

He Will Finish What He Started



'For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.' **Philippians 1:6 NASB**

'I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return]. [Rom 14:10]' **Philippians 1:6 AMP**

It isn't about winning or even finishing the race; it's about the transformation that He does in us in the process while we are running it.

As I consider this verse and its message, I have realized that He began the “good work” within us, long before we even recognized Him for who He was. The “good work” began with Him calling each of us, wooing us to Himself by the Holy Spirit before we even called upon His name. This verse is a declaration and a promise that the work that He started then He will continue to its completion whether that is the end of our days in this world or His soon and coming return.

So what is this “good work” that He is working to complete?

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **Romans 8:29**

Simply, the “good work” is transforming us into His image. As we know He knows the beginning, and he handpicked each one of us, gave each unique and special, gifts, talents and character traits because He chose each of us for a specific calling and purpose. He began that work the moment that we entered this world and drew our first breath. With each and every breath that we have taken since, He has been at work in us and in the orchestration of the circumstances around us to mold and shape us into that calling and purpose. When we walk in that which He preordained for us, we are a reflection of Jesus and the truth, grace and love of the Father revealed to those in our world. As a dear friend and sister used to say, “We are Jesus with skin on.”

One final thought - *“you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus”*

Most translations and versions of this verse simply say “complete it.” However, as taken from the Amplified, the above is closer to the meaning from the original language. This transformation is a process that He is faithful to continue working on throughout our lives until one of things are true - We are made perfect like Him, there is no longer breath in our lungs, or we meet Him in the air when He returns. So, if you are still reading this, then I can assure you that none of the above are true and He is still working on you.

Now that I think of it, if we are still “a work in progress” then while our goal and aim should be to live lives that are “holy because I am holy,” we must also give ourselves and others GRACE when we miss the mark. However, when we do we quickly and humbly seek His forgiveness and repent from the behavior.

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
2 Corinthians 12:9