



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Christian Perfection

Christian Perfection, on: 2007/7/22 3:45

Here are some of my thoughts on perfection:

I don't think we can ever be absolutely perfect. We have finite minds and are therefore subjected to making many unintentional mistakes.

But I do believe we can have a perfect intention, or what the bible calls a "perfect heart", a "pure heart", or a "new heart", which is basically when we love God and love people, and have a sincere and genuine heart for the well-being of all.

I've read a lot of Christian writings on perfection, like Finney - Mahan - Wesley - Fletcher - Pratney - Olson, and they all seem to be saying the same thing, that only a perfect intention, a perfect heart, is attainable in this life and is required of us. It is what the bible refers to as being perfected in love, when a person has a pure intention, and is therefore blameless and faultless.

Re: Christian Perfection - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/7/22 8:09

I'd agree: we can perfect in heart, but not perfect in every way.

This got me to thinking - was Jesus perfect in every way by this standard?

I ask because of the following verse:

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Now, this is a very heavy question, and please no one answer unless you are confident in your answer: Did Jesus ever make unintentional mistakes?

Nile

Re:, on: 2007/7/22 8:13

I would go as far as to say that baby Jesus *may have* fallen a few times when learning to walk instead of crawl. He was a man, and at that point a baby, as the scripture says "growing in wisdom". As a baby, he may not have had perfect balance, and learning to walk may not have been intuitive, so he may have tripped over his own feet or something when learning to walk.

Luke 2:52 - And Jesus increased in wisdom

So I would go as far as to say he *may have* fallen a few times as a baby when learning to walk on his baby feet instead of crawl on His stomach. But I don't know if I would go further than that. Maybe he stubbed his toe as an adult, but I doubt it, he could walk on water, he probably never stubbed his toe. And He probably never hit His thumb with a hammer when working as a carpenter.

:-D

But I don't know really. Maybe He went from crawling to walking without any mistakes...

Quote:

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Amen. In this life, we will never be intellectually perfect in our minds, or physically perfect in our bodies, and because of our finite minds and limited understanding, we may make mistakes in our conduct, but we can be morally perfect in our h

heart, that is to say, we can have a good or pure intention of heart, and thus be "pure in heart" and "perfect in heart" as the bible says.

Re: Christian Perfection, on: 2007/7/22 13:48

Here is a great passage that outlines some practical points in the way we should walk in. (which is a perfect way)

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

1. We are to warn them that are unruly. We do this because our Lord Jesus has warned us when we were once unruly and we love Him by following his example.
2. We are to comfort the feebleminded. We do this because our Lord Jesus has comforted our feebleminds and we love Him by following His example.
3. We are to support the weak. We do this because our Lord Jesus supports us when we are weak and we love Him by following his example.
4. We are to be patient toward all men. We do this because our Lord Jesus has been very patient with us and we love Him by following his example.

1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

5. Now here (in verses 16-17) we have 3 simple and basic guidelines for Christian perfection.

a. Rejoice evermore. Evermore leaves no room for sin. Though we may stumble out of this state of rejoicing, we will repent (with godly sorrow) if we have the love of God in our hearts. The exhortation leaves no room for sin. You can't sin and rejoice at the same time. Why would Paul tell us to rejoice evermore if it wasn't possible? Rejoice in the Lord's mercy upon you and never stop. Remember all his wonderful works and rejoice. Without this joy of Jesus, we shall have no strength to continue in holiness.

b. Pray without ceasing. If you are rejoicing in the truth and letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly, this unceasing prayer will come as naturally as blinking your eyes. The key is to let His word dwell in your heart richly and rejoice in it, then unceasing prayer naturally follows. The words "without ceasing" leave no room for sin. Though we may stumble out of this state of unceasing prayer, we will repent (with godly sorrow) if we have the love of God in our hearts.

The exhortation leaves no room for sin. You can't sin and pray without ceasing at the same time. Why would Paul tell us to pray without ceasing if it wasn't possible? Pray for Jesus to pray through you by His Spirit. Jesus ever lives to make intercession for His people. Shouldn't we follow His example and ever live to make intercession for His people? Remember that Jesus is praying for you right now (that your faith will not fail). We should love and intercede, because He first loved and interceded for us. Without the prayers of Jesus, we shall have no strength to continue in holiness.

c. In every thing give thanks. "In every thing" leaves no room for sin. In Ephesians we are exhorted to be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (5:20) God should be thanked for all things and in everything. If you are letting His word dwell in you richly you should naturally be thanking Him for His promises and for His holiness. There is never a moment that goes by in our day when there is nothing to thank God for. A thankful heart is a heart that desperately loves Jesus and desires to express it with cheerful thanksgiving. God loves a cheerful giver. So... thanksgiving should not be done as some ritual or traditional exercise. It should be from a heart of rejoicing and unceasing prayer. Thank Him for His great mercy upon us. Thank Him for all the sin that He has saved you from and the eternal wrath in hell that He saved you from. Thank Him for the new heart that He has given you. Thank Him for His precious blood. Thank for every drop! Thank Him for regenerating you unto new life. Never stop thanking Him. Though we may stumble out of this state of thanksgiving in everything, we will repent (with godly sorrow) if we have the love of God in our hearts. The exhortation leaves no room for sin. You can't sin and give thanks for the sin. Why would Paul tell us to give thanks in everything if it wasn't possible? Pray that Jesus will keep your heart pure from unthankfulness and sinfulness. Without the mercy of Jesus, we shall have no strength to continue in holiness. Let us continually thank Him for His mercy.

So those are the 3 practical exhortations in Christian perfection. Remember... "evermore, without ceasing, and in everything" leaves no room for sin. If you have fallen out of this state of holiness repent in tears. Do it because Jesus is worthy of continual obedience and He will strengthen the weak. Love Him because He first Loved you.

If you are a professing Christian and you don't naturally do these things... or bear these fruits. Unless you repent and believe the gospel, you will perish.

Sinners crucified Jesus the Son of God, It is the way of cursed children who continue in sin, they love death and hate God.

The wrath of God abides upon them.

Jesus Christ was crucified for sinners, It is the way of the blessed Son of God who is forever righteous and gave His life a ransom for many.

The wrath of God came down on Him.

Jesus bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

His blood was shed! His eyes were filled with grief! His heart did melt!

...And God Himself fought against His own Son with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

He died and He was buried.

God raised His Son from the dead on the third day, He was seen by over 500 brethren at once, He ascended into heaven, He is Lord of all who intercede, and shall save His people from their sins.

He's coming, He's coming to judge the world with righteousness. He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy, and He will have compassion on whom He will have compassion. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

Kiss the Son, Lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

God bless you! -Abraham

Re:, on: 2007/7/22 15:15

In the eyes of God we are already perfect if we were in Christ. We are perfect. We just have to believe we are. It's all about belief. Our Caanan land is our body. We'll never enter into peace and rest until we can believe we are what the bible says we are. We are the children of God. Royal heirs to the kingdom. If we will not believe that, we forfeit those blessings and never enter into the rest.

The battle is in the mind. The reason the children of Israel could not enter into Caanan was because of their unbelief.

How many times do we have to repent? How many times do we have to confess our sins? When we go to the father and ask forgiveness (if we were in Christ) he says "What are you talking about?". The sin is gone we just have to believe it.

It's a hard saying, isn't it?

We have the righteousness of the Father, and the faith of Jesus Christ if we were in Christ. We just don't really know what we've got. We listen to the voices of condemnation, and guilt, and frustration instead of the voice of the Father the good Shepherd.

When Jesus returns he'll be looking for one thing. Faith. "One thing thou lackest." Without FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God." All the church is worried about is works. Those works are no good without faith. Their in vain if done in the flesh. The works have to be done by God through us, or their done in the flesh. If their done in the flesh their no good.

What is the evidence that we are the children of God. Faith. "Faith is the evidence of things unseen." "Why could'nt Pilate see Jesus. "What is truth?" Truth has to be seen by the eyes of faith. Jesus was the Word become flesh. He was truth.

That's why all these hard sayings and mysterys in the bible cannot be understood except through the eyes of faith. Their not that complicated, as long as you look at them in faith. As soon as you decide your gonna show your carnal wisdom and that pride wells up inside, you lose the ability to see clearly. It becomes clouded and doubt, and fear clouds your judgement. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Freedom is finally entering into Caanan. That peace and rest that we would have if we would just believe who we are and what we've got.

We have His Faith. We have the righteousness of God. We are free. We just have to believe it.

Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2007/7/22 18:23

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I think He will also be looking for holiness too.

Heb 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Yes, we have to have faith, but it can't stop there, we must go on to holiness in the Lord.

Jordan

Re:, on: 2007/7/22 19:54

Jordan,

Are you in Christ? Is Christ in you? Then you are as holy as Christ. You are "seated in the heavenly with Christ". You already are holy you just don't believe that. You look at yourself and see failure and sin, but God only sees perfection. What really matters? What you think or what God thinks. He only thinks good thoughts about you. He loves you. He's your father not your taskmaster. If you want him to be your taskmaster he'll become your taskmaster. If you want him to be your father he'll become your father. He's whatever you make him. How come in the parable of the servants the first two entered into peace and rest but the third one had to pay up. What was it he said "I knew that thou were a HARD and AUSTIER man", (I probably butchered it a little, but it was something like that), so that's what he became to him, a hard and austier man.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/7/22 20:38

chiefosiners, I would recommend this video to you. It discusses many of the things you are saying:

(<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid-6435245285534114549&qmike+Desario&total52&start0&num20&so1&type=arch&plindex9>) Free From Guilt

Re:, on: 2007/7/22 21:29

Nile,

I would discourage this video for you. Just another false teacher denying the Lord Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/22 22:35

Just another law abiding preacher, not good.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/7/23 0:53

We cannot be absolutely or infinitely perfect, neither in this life or the next. We can only have moral perfection in this life (and physical perfection in the next, with a glorified body).

But moral perfect is not being physically perfect so as to never have involuntary emotions and feelings. And moral perfection is not being intellectually perfect so that you know everything without fault. And moral perfection is not being free from all unintentional mistakes since we do have finite understanding.

But moral perfection is having a pure and perfect heart before God, which consists in a benevolent intention or a loving heart. Because love (which is benevolent intention from the heart, manifest into action whenever possible and necessary) fulfills the whole law, so that He that loves is a perfect man, in respect to his heart.

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False teachers, who deny the LORD Jesus, are those who say you don't need to repent (turn) from all sin in order to be saved, who say that Jesus does not need to be your Lord in order to be your Savior. False teachers say you can first take Jesus as your Savior, and then later decide if you want Him as your Lord. So they teach the forgiveness of sins without preaching the surrendering of sins. And that is the greatest heresy of today, justification in sin rather than freedom from sin.

In essence, these false teachers who say repentance is not necessary in order to be saved and forgiven are teaching that a sinner doesn't need to be born again to see the Kingdom of God. A sinner who repents and believes is born again, a sinner who does not repent and believe is not born again. Those who live in sin and die in sin will most assuredly perish on judgment day. They must surrender their life to Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by roman, on: 2007/7/23 2:59

Quote:

-----Are you in Christ? Is Christ in you? Then you are as holy as Christ.

Are you saying that a man who just got born again is already perfect just because he is in Christ? For me, it is like saying that I enrolled in a martial art class & on the first day I attended, I became a "black belt."

Quote:

-----You are "seated in the heavens with Christ".

To sit with Christ is to reign with Him. What does a man, who got born again, know about reigning in the kingdom of God?

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What's the point? Perfection comes through a process as much as there are babies in Christ there are also fathers in Christ. The fathers in Christ did not come to that level on the very day they got born again.

If we are already perfect, there should not be any purging anymore particularly when we come to the judgment seat of Christ (see passage below).

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (KJV)

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

In one of Ravenhill's sermon, he was asked by God "At the end of each day, can I sign my name in your life & say you are my workmanship?"

With the same question ask yourself.

To be His workmanship on a daily basis is to be able to accomplish the good works He laid before us on that particular day.

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Are you already perfect? Test yourself against the passage below:

James 3:2 (KJV) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

"PERFECTION OF THE TONGUE"

Re:, on: 2007/7/23 3:18

After I was converted I had a new heart, a pure heart, so that I was born again.

And none but the pure in heart shall see God.

It is with the heart that we must believe unto righteousness. No type of moral perfection is required of us (at threat of eternal hell) other than purity of heart - which is genuine love for God and neighbor.

And love fulfills the law. Love for God does not sin against God. And love for neighbor does not sin against neighbor. Love even loves enemies.

The new birth is a heart of love. And Christian perfection is a heart of love, for love fulfills the law.

Re: Christian Perfection - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/7/23 21:21

What is Christian perfection?

Answer, doing the will of God

What is the will of God

Walking in the spirit of love and charity in the kingdom of God.

Are Christians called to do works

Yes, in the works that proceed from the spirit of love and charity that we were ordained to do before the beginning of time.

Are the lost called to do works
Yes, works of repentance

Are Christians under the Law?
No, we are under Grace

Are the lost under the law.
Yes, the law teaches how righteous their Creator is and how sinful and lost they are and leads them to repent and seek the kingdom of God and perfection.

Eddie

Re:, on: 2007/7/23 22:01

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Jesse, I am a nobody ... but I don't care if hell freezes over because I'm posting this right now but I am so awfully proud of you right now I could just about pop outta this shell.

How could it be that it was this simple all of the time - all along and yet GOD had to write such a LARGE book of do's and don'ts in both the O.T. and the N.T. ? because we're Lame Brains and stupid and think we can muster up some sort of human love for God and man, when HE said, "Apart from ME, you can do NOTHING." ... Not even have Agape.

We can possess some sort of conditional human mess we call love, but Agape is an act of the Will, it is unconditional and also without dissimulation. We don't pick who we'll love, but this love does not come out the same to all.

Jesus walked in the Spirit and sometimes HE used harsh words but to others, HE was as gentle as a dove.

Those who HE was hard on, were the religious-puffed up toads that saw their own righteousness that NEVER can Agape Love.

It is Impossible to be self-righteous and Agape at the same time.

It is impossible to Agape and live for SELF.

"Others-Always-Only" was HIS way of life and the ONLY way to die to self is through this type AGAPE.

Agape is "others-always-only" and what will get us "through unto the end".

It also "casts out all fear" and is "jealous for HIS GLORY ONLY" and cares nothing about one's OWN reputation, (only as Paul defended himself) but will play the fool so others will not be hurt and whatever the cost to self or self's reputation, will throw oneself in front of a train/or human, to protect those coming up behind or after us. To be perfect is to be like Him, but only through the eyes that "HE" gives us with no trust in self.

Whatever the cost to self -----

Bless GOD and GOD Bless you Jesse. You've come a long way brother.

Pray we all will in His AgapeLove.

:-D

Thank you!

Re:, on: 2007/7/24 5:41

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Amen!

What God requires is very simple - love.

Holiness or purity is very simple - love.

Love fulfills the law. Christian perfection is simply love. We are called to love God and love everyone.

Sin is selfishness, but righteousness is love.

What is the type of Universe God wants? What was in God's mind at creation? I believe God wanted a Universe full of free moral agents, who all voluntarily choose to love one another. God wanted a people who would, of their own freewill without being forced, choose to love Him and each other.

Yes! Love! Inward, internal, from the heart, love. That is true Christian perfection!

A new heart, a pure heart, a perfect heart, is simply loving God and neighbor.

I think that the best writings on this is Charles Finneys Systematic theology. The essence of all that God requires is love. We need a **Theology of Love**

Quote:

-----GOD Bless you Jesse. You've come a long way brother

Thank you much! I see more then ever the necessity of preaching God's love for all of His creation, for God's desire that everyone be saved, that God loved the ENTIRE WORLD that He gave His Son for everyone.

Re: Christian Perfection - posted by mjkeller (), on: 2007/7/24 7:52

I kinda skimmed over many of the posts in this forum but I think I got the basic gist of the topic. Forgive me if I'm repeating what's already been said but have you considered Philipians 3?

"12Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: For getting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

15All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16Only let us live up to what we have already attained."

It seems to me that Christian perfection is all about our direction.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/7/24 9:03

mjkeller, thanks for your post! What a great scripture!

Let me tell what I believe Paul is talking about. Lets look at the previous verses:

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Notice verse 10 and 11. The very next verse says:

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Now what is Paul talking about? The answer is in verse 10/11:

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Question: Has Paul at this point attained to the Resurrection from the dead?

No, indeed not. He is not perfected yet in that he is not fully conformed to Christ yet. If he holds steadfast, if he "presses on", he will be perfectly conformed to Christ at the resurrection.

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It is indeed about direction - the direction is conformity to Christ. But you must first be holy and free from sin before you can start moving at all. As long you have sin remaining in you you are moving away from God.

You might respond, "How can you move if you are already perfectly holy? If you have no sin to overcome, what else is left?"

To which I respond:

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

If Jesus could grow and increase His whole life while all the while being perfectly holy, we can do the same. Indeed, we must.

Here are some scriptures to chew on:

Hebrews 10:26-27

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Consider: What sin is not willful?

1 John 2:3-6

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Consider: Do you walk as He walked?

1 John 3:6-9

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

Consider: If a professed Christian sins everyday, what can we conclude based on this passage?

With love,
Nile

Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/7/24 9:11

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Right. I think Paul is referring to the fact that we are all pressing on towards the perfection that is only obtained in Jesus Christ at the resurrection. We are also at different levels of maturity, wisdom, and stature.

Re: - posted by Christin角度 (), on: 2007/7/24 10:10

What is Christian perfection?

It is the Christ in you. Old spirit, old man = Satan as our father. New Spirit, new man = God as our Father and Christ is our Spirit. "New creature in Christ Jesus", Amen.

Who is our righteousness? Old man, old spirit = the spirit of unrighteous, Satan, our old heart.

New man, New spirit, the Spirit of Righteousness Himself. Made righteousness in us, by the new birthing of Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

Galatians 2:19-21 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

We can do nothing to be righteous. Only Christ in us is the righteous One. Not obedience, not doing anything except believing and making Christ in us our righteousness and by the Mind of Christ in us we can by the Holy Spirit renew our old man mind to this Newness of Life.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Let us glory in the Lord and His righteousness that God has made us in Christ Jesus.

Think on these things, knowing in whom these things are wrought. Phl 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things honest, whatsoever things just, whatsoever things pure, whatsoever things lovely, whatsoever things of good report; if any virtue, and if any praise, think on these things.

Where is the war? In the mind.

1Cr 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 15:6 That ye may with one mind one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Cr 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and there be no divisions among you; but ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Phl 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as though the day of Christ is at hand.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

One Spirit, One mind, That is the Body of Christ. 1Cr 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Who's Spirit do we drink of? The Spirit of Christ who gives us living water.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/7/24 12:29

Reply to Phillip

I agree Phillip, God didn't patch the old heart but gave a new one that has a spirit that loves God and our neighbor.
Eddie