

Perfected
(Adjusted)

to

Fatherhood

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 4:18-21



Introduction

As things change throughout our lives, we need adjustment to the situations in which we find ourselves.

- For NT believers, life's adjustments must be made according to the unchanging standard of God's NT revelation.
- The NT uses a word that has the meaning of 'making adjustment'.
 - 7 of the 12 x it is translated 'perfect, or to make perfect'.

Introduction (continued)

All NT believers need to adjust ourselves, or allow ourselves to be daily adjusted, to God's Word for our actions, our words, our attitudes

Today, we focus on God and what His Word has to say about adjusting Fathers for the works He has designed for them.

Three NT Illustrations of the Definition of the word 'Adjustment'

Adjustment of nets

- Matt 4:21

Adjustment of a body for the Son of God

- Heb 10:5

Adjustment by unbelievers for eternal ruination

- Rom 9:22, cf Rom 2:5

Six References in the NT Epistles Concerning Our Adjustment to Our Salvation

Adjusted to Unity of the Body of Christ - the Church

- Adjust to the same mind - the mind of Christ
 - I Cor 1:10
- Adjust to the same experiential knowledge:
 - One Body – I Cor 12
 - One love - I Cor 13

Adjusted to one “focused mind”

- Focused on our salvation IN CHRIST and CHRIST IN US
 - II Cor 13:9,11

Six References in the NT Epistles Concerning Our Adjustment to Our Salvation (continued)

Be

- Be spiritually ready to adjust brothers in trespass to their salvation
 - Gal 6:1

Allow

- Allow God's adjustment to what is lacking in your faith
 - 1 Thess 3:10
 - What to believe
 - How to believe

Six References in the NT Epistles Concerning Our Adjustment to Our Salvation (continued)

Allow

- Allow God to adjust you in every beneficial (good) work
 - Heb 13:2, Eph 2:10

Allow

- Allow God to adjust you through suffering
 - 1 Pet 5:10

An Adjustment Illustration Applied to Fathers

Matthew 21:16

Adjusting the story concerning who Jesus is to our children

- By reading and explaining the Scriptures
- By your actions and words

CONCLUSION

Adjustments take TIME and ATTENTION to a standard in order to be successful

***Whether to the adjustment of damaged fishing nets, or**

***Whether to the adjustment of our lives to the standard of God's Word for our present-tense salvation.**

***Allow GOD's adjustment in order to grow and function well as a believer under GRACE!**