

Our Imperfect Family

(Mark 9:14:32)

- Introduction:
1. This evening's lesson is a follow-up to this morning's lesson.
 2. This morning we examined the need for Christ to be our life.
 3. But in saying that, I did not mean to suggest that perfection must be exhibited in our walk with Jesus.
 4. The process of salvation involves four big words: Mortification, Justification, Sanctification and Glorification.
 5. What we talked about this morning was the process of sanctification.
 6. I'll receive a card from Anne Marie with words and a drawing.
 7. Hopefully, in all of us, we long for perfection as followers of Jesus, but it alludes us.
 8. This imperfection robs some Christians of any joy and hope of heaven.
 9. Let's see how Jesus dealt with imperfection from his disciples.

I. We See Imperfect Performance

- A. (Mark 9:14-18).
- B. The disciples failed at healing a young man, and the Scribes capitalized on it.
- C. They had many successes (Mark 6:7-13), but here they failed.
- D. When we fail, there will always be people around who will remind us.
- E. Jesus offers instruction (Mark 9:29)

II. We See Imperfect Faith

- A. (Mark 9:19-27).
- B. The father freely admitted to his imperfect faith.
- C. Even John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-23).
- D. He was trying, but not perfect.
- E. Jesus granted his request despite his imperfect faith.

III. We See Imperfect Knowledge

- A. (Mark 9:28-32).
- B. The disciples admit to not knowing why this happened to them.
- C. It's not necessarily a fatal mistake to "not know" something if you are actively seeking "to know."
- D. Remember we are disciples – learners, and the Christian life is not an event, but a process of growth (2 Peter 2:18).

- Conclusion:
1. Are you imperfect? Yes! Of course, you are.
 2. But what is the direction of your life?
 - a. First, are you in Christ?
 - b. Are your imperfections committed as you pursue God.
 - c. Or, are your imperfections committed as you rebel against God?