

Pictures of Jesus

The Author and Perfecter of our Faith



This is a picture of the Old Testament (*agreement*) between God and mankind. The agreement was simple. We must obey God's law or be punished eternally for our sins. We could not obey the Law perfectly as we should. Jesus lived as a man and obeyed the Law perfectly. Jesus, who was perfect, sacrificed His life to pay for our sins and made a new agreement with God the Father. Now, those who believe in Jesus are forgiven for their sins for the sake of His great sacrifice and will have eternal life. Jesus is the author of the New Testament (*agreement*). Through Jesus, our faith is made perfect because we believe in the only Savior who can make peace between God the Father and sinful mankind.

Hebrews 12:2 I

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”

Why do we believe that Jesus is our Savior? The answer is that God tells us that Jesus is our Savior in the Bible. The Bible is God's word and every word is true.

When Jesus earned the forgiveness of our sins, He wrote a new agreement with God the Father. In the old agreement (the Old Testament) people had to live without sinning or they would be punished. No one could live without sinning and we broke the agreement with God. When Jesus wrote the new agreement (the New Testament) He did what we could not do. Jesus lived without sinning. Jesus then sacrificed His perfect life to save us from our imperfect lives.

Faith in the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins is all that is needed to be saved in the new agreement that Jesus wrote with God the Father. Jesus is the "author" (writer) of our agreement of faith.

Our Bible passage above also says that Jesus is the Perfecter of our faith. What does this mean? The answer is that Jesus did everything perfectly to earn our salvation. Jesus did not leave anything partly finished. Jesus did

all that was needed for the forgiveness of our sins. The agreement with God the Father has been fulfilled completely. Faith in Jesus as our Savior gives us perfect peace with God the Father and a place in heaven one day.

Jesus gives us a wonderful gift. Through Jesus we have the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in heaven. We must not lose sight of this gift. We must always look to Jesus for help in turning from sin and for forgiveness when we do sin. No other name is given by which we are saved. Jesus is all we need.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for creating the new agreement with God the Father so that we can be saved from our sins. We thank You for doing all that was needed to fulfill that agreement and then to give us forgiveness of our sins as a gift. Help us to keep looking to You as our Savior and help us to turn from sinning. Amen