

Questioner: I still have problems though. Doesn't John in the passage just quoted say we shall be like Him?

We will have to go a long ways to be exactly like Christ. † You spoke about the eternal state. I said nothing about the † eternal state. I don't find the phrase in scripture. I know very little about it. in fact I know nothing about it and that's about as much as any body else knows. But what I was referring to was the possibility that in the intermediate state there is still growth. That is only a guess. But to my mind it is even a more reasonable guess than an instantaneous development into perfection at the instand of death. But I made a distinction between those great facts of salvation which we know and the fact the Bible is true, and what I have said of the modle that seems to me best. My observation was with that modle.

Question: Does not the concept of change after death give rise to prayers for the dead and purification in the doctrine of purgatory?

I would say that if God desired there to be preayers for the dead after death he would have stated it in the Scripture. I find nowhere == no evidence that there is any reason for us to pray for the dead at all. As you say, Someone can say logically that there is room and we ought to pray to help them; and I feel that logically any of us can make mistakes. Whether that is a mistake or not I can't say, but there is certainly no warrant in Scripture for prayers for the dead. † I fully agree with that.

Question: Can we say that just because the tendency to sin has been taken out of us once we are in Christ, that that does not necessarily imply we become divine.

We certainly do not become divine. I can say that very positively.

Questioner: The tendency to sin will be taken away

- Questioner: Talking about growing in such purity in the intermediate