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- Humanity can achieve moral perfection in this life

What, if anything, is true in any of these claims?

What is wrong and how would you refute it with scripture?

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Talk About It - Modern Pelagianism

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Why do these ideas remain so popular?

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