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Perfection: Status and Striving - 1 John 2:28 - 3:10

A victory is not necessarily perfection but enduring and striving to the end. Against Gnostic Re-birth philosophy

Sin is lawlessness: More than missing the mark, or giving into temptation but is rebellion

Lost focus on Jesus, Lost trust in His sacrifice

Abiding and Perfection

- 1) Sharpening the line between the pretend and genuine disciples
– Presenting the ideal

Cheap Grace: Sin does not matter - Perfectionist: Jesus is not enough to save

1 John 1:5-10 vs 8 I have risen above sin **vs 10** sin does not matter

- 2) Grammatical: Present tense of continuous action -> does not continually sin - lifestyle

1 John 2:1-2 if we sin Jesus is the atoning sacrifice
Roberts 81, 82

Our righteousness is minuet in relation to Christ's but our right acts demonstrate a trust in Christ's righteousness and therefore receive the reward that his righteousness provides
Striving for righteousness of living in rebellion, serving Christ or the Devil

Jesus' actions destroys the work of sin – **Status of purity while we strive to purify**

Because our Hope Hebrews 12:2, 3 Set out eyes on Jesus.
Don't lose heart

Matthew 5:43-48 God's Perfection is demonstrated how?

A call to abide. Don't shrink back, God's perfect love should cast out fear. **4:17-21** Because Christ meets the righteous demands of the Law. Roberts74

What do we learn? Christ pays the price. We receive the gift. We join the Trinity in purpose, living the blessing