

One of the greatest inventions in the history of the world is the UNDO button. How wonderful to know that if one makes a mistake in a document, all that's necessary is to hit the UNDO button! If the document is no longer perfect, hit the UNDO.

What would life be like if we could hit the UNDO button? Certainly our lives would be much different. In fact, our lives could almost be perfect. We could erase past mistakes at the speed of a finger push. We could change the direction of our future in one fell swoop.

However, that's not reality. Real life is not perfect. It's messy. Real life is missteps and regrets, hurts, sorrows, stupidity, and sin. We all know that life is not perfect, yet we continue to work so hard at attempting to make it so.

Consider Christmas. The atmosphere needs to be perfect. The tree has to be up on time, and the packages need to be wrapped a certain way. We search high and low for that perfect gift, one which does not need a gift receipt. The lights must be perfect. The food must be perfect.

In actuality, Christmas is really more about the imperfect. Christmas is the time when we celebrate the most miraculous event in history. God, the Perfect One, came to imperfect people in an imperfect world. John 3:16 tells us God loved the (imperfect) world of people so much that He sent His only Son to save them.

If there were no imperfection, there would be no need for a Savior. How wonderful it is that we do not need to be perfect! How marvelous that God meets us in our imperfection - always! He sees us in our sin and He extends His loving grace so that we can be healed, forgiven, and delivered.

In Psalm 62, the writer exclaims, "My soul finds rest in God alone." Not in my struggle to be perfect, but in God who loves me in my imperfection.

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A Different Christmas
Giving Up On Perfect
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Matthew 1

The Path to Perfection is messy

Matt 1: 19 - 37

The Path to Perfection has a price

The Path to Perfection Takes deliberate action

2 Tim 2:20-21

Ps 119:9-16