This year's Mutual theme is an invitation from Moroni to follow the Savior.



BE PERFECTED IN HIM

"We need not be dismayed if our earnest efforts toward perfection now seem

so arduous and endless. Perfection is pending. It can come in full only after the Resurrection and only through the Lord. It awaits all who love him and keep his commandments."

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Perfection Pending," Ensign, Nov. 1995, 88.

LOVE GOD -

How can you show Heavenly Father that you love Him? Consider these ideas and come up with more of your own.

- · Keep the commandments.
- · Love and serve others.
- · Fulfill Church responsibilities.
- · Pray sincerely.

In your journal, write about what you are going to do.

NOWISE -

Nowise—"In no way" or "not at all."

COME UNTO CHRIST

The scriptures contain many invitations to come unto Christ. Look up the few examples listed below. What do these scriptures teach you about the blessings of coming unto the Savior? Can you find more scriptures with this invitation?

- · Matthew 11:28-30
- · John 6:35
- · Omni 1:26
- · Alma 5:34-35
- · 3 Nephi 12:19-20

32 Yea, "come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and 'deny yourselves of all ungodiness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodiness, and "love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, we can in nowise deny the power of God.

GRACE -

"The word *grace*, as used in the scriptures, refers primarily to the divine help and strength we receive through the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ."

True to the Faith: A Gospel Reference (2004), 77.



THEN IS HIS GRACE SUFFICIENT FOR YOU

"Some Christians accuse Latter-day Saints . . . of denying

the grace of God through claiming they can earn their own salvation. We answer this accusation . . . , 'For we labor diligently . . . to persuade our children . . . to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do' (2 Ne. 25:23). And what is 'all we can do'? It surely includes repentance (see Alma 24:11) and baptism, keeping the commandments, and enduring to the end."

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Have You Been Saved?" Ensign, May 1998, 56.

PERFECT IN CHRIST

Perfect, as used in the scriptures, means "complete, whole, and fully developed; totally righteous. Perfect can also mean without sin or evil. Only Christ was totally perfect. True followers of Christ may become perfect through his grace and atonement" (Guide to the Scriptures, "Perfect," scriptures.lds.org).

Editors' note: This page is not meant to be a comprehensive explanation of the selected scripture verse, only a starting point for your own study.