CAN YOU BETTER PERFECTION?

Whilst abroad on vacation, should you choose to go
To a major art gallery, like the Louvre or Prado,
Would you take hammer and chisel, to enable you
To re-shape any sculpture to a likeness more true?

Or amidst the great masters, to a painting would you go
By Raphael, da Vinci or Michelangelo,
And take oils, paints and brushes, to touch up some details
To eliminate shortcomings, where the original fails?

When you photograph a scene of great natural beauty,
And review later the image on your home PC,
Would it really cross your mind to enhance or modify
The deep, vibrant colours of lake, mountain, forest, sky?

Whilst enjoying fine cuisine, in a good restaurant,
Once the waiter arrives with the dishes you want,
Would you stop to add in further ingredients of your own,
The dish's flavour, taste and texture to more rightly hone?

You exclaim why suggest such a daft course of action –
How could I better something already crafted to perfection?
Yes, of course, 'tis sheer folly, but how many human beings
Do *exactly the same* – in relation to *spiritual* things?

The Father so loved this world His only Son He did send — Jn 3:16
Man's broken relationship with a holy God to mend, — Eph 2:13; Col 1:21-22
As He died in our place, on a brutal Roman cross, — 1 Pet 3:18; 2 Cor 5:21
To bear away our sins, that we never need be lost. — Jn 1:29; Rom 5:6-9

And Jesus said "It is finished" - there's *no more to be done* - — Jn 19:30; Heb 10:10-14
Our sin debts *wholly* paid, our salvation *fully* won,
If we'll but come in faith, repenting of our sin, — Heb 11:6; Acts 3:19
Opening wide our heart's door, and asking the Saviour in. — Rev 3:20

Can you better perfection? – 'tis an impossibility
Yet why do we oft persist, so very foolishly
Disregarding God's flawless Son, His spotless holiness, — Heb 7:26; 1 Pet 2:21-22
With our own flawed best efforts thinking God'll be more impressed. — 1 Jn 1:8

To our most vexed problem – sin – God provided the solution — Rom 3:23; Job 33:24
As the price it demanded was *paid in full* by His Son; — 1 Pet 1:18-19
And our choice now is clear – eternal loss or wealth, — Jn 3:18 & 36; Eph 2:7
So, will you cry out to Christ, or place confidence in yourself? — Rom 10:13; Ps 118:8

But if we, in faith, make His Son our selection,
Our sins are blotted out, o'erwritten with Christ's perfection; — Is 43:25; Col 2:14
We'll be with Him, and like Him, knowing eternity has in store — Phil 1:23; 1 Jn 3:2
Fulness of joy in heaven, and pleasures evermore. — Ps 16:11