

# Hope through Jesus Christ

## Why do I need Jesus Christ’s help to become perfected?

Elder J. Devn Cornish of the Seventy shared:



Our members often ask, “Am I good enough as a person?” or “Will I really make it to the celestial kingdom?” Of course, there is no such thing as “being good enough.” None of us could ever “earn” or “deserve” our salvation, but it is normal to wonder if we are acceptable before the Lord, which is how I understand these questions. . . .

Let me be direct and clear. The answers to the questions “Am I good enough?” and “Will I make it?” are “Yes! You are going to be good enough” and “Yes, you are going to make it as long as you keep repenting and do not rationalize or rebel.” The God of heaven is not a heartless referee looking for any excuse to throw us out of the game. He is our perfectly loving Father, who yearns more than anything else to have all of His children come back home and live with Him as families forever. He truly gave His Only Begotten Son that we might not perish but have everlasting life! Please believe, and please take hope and comfort from, this eternal truth. Our Heavenly Father intends for us to make it! That is His work and His glory. (J. Devn Cornish, “Am I Good Enough? Will I Make It?,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2016, 32–33)

## What can I do to be “made perfect through Jesus”?

Sister Carol F. McConkie, formerly of the Young Women General Presidency, taught:



Our hope for holiness is centered in Christ, in His mercy and His grace. With faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, we may become clean, without spot, when we deny ourselves of ungodliness [see Moroni 10:32–33] and sincerely repent. We are baptized by water for the remission of sins. Our souls are sanctified when we receive the Holy Ghost with open hearts. Weekly, we partake of the ordinance of the sacrament. In a spirit of repentance, with sincere desires for righteousness, we covenant that we are willing to take upon us the name of Christ, remember Him, and keep His commandments so that we may always have

His Spirit to be with us. Over time, as we continually strive to become one with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, we become partakers of Their divine nature [see 2 Peter 1:4]. (Carol F. McConkie, “The Beauty of Holiness,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2017, 10)

Elder Dale G. Renlund of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught:



God cares a lot more about who we are and who we are becoming than about who we once were. He cares that we keep on trying. (Dale G. Renlund, “Latter-day Saints Keep on Trying,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2015, 56)