

JANUARY 2016, PART 30  
AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

*TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:* “Hebrews 12:2 King James Version (KJV) Looking unto Jesus the *author and finisher of our faith*; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”.

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TRUTHS/NUGGETS

1. The Greek word translated “author” in Hebrews 12:2 can also mean “captain,” “chief leader” or “prince.”
2. Acts 3:15 uses the same word: “And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses” (KJV), while the ESV uses the word “author” instead of “prince.”
3. From this we can deduce that Christ is the originator of our faith in that He begins it, as well as being the captain and prince of our faith.
4. This indicates that Jesus controls our faith, steers it as a captain steers a ship, and presides over it and cares for it as a monarch presides over and cares for his people.
5. What ever GOD starts in us He will complete through us.
6. Our faith is perfected through many tests and trials.
7. We grow from faith to faith.
8. The Greek word translated “perfector” in Hebrews 12:2 appears only this one time in the New Testament. It means literally “completer” or “finisher” and speaks of bringing something to its conclusion.

9. Putting the two words together, we see that Jesus, as God, both creates and sustains our faith.
10. The key to great faith is “LOOKING UNTO JESUS”

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FINAL THOUGHTS

1. (Hebrews 4:15) Yet, it was the Father’s will that He go to the cross –
2. . Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” ( Romans 10:17)
3. If we hear the word and then act on it, that word will manifest in our lives.

**“Reach for the top, the bottom is overcrowded!” – JEROME LIBERTY**