



## MORE ABOUT JESUS PART 6

### PERFECTION ONLY IN CHRIST

1. T/F Throughout the history of the church, sincere Christians have taken striving for holiness to extremes resulting in pietism, sanctificationism, perfectionism, legalism, monasticism, and pharisaism.
2. Y/N Do these extreme forms of righteousness by works result in holier and more sanctified lives? If not, why not?  

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3. Y/N Can Christians change themselves by themselves? [Jeremiah 13:23; John 15:5]  

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4. Why can't sin be limited to the transgression of the law? [Genesis 3:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 1:2-4; Romans 14:23]  

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5. Why will we, from our perspective, sincerely but continually "fall" and "fail" to perfectly obey until the day Jesus literally returns? [Romans 3:23; Philippians 1:6; 2:13; 1 John 3:2]  

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6. How can we, simultaneously with our 'falling' and 'failing', no longer be sinning from God's perspective? [1 John 3:6,9; Genesis 3:15; 1 Peter 1:23; Hebrews 10:14]  

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7. Y/N Have you thanked Jesus for living a perfect life for you?



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During World War II, the Allied Army placed fake plans for attack on the body of a dead airman and left him floating off enemy shores. The Germans found the "plans" and moved their troops to defend the location that was mentioned in them. The Allies then entered several undefended locations and it became a turning point in the war. When you fight the battle at the wrong location, you end up losing the war!

In spiritual life, trying to overcome our bad habits is like fighting at the "wrong location." Which is why it's so important to fight the right fight [1 Timothy 6:12]! And the right fight is not fighting your faults and failures and imperfections. It is fighting to get to know He who is bragging about changing those in you!

The most important thing about Christianity is developing a friendship with Jesus (get to know Him!). This is done by spending time each day with Him reading the Bible, meditating on what He is saying to you through it, and talking to Him through prayer. Below you will find one way to do this along with some suggested passages of Scripture to use. You may find it more meaningful if you write your thoughts in a journal.

- Begin each session with prayer - maybe something like this: "Lord, help me to come to know you better as we spend time together..."
- Read the passage - several times noticing as many details as you can.
- Imagine the setting - put yourself in the picture. Try to imagine the sounds, smells, sensations.
- Summarize the passage - in your own words.
- Apply the passage - what message is God giving you?
- Meditate and pray - meditate on how this passage makes Jesus more real. Talk to Him about the passage and about using the information you have learned.
- Daily Bite Passages for This Week

John 7:1-8  
John 7:9-16  
John 7:17-24  
John 7:25-31  
John 7:32-38  
John 7:39-45  
John 7:46-53