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
6. Through His mighty works and miracles, Christ gave ample evidence that He was the Son of God. His primary purpose in coming to earth was to save people. Matthew 1:21

Last Words: Only Christianity provides redemption from sin that is accomplished through the substitutionary death of the Son of God. Are you ready to give up the futile searching and accept Jesus as the bridge.