

**Series: The Bible for Today (11/27/19)**

**Title: I Am Not Yet Perfect**

**Text: (Phil 1:6)**

The Tension of an Unfinished Life: (Phil 3:12)

In Christ we are Perfect, but in our life we see much sin.

In Christ we are Adopted Sons, but we feel like orphans.

In Christ we are New Creatures, but the old has not passed away yet.

Paul's imperfection magnified God's grace: (1 Cor 15:9-10)

Paul saw himself as the least of apostles (Eph 3:8)

Paul say himself as the chief of sinners: (1 Tim 1:15)

Paul did this to contrast himself in the flesh & himself in Christ.

Sinners Embraced: *Family Skeletons*

Women in the Genealogy of Jesus: (Matt 1:1-6)

(Matt 1:3) Tamar: played the Hrlot w/Father in law Judah.

(Matt 1:5) Rehab (Heb 11:31)

(Matt 1:5) Ruth the Moabite-spawned of Lot's incest.

(Matt 1:6) Bathsheba: Adulterous with King David.

Men in the Genealogy of Jesus:

Jacob: Deceiver (Lk 1:33)

Judah: (Rev 5:5)

David: (Lk 1:32)

Jesus Identified with & Understood sinners:

Matthew the Tax Collector: (Mk 2:15)

Thief on the Cross: (Lk 23:43)

US! (Rom 8:34) making intercession for us.

Grace Trumps Performance: A few imperatives to mention.

We are to put off the old, put on the new: (Eph 4:22-24)

We are to put to death the deeds of the body: (Rom 8:13)

We are to Walk in the Spirit: (Gal 5:16)

God deals with our spirit, through the Holy Spirit, through His word. (1 Cor 2:9-13)

We are to put on Compassion, Kindness Humility, Meekness, Patience, Love: (Col 3:12-14)

We are to Abstain from the passions of the flesh which wages war on our souls: (1 Pet 2:11)

We are to make every effort to grow in all the traits of Christian Character: (2 Pet 1:5-7)

God's Acceptance is not based upon our performance: (Col 1:10)

Who Am I?

Our Identity is not to be found in our achievements, or our Failures, nor in the evaluation that others have for us, BUT in Christ Alone!

It is in Christ, as our representative before God, lived the perfect life we could never live, died the death we deserved to die, and now sits at the right hand of God interceding for us, and I suspect Cheering us on.