

## Perfection

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect (teleios), even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

2Co 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect (katartizō), be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect (katartizō), stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

Psalms:19:1-11 Blessed *are* the undefiled (spotless blemish less, perfect) in the way .....

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (amo mos; morally: without blemish, faultless, unblameable.)

**Webster's:** PER'FECTION, a. [L. perfectus, to complete; per and facio, to do or make through, to carry to the end.]

1. Finished; complete; consummate; not defective; having all that is requisite to its nature and kind; as a perfect statue; a perfect likeness; a perfect work; a perfect system.

2. Fully informed; completely skilled; as men perfect in the use of arms; perfect in discipline.

3. Complete in moral excellencies.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect. Mat 5.

4. Manifesting perfection.

My strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor 12.

**Thayer Definition:** teleioō

1) To make perfect, complete

1a) to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end

2) To complete (perfect)

2a) add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full

2b) to be found perfect

3) To bring to the end (goal) proposed

4) To accomplish

4a) bring to a close or fulfilment by event; of the prophecies of the scriptures

**Strong's Concordance:** to *complete*, that is, (literally) *accomplish*, or (figuratively) *consummate* (in character): - consecrate, finish, fulfil, (make) perfect.

**Thayer Definition:** teleios

1) brought to its end, finished

2) wanting nothing necessary to completeness

3) perfect

4) that which is perfect

4a) consummate human integrity and virtue

4b) of men, full grown, adult, of full age, mature

**Strong's Concordance:** *complete* (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun) *completeness*: - of full age, man, perfect.

**Thayer Definition:** katartizo

1) to render, i.e. to fit, sound, complete

1a) to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair, to complete

1b) to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust, to fit or frame for one's self, prepare

1c) ethically: to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be

**Strong's Concordance:** to *complete thoroughly*, that is, *repair* (literally or figuratively) or *adjust*: - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

Mat 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect (teleios), go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

Luk 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect (**katartizō**) shall be as his master.

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect (teleioō) in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Act 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish (perfected) my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted (katartizō) to destruction:

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect (teleios), will of God.

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

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect (**teleios**) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1Co 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men (**Perfect, teleios**).

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore (**katartizō**) such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Eph 4:11 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 (**teleios**) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

### Philippians 3:4-21

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect (**teleios**) in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect (teleios) and complete in all the will of God.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age (**Perfect, teleios**), *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect (**teleios**) tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have *her* perfect (**teleios**) work, that ye may be perfect (**teleios**) and entire, wanting nothing.

Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in

God, and God in him. **17** Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect (teleios) love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect (teleioō) in love.

### How do we answer these verses

**1Jn 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### Old Covenant Law

**Heb 7:19** For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

**Heb 9:9** Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; **10** Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect (teleios) tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

**Heb 10:1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. **2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. **3** But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. **4** For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

### Prayer

**Heb 13:20** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21** Make you perfect (katartizō) in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.