

“I HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULLNESS IN CHRIST”

Colossians 2:10

THE KJV states **“Ye are complete in Him.”**

What does the word “complete” mean to you?

The dictionary gives the meaning as “to finish, making perfect.” The Greek word for “complete” means made full. Therefore, the correct reading is “you are made full in Him.” In Him dwells the fullness; being in Him we are filled with all that is necessary to make us complete in Christ.

It was the shedding of Christ’s blood that brought us near and His work on the cross was complete. We are brought back into proper alignment and relationship with Him when we are “born again.” There is nothing or no one else that can do this...no person, no other religion, no other way. Jesus is the ONLY way! Just as He cried out on the cross, “It is finished,” there is no more that needs to be done to be in that proper relationship with Him. We accept His gift to us by faith.

We also saw in one of the earlier statements that we were declared “not guilty” when we accepted Christ as our Savior and were made righteous. This perfection is absolute and unchangeable and it is therefore this perfect relationship that guarantees that we will one day be “completely perfect.” **Look up** Hebrews 10:8-14 and in your own words describe what this verse is saying.

We know that our Christian walk is a walk where Christ is bringing us to the point where we are to become all that He has intended and purposed for us. It is an on-going process where we must be daily submitted and obedient in order for that process to be successful. Look at Matthew 5:48 and what is it that you discover this verse saying?

It is not good deeds that we do which bring the perfection, but rather Christ at work within us as we allow Him the freedom to do that work. The deeds which we do are done **for** Him. Take a moment and read Philippians 3:1-15. Let me suggest that you also read this portion of Scripture from another translation as well. As you think and meditate on this reference what are some thoughts that the Lord may bring to your mind that you should make note of?

Every stage of our walk to perfection is grounded in Christ and the work He has done and continues to do. We cannot perfect ourselves...only He can do that.

In closing, read again Philippians 1:6. Put this verse into your "Memory Bank" and where you read the word "you", insert the pronoun "me" to make it a very personal word.