

Philippians
35 – We Are Not Yet Perfect
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I. Our Free Confession: We Are Not Yet Complete

A. We Have Not Already Attained

B. We Are Not Already Perfected

C. We Have Not Apprehended

D. Applications

1. While our hearts desire is to arrive at a state of being perfectly righteous in all of our being, we must not ever allow ourselves to be taken in by those who teach that this state may be reached while we are in this world.
2. With hearts still hungering and thirsting after righteousness, we must understand that it is God's purpose that His people are in pursuit, but not yet arrive at the state of perfect righteousness so longed for.
3. Discouragement is abated, and despair avoided when we understand that while in this world, progress in holiness will never arrive at the destination longed for.

II. Our Passionate Pursuit: We Will Have All Things in Christ

Application

The more we become aware of our remaining sin and how short we fall of the duty that our love and gratitude to God would demand of us, the more it should increase the intensity of our pursuit of all that God has provided to us in Christ.

III. Our Sound Confidence: Christ Has Laid Hold of Us