

Christ, Our Completeness

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5046. τέλειος tēleios, tel'-i-os; from 5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neut. (as noun, with 3588) completeness:—of full age, man, perfect.
5047. τελειότης tēleiotēs, tel-i-ot'-ace; from 5046; (the state) completeness (ment. or mor.):—perfection (-ness).
5048. τελειόω tēleioō, tel-i-ō'-o; from 5046; to complete, i.e. (lit.) accomplish, or (fig.) consummate (in character):—consecrate, finish, fulfil, make) perfect.
5049. τελειώς tēleios, tel-i'-oce; adv. from 5046; completely, i.e. (of hope) without wavering:—to the end.
5050. τελείωσις tēleiosis, tel-i'-o-sis; from 5448; (the act) completion, i.e. (of prophecy) verification, or (of expiation) absolution:—perfection, performance.
5051. τελειωτής tēleiotēs, tel-i-o-tace'; from 5048; a completer, i.e. consummater:—finisher.
5052. τελεσφορέω tēlesphōrēō, tel-es-for-eh'-o; from a comp. of 5056 and 5342; to be a bearer to completion (maturity), i.e. to ripen fruit (fig.):—bring fruit to perfection.
5053. τελευτάω tēloutāō, tel-yoo-tah'-o; from a presumed der. of 5055; to finish life (by impl. of 979), i.e. expire (demise):—be dead, decease, die.
5054. τελευτή tēloutē, tel-yoo-tay'; from 5053; decease:—death.
5055. τελέω tēlēō, tel-eh'-o; from 5056; to end, i.e. complete, execute, conclude, discharge (a debt):—accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.
5056. τέλος tēlos, tel'-os; from a prim. τέλλω tēllō (to set out for a definite point or goal); prop. the point aimed at as a limit, i.e. (by impl.) the conclusion of an act or state (termination [lit., fig. or indef.], result [immed., ultimate or prophetic], purpose); spec. an impost or levy (as paid):—+ continual, custom, end (-ing), finally, uttermost. Comp. 5411.

James Strong, vol. 1, A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and The Hebrew Bible, 71 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009).

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
Romans 8:26-30

Jesus is the goal and the way to it. In Immanuel, we experience His workmanship and also who He really is. He has built in me a compelling desire to be like Him as I've gotten to know Him better and better. I've learned that trying harder is not my solution. I present myself to Him, enjoy His presence and let Him be God.

Studies included in this article are: Jesus Is Our Finisher, Consummator, Perfecter, Completer; He Completes Us; He Perfects Us; Jesus Is The Goal; He Works In And Through Us; Jesus Is The Firstborn; Jesus Finished His Work; The Potter And The Clay.

For more information on this topic please see: "Why Did Jesus Come?"

Jesus Is Our Finisher, Consummator, Perfecter, Completer.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking 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.
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He Completes Us

2 Corinthians 13:9 For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also **we pray, that you may be made complete.**

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. **Become complete.** Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and **the God of love and peace will be with you.**

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

Colossians 2:10 And **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you **in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

2 Timothy 3:17 That **the man of God may be complete**, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Make you complete** in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, **through Jesus Christ**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

James 1:4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing**.

He Perfects Us

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, **His work is perfect**; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

2 Samuel 22:33 God is my strength and power, And **He makes my way perfect**.

Psalms 18:32 It is **God** who arms me with strength, And **makes my way perfect**.

Psalms 19:7 **The law of the LORD is perfect**, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, **making wise the simple**.

Psalms 101:2 I will behave wisely in **a perfect way**. Oh, **when will You come to me?** I will walk within my house with **a perfect heart**.

Psalms 101:6 **My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land**, That they may dwell with me; **He who walks in a perfect way**, He shall serve me.

Psalms 138:8 **The LORD will perfect** that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Proverbs 4:18 But **the path of the just** is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter **unto the perfect day**.

Isaiah 26:3 **You will keep him in perfect peace**, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Matthew 5:48 "Therefore **you shall be perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

John 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

1 Corinthians 13:10 But when **that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away**.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness**." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Galatians 3:3 Are you so **foolish?** Having begun in the Spirit, are you **now being made perfect by the flesh?**

Colossians 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present **every man perfect in Christ Jesus**.

Hebrews 7:19 For **the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand**, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which **we draw near to God**.

Hebrews 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, **to the spirits of just men made perfect**.

1 Peter 5:10 But may **the God of all grace**, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, **perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you**.

Jesus Is The Goal

Romans 8:26-30 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called **according to His purpose**. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these **He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified**.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But **we all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**.

Philippians 3:10 That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, **being conformed to His death**.

Philippians 3:12-14 **Not** that I have already attained, or **am already perfected**; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward **the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**.

Philippians 3:21 Who will transform our lowly body that it may be **conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

He Works In And Through Us

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is **God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, **working in you** what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus Is The Firstborn (He is in the premier position and followed by many like Him)

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, **that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation.**

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Hebrews 1:6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Hebrews 12:23 To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, **the firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

He Finished His Work

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father's business?**"

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food **is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**

John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Ephesians 5:27 That He might **present her to Himself a glorious church**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Colossians 1:19-24 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, **to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight**— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And **to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory** with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

The Potter And The Clay

Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; **We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.**

Jeremiah 18:2-4, 6 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make...O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, **as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!**

Romans 9:21 **Does not the potter have power over the clay**, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

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