

LIVING THE PERFECTED LIFE

Humankind desires wholeness and balance. We desire to feel like we matter and have completed something when we die. We long to know we will have a legacy and strive to fulfill our purpose...

BUT

We look in the wrong places.

We can not fill the void through selfishness. The worst possible remedy to the feeling of worthlessness is selfishness.

We bring balance to our finance by getting a second job and bring unbalance to our family time and levels of exhaustion.

We bring balance to our relationship with God by attending conferences and reading quick-fix scripture passages but quickly lose spiritual momentum.

We try to balance our loneliness by finding relationships with anyone who will give us attention, only to break our hearts.

COMPLETED

PERFECTED

MADE WHOLE

Hebrews 12:1-2 TPT

'As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. We look away from the natural realm, and we focus our attention and expectation onto Jesus, who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!'

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. '

Our self-righteousness offends, our faith fails, and our "good" deeds always miss the mark!

You may never be so vulnerable as when you are full of pride.

PERFECTED

Perfected in righteousness and made holy

Receive the measure of Faith and operate in it

Walk out the purpose that righteousness, holiness, and divine faith propel us towards

To the Philippians, Paul spoke of pressing toward the mark, pressing toward the goal. Three parts to his plan:

1. That we might be found in Him

That self-righteousness was replaced by Jesus' righteousness is given to Paul because of his faith in Christ.

2. That we may know Him intimately (John 17:3)

To die to self and become like Christ in His death

To understand and fellowship in the suffering in faith

Know the power of Christ's resurrection and ascension fully

3. To know our Christ-focused purpose

Become aware of our purpose

To allow our desire to fulfill our purpose to overwhelm our circumstances.

To accomplish our purpose for others in faith (Jesus' example)

Jesus at the Center of our Faith

Found in Him (Completed)

Knowing Him (Made Holy)
Purposed by Him (Discover purpose)

Perfected By Who?

WHEN I LOOK TO JESUS, WHAT DO I SEE?

The One who is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the author and the finisher of my faith. The One who created the universe and holds it together. The One who always was always is, and always will be.

The One who is unmoved, unchanging, undefeated, and never outdone.

He was bruised that I might be healed. He was pierced that He might ease my pain. He died to give me life. He fought the battle against the darkness to place me in the light and bring me peace.

The world cannot understand Him.
The armies cannot defeat Him.
The schools can't explain Him.
The leaders can't ignore Him.
Herod couldn't kill Him,
The Pharisees could not confuse Him.
Nero could not crush Him.
Hitler could not silence Him.
The New Age cannot replace Him.
Universalism can not dismiss Him.

He is light, He is love, and He is Lord.
He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and He is God.
He is Holy, righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.
His ways are right, and His word is true.
He is unchanging, and He thinks of me.
He is my Redeemer, my Savior, my Guide, and my peace.
He is my Joy, my comfort, and hope.
I serve Him because I love Him and His yoke is easy, and His
burden is light.
He gives me life, and then life more abundantly.
He is all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving, and all-caring.
He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.
He will never leave me, never forsake me, never mislead me,
never forget me.
When I fall, He picks me up; when I fail, He forgives.
When I am weak, He is strong; He shows me the way when I am
lost.
When I am afraid, He stands by my side.
When I am hurt, He heals me.
When I am broken, He mends me.
When I am confused, He leads me.
When I am hungry, He feeds me.
When I have problems, He solves them.

The Results To Those Who Pack Self Away

So if you want to know why we can be so perfectly happy and secure, it's because we've been looking unto JESUS, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

**JESUS IS DECLARED TO BE THE AUTHOR AND THE
PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH. NOT ONLY DID HE BEGIN THE
WORK OF REDEMPTION IN US, BUT HE WILL ALSO FINISH
THAT WORK.**