



# *Pastor's Comments*

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## **Be Perfect**

This Sunday, Jan. 16 at 10:45 am and 6:00 pm, our church will begin studying the **11th** of the **49 "Commands of Christ"** which is **"Be Perfect."** Jesus Christ said, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect**" (Matthew 5:46-48).

The natural reaction to this command of our Lord is one of utter shock and might be phrased in words such as, "Wow! Who among us can be **as perfect as God the Father?**" Even Christians tend to rationalize and excuse things such as the lusts of the flesh as an acceptable part of their lives, yet we are warned to **"be not conformed to this world"** (Romans 12:2). We are also instructed that, "all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is **not of the Father, but is of the world**" (1 John 2:16).

I welcome you to join us in the study of this command. We will cover some excellent material that answers the questions:

- Who are God's examples of perfect people?
- What does it mean to be perfect?
- What brings perfection?
- How does a deceitful heart hide impurities?
- How does this command reveal Christ?

Christ's final command was "Go...and teach all nations... Teaching them **to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**" (Mt. 28:19-20). Our objective is to learn and to obey all **49 commands of Christ!** Jesus promised, "If ye **keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love..." (John 15:10).

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