

The Perfection Source...

The Bible boldly states, "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" in Romans 3:23. Earlier on in that same chapter Paul quotes the Psalms saying, "*None is righteous, no, not one!*"

None of us are able to keep the 10 Commandments of God which certifies righteousness. Almost every one of us cannot even keep one of them; the one about always telling the truth.

As a matter of fact Satan made easy work of everyone he faced until he faced Jesus. I wrote an article a few days ago called "Only Jesus!" The point being that righteousness comes only from Jesus. It comes to you and to me only through our faith in Jesus. The perfection required by God was seen only in Jesus and His life on this earth. But aren't you glad He was willing to come to earth in the flesh like ours for our sake?

In the book of Hebrews the writer is introducing us to the fact that Jesus is our Great High Priest. Look what he said in chapter five, "*In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek*" (Hebrews 5:7-10).

Jesus earned the right to become our High Priest by going to the cross in our behalf. He now represents us (believers and disciples) to God and He represents God to us as a High Priest.

Not only that, but on the cross He also provided a sacrifice worthy of our redemption and our salvation. When the passage states that He was saved from death it doesn't mean that He did not have to die. Indeed because He was righteousness He did not have to die, but God saved Him when He died because He died to save us. His righteousness brought Him out of death and to His resurrection. But His death on the cross perfected Him for the task of being our High Priest. That means that Christ's righteousness not only brought Him from the grave, it will also bring you and me through death to our salvation through the grave!

In Sesotho the words of the English song "*What a Friend we have in Jesus*" rings in my ears all the time. But in Sesotho it says "*Jesus is a True Friend!*" On my own I sing the tune all the time! Amen to that!

Jesus was perfected on the cross to save us, and we are perfected in Him because He did.

Jesus is truly our friend!

Praise Him with your faith!

Praise Him with your life!

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