

December 17 ("Jesus: Saint-Perfecter")

Verses: Hebrews 10:12-14

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Takeaway: Though God calls us to cooperate with his work, we can rest in the fact that Jesus has and is powerfully perfecting us according to his likeness.

Getting Started: Can we ever be perfect?

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Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- Jesus' sacrifice (His death and resurrection) is better than any before (or after) Him.
- Jesus is perfect and sinless. We can only live for God through faith in Jesus because of His death and resurrection.
- Sanctification means to be made holy (or *set apart*).
- His sacrifice not only makes us holy in God's eyes, it also helps us grow in a holy life.

Elementary:

- Only Jesus, the sinless One, could appease the wrath of God for our sins through His sacrifice (death and resurrection).
- Through faith in Jesus, believers look to Him for a cleansed conscience, full forgiveness of sins, and sanctification. Sanctification means to be made holy (or *set apart*).
- His sacrifice not only makes us holy in God's eyes, it also helps us grow in a holy life.
- Faith in Jesus and surrendering to God's loving leadership changes everything. Jesus is greater than any human priest. Only He can rescue us.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank Him for sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin and to teach us how to live for Him. Ask God to help you remember Him and His great love for us during this Christmas season. Ask Him to teach you more about Himself, and to help you grow in Him every day.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking Him for sending His Son, Jesus, whose death and resurrection make it possible for us to know, love, and live for God. Ask Him to help you remember Him during this Christmas season, how Jesus is greater than any human priest, and how only Jesus can rescue us through faith in Him and through surrendering to God's loving leadership in our lives. Do you feel the call to do so today? If so, you might want to pray in this way: Admit you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. Believe that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. With your whole heart and being, commit yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.