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Issue 5...God's Promise of Completion

Are you the type of person that loves to start projects, but doesn't quite find the time to get them done? I used to be that kind of person. I love to start projects sometimes even ten at once and when I get bored with one I go to another. That's the way I write. I almost never just work on one book at a time when I'm writing. Usually about three at a time. Many times I get distracted and never quite get to finishing them. As a matter of fact I think if we all would admit it- distraction is a big part of our lives. Married couples get distracted and divorced. Good Christians get distracted and quit serving God. Parents get distracted and before they know it their kids are rebellious teenagers. Friend's distraction is one the devil's deadly D's.

I'm glad is that the bible calls Jesus a finisher. He is not only the beginning, but he is the end as well. So what does the promise of completion have to do with us? Why it's the promise to finish the work in us that he began. In fact since God is a NOW God "present tense;" the work has already been finished. Look at what Paul told the Philippian church in

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Think about the promise for a minute. Your physical life began with your birth. The same is true with your spiritual life.

John 3:7 (NKJV) ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Our life will continue on until we see Jesus face to face. Then we will truly know as we are known. But until then God has a plan for our spiritual growth and here it is.

1—God begins his work with our salvation....

Eons ago God determined that he would redeem us from our sins. He determined to develop a plan by which man would be bought back from the devil and purchased with sinless blood. The blood of his son in fact. Then once salvation took root in our life and we confessed our sins to a holy God we were cleansed of our sins and began the process of salvation. That I might add included deliverance, healing and redemption all wrapped in one package.

That's why Paul said he who has begun a good work in you will complete it. The completion process is called *salvation*.

2—God is determined to work in us...

His work doesn't quit when we finally come to the cross. It's only just the beginning. In fact to prove it to us he has given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee. Jesus said this;

John 14:16 - 17 (NKJV) ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I don't know if you have ever thought about it or not. God is living in you. That's because he is going to assure that we are conformed into the image of his son firsthand. He has decided to become a resident tutor to enable us to transform into Christ daily. As he guides us into all truth and the process continues on progressively this process is known as *sanctification*.

3—God works for us...

As I've already noted it is hard for us to finish projects that we start and God knows this so he does the work for us if we will just allow him the freedom.

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus Christ saved us, and now lives to pray for us and plead that the Father can finish the work that he began.

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) ²⁵Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

So just how big in your God? The bible says that your God is in control of all things all the way to the finish line. God will ensure that you cross the line and complete the work that he has called you to do. Therefore let nothing stop you from allowing the Holy Spirit permission to complete the work he wants to do in your life. This is called *glorification*.

Let this promise complete your life and be the comfort in your life.

God always completes what he starts because he is finisher.

Be a growing Christian as you participate with God in your completions.

Confess your sin...

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Obey God's word...

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV) ¹³For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

Make every effort to walk in all God's ways...

Ephesians 4:1 (NKJV) ¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Plan to grow in the grace and knowledge of God...

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Learn how to better run the Christian race to win...

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NKJV) ²⁴Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.

Enlist the help of other Christians...

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV) ²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Take time out for church every week...

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Evaluate your progress regularly...

Galatians 6:4 (NKJV) ⁴But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

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