

Mission Statement of Faith4Living

‘To Unite Believers who desire to Love God with all their heart and serve Him with all their strength that they might—

a) STRENGTHEN one another through Mutual Accountability, Support, and Instruction in Righteousness.

b) INSPIRE one another to demonstrate God's Love through Good Works.

c) EDIFY one another till 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.

d) WITNESS PUBLICLY of the Transforming Grace of Christ that unbelievers might make Jesus Christ their Lord.’

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW AND BELIEVE the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God Calls Christians To Spiritual Maturity

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATEMENT: ‘till...all come...unto a PERFECT MAN, unto the measure of THE STATURE OF THE FULNESS OF CHRIST.’

1. God's Stated Mission for the Spiritual Leadership of His Church is that they would ‘Edify the Body of Christ until they All Become Perfect.’

‘And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the

edifying of the body of Christ: 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:” Ephesians 4:11-13

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

2. The Perfection attainable in this life is a Perfection of Love.

“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. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:17-18

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Matthew 22:37-39

“And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.”

Deuteronomy 30:6

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” Ephesians 1:4

“The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Romans 5:5

3. Perfect Love manifests itself in continual Loving dependence on Christ.

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:4-6

4. It is God's will that Believers would Understand and Live in the Power of His Perfect Love.

“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, will of God.” Romans 12:2

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

“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.” 1 John 4:17

5. God Wants His Bride to be Holy and Perfect As He Is Holy and Perfect.

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15-16

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

“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” Ephesians 4:13

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.” 1 Thessalonians 4:3

6. God is Able to Perfect our Love in This life.

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” Jude 1:24

“That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.” Luke 1:74-75

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” Titus 2:11

7. God Calls us to Entire Sanctification and Tells us we can depend on Him to Do It.

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [to bring to an end, accomplish, perfect, execute, complete] it until the day of Jesus Christ:” Philippians 1:6

8. Every aspect of Christian Maturity is by Grace Through Faith in Jesus Christ.

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Roman 5:1-2

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” Ephesians 2:8

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

9. If We Walk In Step with Christ's Light, Christ will Perfect His Grace in Us.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1John 1:7

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [to bring to an end, accomplish, perfect, execute, complete] it until the day of Jesus Christ:” Philippians 1:6

10. God has given us His inspired Word that We May Be Perfect.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16,17

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

11. Don't live in lukewarmness and unbelief, Unite with Committed Christians and Earnestly Endeavor to 'Go On Unto Perfection.'"

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God” Hebrews 6:1

“Follow [pursue, seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire] peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:” Hebrews 12:14

12. Christ Prayed for the Perfection of His Church and emphasized this Perfection would cause the World to Believe on Christ and Know God's Love for them.

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me....I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” John 17:20, 21,23

[What is meant by the term Christian Perfection?](#)

What is Christian Perfection?

By [John Wesley](#)

From the Preface of John Wesley's Volume of Hymns published in 1742 and included in Wesley's ‘Plain Account of Christian Perfection.’”

Perhaps **the general prejudice against Christian perfection may chiefly arise from a misapprehension of the nature of it.** We willingly allow, and continually declare, there is no such perfection in this life, as implies ... a freedom from ignorance, mistake, temptation, and a thousand infirmities necessarily connected with flesh and blood....We cannot find any ground in Scripture to suppose, that any inhabitant of a house of clay is wholly exempt either from bodily infirmities, or from ignorance of many things; or to imagine any is incapable of mistake, or falling into divers temptations.

But **whom then do you mean by ‘one that is perfect?’** We mean one in whom is ‘the mind which was in Christ,’ and who so ‘walketh as Christ also walked;’ a man ‘that hath clean hands and a pure heart,’ or that is ‘cleansed from all filthiness of flesh and spirit;’ one in whom is ‘no occasion of

stumbling,' and who, accordingly, `does not commit sin.' To declare this a little more particularly: We understand by that scriptural expression, `a perfect man,' one in whom God hath fulfilled his faithful word, `From all your filthiness and from all your idols I will cleanse you: I will also save you from all your uncleannesses.' We understand hereby, one whom God hath `sanctified throughout in body, soul, and spirit;' one who `walketh in the light as He is in the light, in whom is no darkness at all; the blood of Jesus Christ his Son having cleansed him from all sin.'

This man can now testify to all mankind, `I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.' He is `holy as God who called' him `is holy,' both in heart and `in all manner of conversation.' He `loveth the Lord his God with all his heart,' and serveth him `with all his strength.' He `loveth his neighbor,' every man, `as himself;' yea, `as Christ loveth us;' them, in particular, that `despitefully use him and persecute him, because they know not the Son, neither the Father.' Indeed **his soul is all love, filled with `bowels of mercies, kindness, meekness, gentleness, longsuffering.'** **And his life agreeth thereto, full of `the work of faith, the patience of hope, the labor of love.'** `And whatsoever' he `doeth either in word or deed,' he `doeth it all in the name,' in the love and power, `of the Lord Jesus.' In a word, **he doeth `the will of God on earth, as it is done in heaven.'**

This it is to be a perfect man, to be `sanctified throughout;' even `to have a heart so all-flaming with the love of God,' (to use Archbishop Usher's words,) `as continually to offer up every thought, word, and work, as a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God through Christ.' In every thought of our hearts, in every word of our tongues, in every work of our hands, to `show forth his praise, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.' O that both we, and all who seek the Lord Jesus in sincerity, may thus `be made perfect in one!'"