

Character perfection in this flesh?

"Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Having become one of us, He has made this "consecrated way" our way; it belongs to us. He has endowed every soul with divine right to walk in this consecrated way, and by His having done it Himself in the flesh--in our flesh--He has made it possible that every human soul can walk in that way.

As one of us, in our sinful human nature in this world, for a whole lifetime He lived a life "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners" (Heb. 7:26). By this He has made a way by which, in Him, every believer for a whole lifetime can live a

life holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and as a consequence be made with Him higher than the heavens.

Perfection of character is the Christian goal--perfection attained in human flesh in this world. Christ attained it in human flesh in this world, and thus consecrated a way by which every believer can attain it in Him. He has become our great High Priest, and the High Priesthood and ministry of Christ in the true sanctuary is the only way by which any soul can attain this true goal. "Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary" (Psalm 77:13). [1]

"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him since he ever lives to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

Note:

1. Jones, The Consecrated Way to Christian Perfection, pp. 61. 62.