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THE  
HEALING  
POWER  
OF THE  
HOLY  
COMMUNION

A 90-DAY DEVOTIONAL



EMANATE  
BOOKS

## DAY 2

# PERFECTION IS NOT REQUIRED

*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

—2 Corinthians 5:21

**W**hen I was a young Christian, I was a victim of a flawed, legalistic teaching based on a misinterpretation of the apostle Paul's teaching on the holy Communion in 1 Corinthians 11:27–30:

*“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.”*

I was taught and warned, as perhaps you were, that if there was *any* sin in my life, including ones I didn't know about or had forgotten to confess, that sin made me *unworthy* to partake of the holy Communion. I would bring judgment and sickness on myself, and I might even die before my time! But how could I ever know if I was “worthy” enough? I was not living in sin or anything like that, but I knew that to God, sin is

sin, and if anyone fails in even one area, he is counted guilty of all (James 2:10). As a result, I was so fearful of the Communion I did not partake of it for many years. After all, I was no fool. Why would I risk it?

I was robbed of my inheritance because of well-meaning but erroneous preaching that put an invisible fence around what was meant to be a *source* of health and healing and a blessing for God's people. A fence was put around it saying, "Don't come near unless you are worthy."

Don't be robbed like I was.

This is what the Word of God says: Jesus' blood has already been shed for us, and as believers, we *are* the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). We are completely righteous and worthy not because we are perfect, but because *He* is perfect. He paid the full price for the forgiveness of our sins, which alone makes us worthy. His sacrifice at the cross has fully qualified us to receive His healing *and* victory over sin and every kind of bondage that is robbing us of health and life.

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### TODAY'S THOUGHT

While sin is destructive and we are certainly against sin, we don't have to be perfect to come to the Lord's Table. If that were a prerequisite, *no one* would be able to partake! Thank God that even when we fail, we have "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7).

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You that in You I am the righteousness of God. Thank You that because of Your gift of righteousness to me, I stand completely forgiven, with every sin paid for. You have made me worthy to partake of the Communion, and I will come fearlessly and gladly and receive healing, life, and all that You have for me. Amen.