"If Any Man Have not the Spirit of Christ.
He Is None of His."

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Perfection of Character.

BY nature, what is the condition of all men?

"For *all have sinned*, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23. Read also verses 10–12.

2. How may one's nature be changed?

"Therefore *if any man be in Christ* he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

3. What is it to be in Christ?

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*" Rom. 8:1.

4. What are the works of the flesh?

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like." Gal. 5:19–21.

5. And what is the fruit of the Spirit?

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Verses 22, 23.

6. How are those denominated who are led by the Spirit?

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, *they are the sons of God.*" Rom. 8:14.

7. What assurance is given to the sons of God?

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, *when he shall appear, we shall be like him*; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2.

8. If one has this hope, what will he surely do?

"And every man that hath this hope in him *purifieth himself, even as he* [Christ] *is pure.*" Verse 3.

9. Is the doctrine of perfection taught in the Bible?

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be *perfect and entire, wanting* [lacking] *nothing.*" James 1:4.

10. Is one perfected when he receives the principles of Christ?

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, *let us go on unto perfection.*" Heb. 6:1.

11. In order to accomplish this, what must be done?

"*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.

12. How may one grow in grace?

"And beside this, giving all diligence, *add to your faith*, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." 2 Peter 1:5–8.

13. In requiring so much of his followers, what is the design of Christ?

"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.*" Eph. 5:27.

14. What will cause the Christian to grow?

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere *milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*" 1 Peter 2:2.

15. In order to grow by the word of God, what must one do with it?

"Thy word have I *hid in mine heart.*" Ps. 119:11.

16. And what must that word become to the heart?

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me *the joy and rejoicing of mine heart*; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." Jer. 15:16.

17. In building up the character, what else is necessary?

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, *praying in the Holy Ghost.*" Jude 20.

18. What advantage will prayer be to one engaged in such a work?

"*If any of you lack wisdom*, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and *it shall be given him.*" James 1:5.

19. On what occasions is it proper to ask God for help?

"Be careful for nothing; *but in everything* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving *let your requests be made known unto God.*" Phil. 4:6.

20. If we fulfill the conditions of the Bible, how perfect may we expect God's care for us to be?

"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." 1 Thess. 5:23.