

**Faith Brings God's Perfection – July 6, 2019**  
**Sermon by Mel Dahlgren**

**Introduction:** Free one-week vacation in Hawaii. Call: 2 HR. Timeshare + travel  
Too good to be true – Disillusioned

**SPS:** God's FREE GIFT of "Perfection"

**Body:** Try to imagine being perfect. A perfect man. Or a perfect woman.  
Perfect husband, or perfect wife, or a perfect teenager or perfect child.

Would that be fun? Or boring?

No broken hearts. Not even hurt feelings. Never offended. No divorce. No marriage problems. No sex problems. NO FEAR. Heights, No male or female.  
Never sin.

World: no bills, no rent, no car or house payment. No police. No traffic lights. No jails.  
No lawyers. No doctors. No 40-60-hour exhausting work weeks. No traffic commutes  
even no traffic. JUST IMAGINE!!!!

BEFORE Romans 4;  
!!Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16!!

GOD'S SECRET WISDOM!!!!!!

Romans 4:17 - "God calls things that are not as though they were."

Are you perfect? I'd love a perfect memory. Wife 6 hrs. 📱 station???

Never lose anything, never sick, get old but never get worn out. Eternal energy. Never sleep. Never late. No time. No watches. No sun. No night.

John 14:1-3 Prepare a place for you.

Our world is not the real world. Our world is temporary. Amazing but fake.

Fake news, fake relationships, fake leaders (imperfect) flawed to core.

Human nature is fake. Isaiah 64:6

God says, "all our righteousness is like filthy rags."

Proverbs 14:12 seems right=death

Jeremiah 17:9- heart deceitful and wicked

Fake, not the real world. God envisions

SO... what's the point?

God wants to change you and make you righteous & perfect just like Him in every way.  
He wants to give you **perfection, not your perfection, but His perfection**

### **3 Nots:**

**1) Romans 4:1-8 By faith, NOT by works**

Perfection is a gift only to those who believe.

V. 19- He never doubts even when his body is falling apart at the seams.

**2) V. 9-12 NOT by baptism** (circumcision) or any physical ceremony. It's a gift.

Baptism commanded, won't save you

(And God COMMANDS, why wait?)

**3) V. 13-15 NOT by law keeping.** Only by faith/belief.

V. 16- only by faith through grace/gift

Acts 8:18-Source of perfection-Holy Spirit (God) through laying on of hands. God grows in you when you believe and obey what he commands.

That's when God's perfection begins to grow. H.S. is united with your spirit

### **Conclusion:**

V 19-25 Faith gradually gifts us with righteousness (perfection of Jesus)

And when God sees you, he sees Jesus perfection growing in you and Philippians 1:6 says God will finish the job. So He foretells our perfection and calls us righteous now.

Romans 4:17

V 23-25 are you willing to let God give you the gift of God's perfection. God is willing to give it to you. And you will never be the same once you truly believe God as Abraham did, having no doubt in God's Word whatsoever.

The question is: **Are you willing to bury your will, as baptism symbolizes, and let His free gift of His perfection be accomplished in your life by the Holy Spirit?**