

THE FINISHING TOUCH

As a Christian, you are a work of grace in progress. "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." [Philippians 2:13 nkj] The Apostle Paul indicates God is now working in you making you capable of doing His will, which brings Him pleasure. And he was also confident the work of grace in you will one day be completed. "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." [Philippians 1:6 nkj] It's thrilling to know God will complete the good work He began in you when He saved you. You will experience the finishing touch.

I'm aware many Christians are concerned about spiritual setbacks, failures, faults and imperfections. Not to worry. They are not going to trouble you forever. You're not a failure with Jesus. He will not leave you when you're down. You will not be abandoned, stranded or left behind. This may be hard to believe at the moment, but be steadfast until He completes His work in you. That means a time is coming when there will be no more spiritual failures and setbacks.

When the resurrection and rapture occur you will receive an immortal body – a perfect nature. The work God began in you will be completed on your arrival in heaven. At that time you will be made perfect like you've always wanted to be. All your failures and spiritual setbacks will not even be memories. But until then.....

This is where your faith in God needs to kick in. Your faith is a treasury you can draw from during your darkest and toughest times. It's your best ally. Faith enables you to trust the Lord to do what He says He will do. So take heart. Don't give up. Don't be too hard on yourself. The Lord will give you the courage to finish the journey. Turn from all known sinful habits and practices to the God of all grace. Do what pleases Him to the best of your ability. When Jesus said from the cross, 'It is finished', He had you in mind. He made it possible for you to be saved eternally: He looks beyond your faults, knowing what you are going to look like when He is finished working in you.

Relax. You're in for a big surprise. At the end of the day the finishing touch will be applied and you are going to look really great. Be patient with yourself and God. Believe the Good News and enjoy the rest of your journey.

God bless.

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