EVANGELIST TALKS ON CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

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Text:--"Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if thing be ye otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you." Philippians 3:15.

When John Wesley promulgated his peculiar views of the higher life, var-ious names were speedily attached to such as Perfection, Christian Perfection, Entire Sanctification, and the Higher Life, and such can't phrases as "The Second Blessing," or "The Having Attained." This was very displeasing to Wesley, who instructed his votaries not to give any name to the blessing. "Avoid" said he, "all magnificent, pompous words; indeed you need give it no general name, neither "Perfection," Sanctification," "Sec-ond Blessing," nor "The Having Attained," rather speak of the things which God has wrought for you.

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word of God.

Now there is just as much in understanding what Christian Perfection is not, as there is in understanding what it is. I confess that in these days of misunderstanding and misrepresentation, it takes a great deal of grit, grace and wisdom to stand up for the Bible truth, and wrest it from the prejudice and opposition of its ene-Now, when it is rightly undermies. stood, the doctrine and experience of Christian Perfection will be eagerly listened to, and most earnestly sough Reverently, devoutly, and with for. seeking hearts, let us enter and examine the word of truth. The text clearly indicates that the believers addressed were already perfect in Christ, with additional privileges for development in the divine life and ex-The Scriptural order from perience. sin to the highest possible attainment through grace is:-Penitence, Pardon, Peace Purity, Power, Paradise; six "golden apples in pictures of silver."

First of all let me say that Christian Perfection is not absolute or sinand his ways past finding out." so see Col. 2:3. "In whom we hid less perfection. That means having which belongs to God alone. possible Matt. 5:48. "Be ye therefore perfect, your Father which is in s perfect." When you come heaven is perfect." in touch with a preacher or any other person teaching absolute or sinless perfection as being attainable in this Perfection is not freedom from makworld, you may simply put such ing mistakes. Mistakes are not sins, teachers down as not understanding and if any man tells you that he has nature of Christian Perfection as gotten beyond making mistakes, you never taught a state of absolute or

Now in the second place, Christian Perfection is not angelic perfection, as it does not pertain to angels, but human nature. Down at Penns Dale near Williamsport, three years ago last summer, at a camp meeting a certain woman in the middle of the congregation got up and said. "I am an angel," and when sat down a big fellow in the rear the church called out, "Well then, of the church called out, "net the said that God would smite him for ing all that ngating for the two but is heaven?" I had series of meetings in judging him after the law, and com-the Evangelical church of Penns Dale manding him to be smitten contrary didn't want my financial condition exin March 1911, also another in March 1913, last year. At the beginning of one of the services I explained that I would dwell on Christian Perfection. There were people there from all of the surrounding communities. Among the number was the same woman who had said that she was as perfect as When I had finished my an angel. sermon, this good woman came to me and said, "Mr. Campbell, I want to take you by the hand; I have learned after listening to your words. that the best of professors can some times be mistaken, and I am free to confess to you, sir, that I am not as perfect as an angel, and after listening to your word I have found out that Christian Perfection is not anwe often sang. "I want to be an an¹ kind of nonsense. Jesus Christ the gel, and with the angels stand, crown upon my forehead, a harp with-in my hand." I never hear that song any more, for I believe in my heart I am glad that temptation is not sin. that the good Christian, intelligent Paul says that there is no temptation people have come to understand that human nature. In the third place, Christian Perfection is not celestial perfection, as man that endureth temptation, for we are creatures of sin living under when he is tried he shall receive the we are creatures of sin living under mental, moral, and physical disabil-ities of sin, just as long as we are in the flesh. Their complete extinction will take place when Jesus Christ shall come to change "These bodies of their humiliation," and make them, "Like unto his glorious body." I know that there are some who ate looking for the fountain of youth Well I want to advise that the foun-tain of youth will never be found as tar as celestial perfection is concern-ed down here on God's ball of dirt. Immortal youth will only come when jesus shall come to change these bod-ies and make them like unto his own glorious body. Now if you want to know more about immortal youth take your Bible and read Rev. 1: 13-18 in-clusive. God tells us that he will wipe away all ters from our eyes, but that will not take place until aft that you can attain celestial, Heavenly the resurrection, so don't think that you can attain celestial, Heavenly the terefled, com templation, but if you are full of God, fighting against sin, that you can attain celestial, Heavenly the terefled, grade the work what to so that the will hol take place until aft that you can attain celestial, Heavenly the terefled of God, fighting against sin, therefled of the cancer. mental. moral, and physical disabilter the resurrection. So don't think that you can attain celestial, Heavenly perfection on this side of the resur-rection, for I want to tell you, and leave with you the thought that ce-lestial perfection cannot be gotten by any one in this life. Now in the next place, Christian Now in the next place, Christian Perfection is not bodily perfection, since our bodies are not invulnerable. You and I are the pitiable victims of sickness and "physical weakness. We age and lose the power of youth in vigor and strength; but our Lord will fashion anew the body by a glor-ious transformation. The Mount of Transfiguration brings out the full-ness of his glorious body, and prox-imity to it reveals its mastery over everything material. That is real glorification. Now just one word in regard to di-vine healing. I have come into con-tact with teachers who say when our hearts are perfect, our bodies must also be perfect. I sat one day for a full hour in friendly conversation with a divine healer. This man told me that Job was a sinner or the Lord would not have tormented him with the boils. I said, "My good friend, I am sorry for you, but my Bible tells me that "there was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect." He Now just one word in regard to di-

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experience.

said, "Good-by, I don't want anything more to do with you." Now do not think if you are perfect in health that your soul is saved, for it is not nec-essarily so. There have been the best of people, who have gone down un-der sickness, but that does not indi-cate that they are not saved. You may be perfect in body, and still your heart may not be right with God. cate that they are not saved. You may be perfect in body, and still your heart may not be right with God.

time ago a man jumped up and said cism. Behold the intrepid Paul in that the Lord had given him seven Athens, encountered by the Epicurean Now in the next place, Christian Perfection is not the same as Regen-eration, as that is the beginning of the divine life in the soul. This is its completing. That is a great work, a glorious fact, and secures for us sal-vation. This is a much greater work and will bring victory over sin, the constant indwelling of God in the soul and conformity to the will of God in the life. Now my friends, bear in mind that is not the same as regen-Now in the next place, Christian Perfection is not the same as Regenmind that is not the same as regenconduct. eration, and when you meet any one

eration, and when you meet any one who is trying to teach it that way, you can make up your mind that they are not straight on it, or that they are a little clouded. In the next place we will see that Christian perfection is not Adamic perfection, as his was a natural en-dowment, ours a gracious enrichment In Eph 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." No, my friends, we will never get to be as perfect as Adam was, this is the word of truth and has nothing to do with Christian Perfection. Adam's, i will repeat it, was a natural endow-ment, ours a gracious enrichment. In the next place Christian Perfec-tion is not perfection of knowledge. We people of the twentieth century tion is not perfection of knowledge. We people of the twentieth century and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. "No. my brother, death is an enemy, we be-we will never get beyond the need of to look out for men who pos as having supreme knowledge of the lieve that through the grace of the the Lord's prayer, neither will we get Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved beyond reading the Bible, using the Some years ago I learned that Dr. John Alexander Dower was going to give a talk on "Who runs even as they.

Now in the next place it is not our church services, prayer, self examinathe Chicago Papers, God or the Dev-il?", Well I was very anxious to find il?", Well I was very anxious to find out who did run the papers, God or the Devil. Well Dr. Dowie rose with his long black robe, and tassels, and said, "All you people who believe that the Devil is running the papers of Chicago stand un." Well there for the to be the papers of Chicago stand un." Well there for the to be the papers out was a statuted by the papers of Chicago stand up." Well there were about 2000 of his followers stood Well there fy them.

Now in regard to freedom from up. Then he said, "Now all of you fellows that think that God has a hand thoughts of evil. There is a logical difference between thoughts of evil, in running them stand up" and, of and evil thoughts. Evil thoughts may course, I wasn't going to go back on and will come from an evil heart: the thoughts of evil are from withmy own thoughts, so I stood up with about fifteen other men, and Dr. Dow-St. Mark, 7:20 out. "And he said. ie looked around with a disgusted smile, and said "Well, you fellows that which cometh out of the man that defileth the man," that is evil must be either preachers or fools." Now my friends, I want to tell you thoughts. James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the that Christian Perfection is not perdevil, and he will flee from you." Perfection of knowledge. Read Rom. 11:33, "O the depth of the riches both fection comes in degrees. We may grow mentally, morally and spiritualof the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, ly forever, for Christ suffered for ins, the just for the unjust, that he Al might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by "In whom we hide all the treasures of wisdom and knowlthe spirit.

edge." So you can have a perfect heart and yet not know all things, but Again Christian Perfection is not perfection of judgment. Every man the teachings of God will teach you him every moment by faith, that he has a right to the exercise of his shall literally "Dwell in us and walk a sufficient amount to make you safe. judgment, that others will respect as in us," (2 Cor. 6:16) and live again his incarnate life in the flesh as truly ng as it does not conflict with Now in the next place Christian the prevailing standards of truth. Many men of many minds. For instance if as he did in ancient Galilee and Jerusalem. My dear friends, this is the mystery of mysteries, the secret hid there are fifty men on a board, and thirteen are against the others, if the from ages and generations; it i "Christ in you, the hope of Glory. taught in the word of God. Now I can make up your mind that he is others are right in their opinion the want to say to you that the Bible simply deluded. However, we often thirteen should not fight, but let the Col. 1:27. Now unto Him that is able to keep say things and do things that we find majority rule. However, the other sinless perfection. That state be-longs to God alone. out are mistakes, and we are truth-fully sorry f r them, and immediate-opinion. For an example I will give fully sorry f r them, and immediate ly go and ap logize; but bear in mind that there are none of us beyond that there are none of us beyond "Your money or your life." They imfaultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both making mistakes. Come with me to Jerusalem. See Paul standing be-fore the Council, and he began to tell, around in the dust and dirt, first one now and ever, Amen. Jude 24, 25. in the presence of the High Priest, Ananias, how God saved him, and last the highwayman being the larg-that he had lived in good conscience before God until this day: the Hign Priest said to those standing by "Give him a slap on the mouth," and Paul said that God would smite him for indign him after the larg and the state fighting for twelve cents?"



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to the law, and when the bystanders told Paul that it was the High Priest, he immediately felt sorry, and apologized. No, dear Christian friends, we will never get to the place where

are Christian professors here this morning who have been taking mis-takes for sins, that they will see, and know the difference hereafter.

In the next place Christian Perfecion is not freedom from temptation. Let me tell you that the closer we live to God the more Satan will tempt us. A few years ago I met a good woman from St. Louis, who told me that she was never tempted in any a son of the Almighty was tempted, and grow when we have gotten come unto you, but what comes to Christian Perfection is not angelic all men. But when we are tempted, our thoughts; but, reason an perfection, but that it has to do with God makes a way of escape for our Bible are against those that

deliverance out of manifold tempta-tions. James 1:12. "Blessed is the

from temptation until Jesus shall animal instincts. The Bible come.

Furthermore Christian Perfection a constant control of all our pass is not exemption from the possibility of falling. We stand by faith and must watch and pray, and if we want to be perfect in love, if we watch and pray God will help us. Again, Christian Perfection is not perfection of conduct My faith and forces. There are some things with-in us which would destroy if not con-trolled, some things that must be sub-jected to control, if we would be per-fect. Paul once said, "But I keep un-perfection of conduct My followed by the sub-

Again, Christian Perfection is not perfection of conduct. My friends, first of all let us be sure that our conduct is pleasing to God, not with eyeservice as men pleasers, but doing the will of God from the heart. "Men may misjudge thy aim, Think they have cause for blame, Say thou art property

posed." Now. don't think me harsh, but that is the way with some of you, you don't want your condition exposed.

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Again, Christian Perfection is not we will be free from making mis-takes, but do not take mistakes for to guard against uncharitable judgperfection of taste. We should strive sins, and I pray God that if there ment in all matters of taste. Let ev-

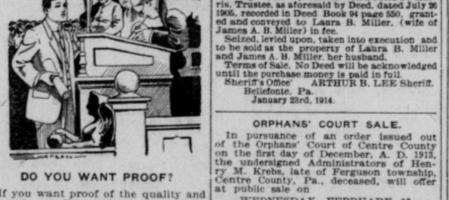
Now in the next place Christian Perfection is not an attainment; it is an obtainment. Heb. 9:12, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Christian Perfection is growth, it is rather a gift. in "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." My friends, We this: moreover, we cannot grow into it.

In the next place, Christian Perfection is not a state of constant overwhelming joy. Experiences of per-petual joy need not be dismissed from our thoughts; but, reason and the constant joy. Jesus said "In world ye shall have tribulation the tions. James 1:12. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has

teaches a harmonious regulation and ected to control, if we would be per-fect. Paul once said, "But I keep un-der my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I, myself should be a castaway." Now Christian Perfection is not

Now Christian Perfection is not freedom from persecution. There are many persecutions in these days, just as of old, Jesus said, "If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you." Paul says, "Yed, and all that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." One



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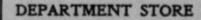
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