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HOW CAN WE BE PERFECT?

We shared in the last article (God Is Not To Be Scorned) that our Lord will live and fellowship with perfect people who will inherit a perfect, new earth (2nd Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-4). We will be His people, and He will dwell among us. He will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain, for the old order of the things of this present earth will have passed away. If you do not have a copy of any of the past articles, you may obtain them either from the paper office or on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

The apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “*23 but I see in my members another principle at war with the law of my mind, taking me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, I myself, with my mind, serve the law of God but, with my flesh, the law of sin*”. *Romans 7:23-25 The New American Bible*

This tells us that the fleshly body of a saved person still has its old sin nature and it continues to sin after salvation. Since the material body of a saved person still has its old sin nature, how can God end up with perfect people on the New Earth”? The answer is simple. Our material body is not going to be living on the new earth that our Lord will create. “*50 This I declare, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed*”. *1st Corinthians 15:50-52 The New American Bible*

We will examine how we will be changed in our next article.