

2 Tim 3:10(14-17) **Ancient Words**, “doctrine” is not a dirty word

1 Tim 4:16

2 Tim 4:3

Titus 2:1

---

Perfection

Orthodoxy & Orthopraxy

Restoration

---

Several issues involved- definition, doctrine, application...

---

Translation (best? JESUS... YOU)

Def.: Depends on context; we hear “perfect” we can hear “without flaw”;  
“She’s a perfect baby” “He has a perfect lawn” “It was a perfect day”

---

Why does it matter? (1) Doctrine of perfection which teaches that Christians do not sin; (2) Expectation that spiritual people will not sin; (3) Response which says “sin” is not such a big deal because Jesus’ blood covers it...

---

### **Perfect**

- a. Mt 5:48, Be perfect... as your heavenly Father is perfect. (whole) (19:21)
  - b. 1 Cor 13:9, Our prayer is for your perfection. (inner strength/character)
  - c. Col 1:28, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ (mature)
- 

### **Sin Free?**

- a. Heb 10:14, by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever... (sacrifice!)
  - b. James 3:2, We all stumble in many ways (see v. 8)
  - c. 1 John 1:8, If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us (Not a “Get Out of Jail Free Card”—Romans 6)
- 

### **Aim for Perfection** 2 Corinthians 13 (what are we aiming for?)

- a. This is a church with problems; false doctrine; sin; rebellion
  - b. Paul isn’t wanting to win a fight... he wishes for their souls to be won
  - c. “Perfection”—restoring what is broken; reclamation (mend your ways)
- 

### **Faith in Perfection**

1 John, James, Hebrews

- a. 1 John 1:7, 1 John 3:1-10 (Hope is in the continual work of Jesus)
- b. James 3, “We all stumble...” (1 John 2:1-6, strive to obey him)
- c. Hebrews 10, Our confidence is in the power of Jesus’ once for all sacrifice!

2 Tim 3:10(14-17) **Ancient Words**, “doctrine” is not a dirty word

1 Tim 4:16, “Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

2 Tim 4:3, For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

Titus 2:1, “You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.”

Matt 19:20-22, "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Col 1:27-29, To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

Heb 10:11-14, Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup>Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

1 John 2:1-6, My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.