



You Are Complete In Christ

Colossians 2:10 (NKJV) "... and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

Words of Ministry

There is something very relaxing about a completed a task or project. When at last, after all the time and effort spent on something, you reach that place where the task is completed, you finally rest. But resting is not something we find much time for in our current culture. In fact to sit and do nothing would be a luxury today. We seem to be caught up in the rat race of always working to accomplish something. Even in our spiritual life we fall into this trap.

But did you know that all you need to attain and accomplish spiritually is already completed? Not in you, but in Christ. In Him the Bible says everything is completed. In fact your own perfection and the highest spiritual attainment is a reality already completed in Christ for you to enjoy by faith!

Beloved, when you look at yourself, what is it you see? Do you see someone who is imperfect and lacking in many areas, or someone who is whole and complete in Christ? Do you see someone who needs a lot of improvement, drastic change and fixing up? I am so grateful that Christ alone is my spiritual life and that I now recognise that my "spirituality" is not about my effort or work, but about what Christ already is and has completed for me. I am complete in Christ. And, beloved, so are you!

Beloved, your daily life must begin where the gospel calls you to start: with what Christ has accomplished. When you begin with yourself, starting from the vantage point that you are a problem, that you are imperfect, sinful or in need of improving, you respond from the place of "works". That is, you see what you need to change and go to work on it. You see yourself as incomplete. So there is a lot of self-effort to be exercised to change yourself spiritually. The problem is you can not change yourself. Only Christ can... and he did!

Instead of beginning with yourself as imperfect, what if you began with the good news of the gospel. What if you begin with faith in the work of Christ and this truth: "*and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*" "*You ARE COMPLETE in Him.*" How does that sound to you? Too good to believe? No, it is too good NOT to believe! It is the way of God's grace.

So many believers struggle with "completing" themselves because they start with a view of their own lack instead of with the completion of Christ. They are only conscious of their problems and imperfections. They say, "There are so many things imperfect about me! How can I be complete if there are so many things I am lacking in?" They see their weaknesses, condemn themselves and feel inferior to others.

The good news is that God does not see the way man sees. Man sees the flesh. God sees the spirit. Man looks at his own works. God looks at the work of Christ. God sees us already complete in Christ. In spite of our imperfections, He sees us as new creations (2 Cor 5:17), partakers of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) and more than conquerors (Rom 8:37) over our faults. And He wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us. What we think we need or are lacking in, whether it is godly character or emotional health, we already have in Christ. The work is already complete in Him.

I used to think that I had to ask God to make me more patient, until I realized one day that Jesus *is* my patience. Since then, I no longer ask God to make me wiser either, because Christ is my wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30). I am not waiting to receive more redemption, because Christ is my redemption at this very moment. And I am not yearning to find peace and rest one day because Christ is my peace and rest today. Right now, I have everything because I stand complete in Christ!

My friend, you are not going to be complete in Christ some day — you are already complete in Christ now! What remains for you to do is to walk daily in that completeness by believing that it is true and confessing that what you need right now, Christ is to you. He is your complete forgiveness, complete righteousness, complete favour and complete protection.

So don't focus on the lack you see in your life. Focus instead on how in Christ, you are complete in everything at this moment. And instead of weaknesses, lack and defects, you will see His strength, wholeness, soundness and completeness manifested in you!