

## Twisted Truths: Unraveling Bad Theology - Church People Are Perfect

Scriptures: Romans 7:14–25, Romans 3:23-24; 1 John 1:8-9; Philippians 1:6

**Church people are not perfect – but redeemed.**

*Romans 7:14–25 (ESV)*

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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You **DON'T** have to be perfect to be **REDEEMED**.

POINT 2: GOD REQUIRES **CONFESSION**, NOT **PERFECTION**.

*1 John 1:8–9 (ESV)*

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You don't have to be **PERFECT** to be **FORGIVEN**, but you do have to **REPENT**.  
**HONESTY** about our sin is **ESSENTIAL**.

THE TRUTH of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not that we're sinless, but that we are forgiven and being transformed.

POINT 3: GOD IS NOT DONE WITH YOU

*Philippians 1:6 (ESV)*

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