

# Chris' Suangphum

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## You Shall Be Perfect

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“Therefore you shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48). At first glance, this is a difficult passage. It seems to be calling us to do or be what seems impossible. “Nobody is perfect,” is what we say. It is true that all responsible people commit sin. Romans 3:23 states that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. That is why Jesus died for all men to give them the opportunity to have their sin removed (Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:14). It is also why the gospel needs to be preached “to every creature” (Mark 16:16). Even after one obeys the gospel, he still commits sin and needs forgiveness (1 John 1:7–10).

If Matthew 5:48 were telling us that we must live sinlessly perfect lives or that we must be as perfect as God, then we obviously have some real problems. When we seek to determine the meaning of any Biblical text, especially one that seems difficult to understand, we must remember, when it comes to Scripture, whatever God’s word says on any subject is right (Psa. 119:128). It is also possible to twist or misuse the Scriptures (2 Pet. 3:15–16).

In the study of the difficult text before us, we must answer three questions. First: Can the word “perfect” have several meanings in the Bible? Second: What is the context of this verse? Third: Are there other verses in the Bible which will help us understand this one?

### The Meaning of Perfect

The word “perfect,” in the Bible, can and does mean “complete” or “finished.” Jesus was made “perfect” through suffering (Heb. 2:10; 5:8–9). He completed or fulfilled God’s plan for Him as our Savior by suffering for us.

“Perfect” can also have the meaning of “mature” or “grown up.” In Philippians 3:15, the apostle Paul speaks to “as many as be perfect” (KJV). The NKJV translates this phrase “as many as are mature.”

### The Context of Matthew 5:48

Jesus contrasts His teaching with that of the Old Law (Matt. 5:38–39). He shows us what our attitude is to be toward those who want to make life hard for us by forcing us or hatefully treating us (Matt. 5:40–44).

He teaches us to love our “enemies” (Matt. 5:44), not an easy thing to do. We are to do this so “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:45a). God acts with concern and love for all men. If we act like our heavenly Father, we will act with positive good will toward evil and good men alike. If we only love those who love us but do not love our enemies, we are really no better than evil men for even evil people are capable of loving those who love them (Matt. 5:46).

When Jesus said, “Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48), He was saying, “Let your

love be complete as God’s love.” God loves all people, even evil ones. This is how we can be as “perfect” as God. Our love for our fellow-man needs to grow and mature – including loving our enemies. If we do not love our enemies, we are not acting as sons of God ought to act.

### Other Passages To Help Us Understand

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children” (Eph. 5:1). In this passage, the apostle Paul holds forth the Father as one we are to imitate. By again taking note of the context in which this passage is found, we can see that His example is in the realm of attitudes toward our fellow-man. The verses immediately preceding this text say: “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:31–32).

This passage plainly teaches that our attitudes toward other people must be the same as those of our Father in heaven. If not, we have no right to claim to be His children.

“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Pet. 1:15–16). This text impresses upon us the necessity of conforming our lives to the qualities and standards of divinity. Holy conduct arises from holy attitudes. If we are going to conduct ourselves in a proper manner toward our fellow-man, we must have the proper attitudes including the attitude to love even our enemies.

### Conclusion

We must heed the command of our Savior given in Matthew 5:48 to “be perfect” just as our heavenly Father is perfect. We must be careful, though, not to apply this command to areas in which Jesus never intended for it to be applied.

He was speaking of the love that is to characterize those who are children of God. That love is to be complete, extending even to those who are your enemies, who hate you and spitefully use you. In this, as in all other things, we must strive to be as both Father and Son.

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**'KHRIS' SUANGPHUM, A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR  
THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI,  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK'**

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Enkaitu : Jamson Guite

**BIBLE CLASS**

**Class**

Adult : Chinpau, Khenpi  
Junior : Timothy & Robert  
Primary : Ngaihlan, Biaknem & Minlun  
Beginner : Vungngaihkim & Biakkim

**Teacher**

**BIAKNA PROGRAM**

**Toupani' (14/4/2019)**

Hun-uk thumna : Siamkhanmuan  
Lapi : Mungsuan  
Thilpiak : Ginsuan  
Theihgigena : L. James  
Thugen : Jamson  
Thumna : Chinsuanmung

**BIAKNA PROGRAM**

**Kiginni (20/4/2019)**

Hun-uk thumna: Pauminthang  
Lapi : Jamson  
Thugen : Janglet  
Thumna : Nangmuanlal  
Amun: UCI Building.  
Sector - 6, RK Puram

**BIAKNA PROGRAM**

**Toupani' (21/4/2019)**

Hun-uk thumna : Pauminthang  
Lapi : Jamson  
Thilpiak : Thangliankhup  
Theihgigena : Chinpau  
Thugen : Khamminthang  
Thumna : Kamkhenthang

**TUNI TUAILAI PROGRAM**

**(14.04.2019)**

Hun-uk : Mungsuan  
Lapi : Thangno  
Thugen : Lunsang

**Second Session:**

**Pitu: Pausuanlian**

**Amun: Unp. Janglet inn,  
Sector 12, RK Puram**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**Kuapeuh, a khelhna khuhmang a lamzangkei di-  
ing a, himahleh, a khelhna kipuang a, tawpsan in  
zahngaihna a mu diing (Paunakte 28:13).**

**THU TUAMTUAM**

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

Family fellowship part 1 tu kig-  
inni a neih hita diing. Nupi-papi-ten  
ngai poimoh in i telkim chiat diing  
uh. Sun ann toh kisai ahiehleh nidang  
a hihdan bang a buh leh meh mahni  
kham diing kipuak chiat diing ahi.  
Phattuampih ngeingei diing in  
thumna toh pang in telchiat ni.

**INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY**

Intensive Bible stuy leh youth  
seminar leng tukal tarik 17 a kipan di-  
ing hita. Bible study ah unaupa Kam-  
lianpau thugenpi in pang diing a  
Youth Seminar ah unaupa Jamson in  
**"Laisiangthou Tangthu Hun Khendan  
Tangpi"** (Period of the Bible History)  
chih thupi zang in paper luikhe diing  
hi. Lohchingtak ah zat leh zoh a hi-  
htheihna diing in thumna ah phok ni.

**THU TUAMTUAM**

**KAISANG**

Muanhuaitak apan thutut kin-  
gahdan in tunaizek in unaupa Thang-  
doulia a sepna SBI ah scale II in ana  
kaisang hi. Huai toh kiton in North  
East lam ah kisuan diing hi. Kipahpi-  
hlua hang!

**HONGZIN ZUAL**

Mumbai a siamsin a om unau-  
pa Gouminlal poimoh khenkhat zia-  
k in Delhi hongzin zual a zan kiginni in  
ana kiknawn hi. Pathian in lem asak  
leh tukha sung in US ah zillna toh ki-  
sai in ana zin diing hi.

**HONGTUNG**

Lamka lam a hih diing poimoh  
neih ziaak a va zinzual unaupa Nekk-  
hothang leh unaunu Biaknem-te kal  
paise sung in damtak in Delhi  
hongtung kiknawnta uhi.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI**

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP 2019, PART-1**

**PROGRAMME**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Amun: Janglet Inn, RK Puram, New Delhi.

Programme coordinator: Siam Khan Muan

**Session I [10:00 AM - 12:00 PM]**

Hun uk : Pauminthang  
Lapi : Jangthang  
Thumna : Thangbiaklun  
Thugen : Kamlianpau  
Thupi : Saptuam a heutu/pitu nna etdan/theihdan dik

**Session II [1:30 - 4 PM]**

Houlimna Pitu : Jamson/ L.James  
Lapi : Khamminthang  
Thumna : Kammuanlal  
Thupi : Saptuam a heutu/pitu hihna - Mohpuakna got a om ziaak  
a heutu/pitu maw? Mohpuakna lak ziaak a heutu/pitu?

Note: Programme coordinator in theihtuak omte a hun bng in hon zasak diing