

## Becoming Complete

**2 Corinthians 13:9** For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.

**2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**PERFECT 1. *teleios* NT:5049** signifies "having reached its end" (telos), "finished, complete perfect."

**3. *artios* NT:739** is translated "perfect" in 2 Tim 3:17: see COMPLETE

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### I. Becoming Complete In Christ

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

**Colossians 1:28** Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. NKJV

**Colossians 1:28** We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. NASU

**Galatians 3:26-27** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

### II. Becoming Complete Through The Complete Word Of God

**1 Corinthians 13:9-10** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

**James 1:25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Colossians 4:12** Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

### **III. Becoming Complete By Completing Our Faith**

**1 Thessalonians 3:10** night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

**James 2:22** Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

**Hebrews 13:20-21** Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. NKJV

**James 1:3-4** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**Hebrews 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**1 Peter 5:10** But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

### **IV. Becoming Complete By Completing Love**

**Matthew 22:37-40** Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." NKJV

**1 John 2:5** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. NKJV

**1 John 2:5** But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: NIV

**1 John 4:12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. NIV

**1 John 4:16-18** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. NIV