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There is no greater perfection than God Himself for in Him is no Darkness. God is Light and we His people are also to be full of His Light. He therefore says; If thy eye be single, thy whole body is full of Light, this is "*Perfection*". ¹

Can we really become perfect in the eyes of God? I believe we can because He looks not at the flesh but at the heart and soul of man. He tries us daily to bring us into an image with *substance*, in the soul like unto Himself. Those who allow the potter to shape

and mould go on to great reward and become His elect lady. We become glorified by Himself, we become able to love others as He Loves us. Revelation, that is, opening of the hidden mysteries and the unsearchable riches (which cannot be opened by intellect alone) become ours. And He Promises; "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Perfection in spiritual terms is pertaining to what "substance" is in us. A substance not of this world, but the Divine Being's Spirit, God Himself can be in us!³ When the Jews in Jerusalem heard and saw the Light or substance manifesting from Jesus they said; "what manner of man is this!"

The Spirit in the man or Lamb Jesus Christ was the express image⁵ of His Substance. The text is not referring to the flesh or person. In the original writings of Hebrews 1:3 the correct word "substance" is used and not person which is only applicable to the flesh or physical part of a human. But the text is referring to the Spirit that was in the Lamb. God being Spirit is not a man that He should lie!⁶

We are writing about the Godhead that dwelt bodily in Christ, God Himself, Emmanuel the *substance* and Spirit of God, even Absolute Knowledge with active manifestations of Divine Power.

And hereby know we that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him: but whoso keepeth His word, in Him verily hath the Love (*substance*) of God been *Perfected*. Hereby know we that we are in Him: *he that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked*.⁷

Just as it was in Jerusalem, so now it is today. Jesus in those days walked among the people and they beheld great manifestations of divine power. They became curiously attracted to Him wanting to know what manner of man, or what *substance* was in Him that made Him different. They said; "show us the Father and it sufficeth us.

¹ Matthew 6:22; 1 John 1:5

² Matthew 5:48

³ John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

⁴ Matthew 8:27

⁵ Hebrews 1:3; Numbers 23:19

⁶ Numbers 23:19

⁷ 1John 2:3-6

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Jesus replied; ".....he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father!" Today, God's true messengers who walk even as He walked are also curiously watched by the multitudes for they see a perfected love that has no darkness. In them is a faith like unto that which was in Jesus when He walked in flesh upon the earth.

Narrow is the way and few there be that find it!

The way to eternal life is not hidden from us. In fact it is been made plain and simple in scripture. By acting upon the commands of the Lord He will lay a foundation of hope in our spirit by His Spirit after He washes us in His blood that was shed for our transgressions.

When God saw Abraham He said that he was polluted in his own blood. He then by prophesy said; LIVE!⁹ And then God washed away Abraham's blood with water, a supernatural occurrence that you and I can experience today by obeying Hebrews 10. To those who realize as Abraham did what God did for him, we to can be called a friend¹⁰ and not a servant by the Lord Jesus.

The servant does not know what his Lord doeth, therefore this implies that there is no impartation of knowledge because there is no obedience! To the Pharisees the way was hidden and the Scriptures closed! They worshipped Him with their lips but their hearts were far from Him.¹¹ Therefore they never knew who Jesus was when He came to Jerusalem as their Messiah to bring them back to the glorious high throne which was the place of their beginning.

To please Jesus we must by faith "do" His commandments. If we by faith do them, ("for without faith it is impossible to please Him" 12) and are not hearers only, then He will open the way to Himself and draw us into His presence. We will not only know the sound of His name, but we will know the meaning of His name and that He is I AM. But if we hear and do not, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 13 Since God is absolute truth we cannot ever be free from the sting of death. Only by the Spirit can truth, the unsearchable riches be opened unto us.

We must press toward the mark, that is, we must Love the Lord our God with all our heart! This is the first and greatest commandment. To find and put on His "substance" we must be doers of His word. If we are not doers of His word we never can find the Love of God and one day He will say; "depart from me ye workers of iniquity,

⁸ John 14:8-9 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

⁹ Ezekiel 16:6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live;......9 *Then washed I thee with water; yea, I throughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.*

¹⁰ John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you.

¹¹ Isaiah 29:13this people draw nigh unto me, and with their mouth and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me,

¹² Hebrews 11:6 He that cometh to God must believe that He Is!

¹³ James 1:17-24

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I never knew you!"

Matthew 7:12-25 1881RV

12 ¶ All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. 13 Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby. 14 For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that find it. 15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16 By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree (manifests God's substance) and bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out devils, and by thy name do many mighty works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Every one therefore which heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, which built his house upon the rock: 25 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.

NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR!14

This chapter reveals the faith that was in those who have gone before us. There was a *substance* in them that could not be seen by the naked eye, but they all received a good report. While there were others who looked at Jesus in Jerusalem with no like substance in them, they did not know who He was. They only knew there was something in Him that made Him much different, Perfection!

Paul prayed exceedingly that he might perfect that which was lacking in their faith.

1Th 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Perfection in spiritual terms is to have escaped the corruption that is in the world!

2Peter 1:4-12 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful

¹⁴ Hebrews 11:1

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in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 ¶ Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

14 ¶ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Spirit Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be strong to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled (and PERFECTED) with all the fulness of God.

When Jesus said; "shall I find faith when I come" He was talking about a relationship between Himself and His friends who Love Him. Without faith we cannot please Him and without Love we cannot fulfill the greatest of all commandments; "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all they heart.... and thy brother as thyself. This is the first and second of the greatest commandments.

Perfection cannot come without loving God who then imparts into our spirit faith by making Himself, the Living Word alive in our spirit. He makes His word alive in us and we become like Him, a new creature that never lived before. As this happens those *substances* in us like hatred, envy, jealousy, lust, anger, greed and the like are driven from us. We soon have imparted into our spirit His love and faith and the choice becomes obvious whom we choose to be our Master. The One who Loves us. Without faith we cannot please Him and without Agape Love we can never come to the faith which God is requiring us to have in that day. **FAITH & LOVE together bring PERFECTION!**

And these signs shall follow them that (are perfected) believe, (that is committed). In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 16

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:.....¹⁷

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¹⁵ Luke 18:8

¹⁶ Mark 16:18

¹⁷ 1Peter 2:9