Names and Titles and Attributes of Jesus - For Kids

Author and Finisher of Faith

List

"Therefore seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us; **Looking unto Jesus** the **Author and Finisher of Faith**; who for the joy that was set-before Him **endured the Cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (see Hebrews 12:1-2)

Author: referring here to a person who is the originator, inventor, creator, pioneer, or founder of something new or unique; and who continues as it's leader and sustainer. Thus, Jesus is that Author and Finisher of our Faith: for all those people who have faith in Jesus, believing that He died on the Cross for the complete forgiveness of our sins.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for <u>His great love with which he loved us</u>, Even when we were dead in our sins, <u>has made us alive together with Christ</u>; <u>by grace you are saved</u>; and <u>He</u> has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places <u>in Christ Jesus</u>; so that in the ages to come <u>He</u> might show the exceeding riches of His grace in <u>His</u> kindness toward us <u>through Christ Jesus</u>. For by grace you are saved <u>through faith</u>; and that <u>not of yourselves</u>. It is <u>the gift of God</u> (our salvation-faith in Jesus is the gift from God); not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are <u>His workmanship</u>, <u>created in Christ Jesus for good works</u>, which God has beforehand ordained that we should walk in them." (see Ephesians 2:4-10)

Finisher: someone who brings a 'process' to its perfect end, or perfection: a Perfecter. Jesus is bringing to completion and perfection the faith of true believers; which is faith in God's Son Jesus, faith in His Way of salvation, faith in His promises, callings, and leadership; faith in His commandments and ways of living and walking our lives in Jesus.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to <u>His abundant mercy</u> has caused us <u>to be born again</u> unto a living hope <u>through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead</u>, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven <u>for you</u>, **who are kept by the power of God <u>through faith</u></u> for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, <u>if need be</u>, you are in heaviness through manifold trials; so that <u>the trial of your faith</u>, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, <u>might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ</u>; whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you do not see Him, <u>yet believing</u> (with faith), you rejoice <u>with joy unspeakable</u> and full of glory; receiving as <u>the end of your faith</u> (the finished end-perfection of your faith): <u>even the salvation of your souls</u>." (see 1 Peter 1:3-9)**

Faith: complete <u>belief</u>, trust, confidence, surrender, and obedience in and to the One in whom we have placed our faith: the Father, the Son Jesus, and Holy Spirit. This believing faith grows by means of Gods continual persuasion and work in our lives through His Word, through His provision, through the guidance by the Spirit of Christ abiding in us, and through trials and tribulations, and other testings of our faith, that we experience in our lives.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him (God); for he who comes to God <u>must believe</u> that <u>He</u> exists, and that <u>He</u> is a rewarder of those who diligently seek <u>Him</u>. " (see Hebrews 11: 6)

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (see Romans 10:8-17)

A Prayer to Jesus

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the Author and Finisher of my faith in You. Thank You Jesus for enduring the Cross for the forgiveness of my sins. Thank you for Your wonderful Gift of Grace that came to us through Jesus.

Dear Jesus, You are my Savior! You are my King! And You are my Friend!