

**To be Complete**  
**Hebrews 13:20-21**  
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Thesis: I want to show how we can live a complete Christian life as God would have it.

Intro: 1. How is the Christian complete?  
2. We will look today at the possibility of completeness, the practice that leads to completeness and the possibility of completeness.

I. The Possibility of being Complete

A. Only the Lord can make us complete (**Heb 13:20-21**)

1. He can make us complete by His example (**1 Pt 2:21**)
2. The Lord Jesus was committed to God's will (**Jn 6:38**)
3. To be complete we must be dedicated to following God's will (**Mt 7:21-22**)

B. The Lord's Word must work in us

1. The Lord can work in us through His word (**Heb 4:12**)
2. The "word of exhortation," (**Heb 13:22**), had the power and potential to secure involvement "in every good work." (**Heb 13:21**).
3. God's word furnishes all we need to be complete (**2 Tim 3:17**).

II. The practice that leads to completeness (**Heb 13:21**).

- A. God's people are to be workers for the Lord (**1 Cor 15:58**).
- B. The church at Ephesus which had lost its "first love," was commended to "do the first works." (**Rev 2:5**).
- C. There is not potential for completeness in indifference, apathy or hard-heartedness.
- D. To be complete the Lord's people must be active, involved in good works

III. The Possibility of Completeness that Pleases (**Heb 13:21**).

- A. Completeness is "well pleasing in His Sight" (**Heb 13:21**).
  1. The Lord sees our involvement in His service (**Heb 4:13**).
  2. He will not forget our work for Him (**Heb 6:10**).
- B. The "sacrifices" of "doing good and sharing" please God (**Heb 13:16**)
- C. People of faith please God (**Heb 11:5-6**)
- D. The apostle John wrote that God answers the prayers of those who "do the things that are pleasing in His sight" (**1 Jn 3:22**).

IV. Lessons for us today.

- A. The Lord wants spiritually mature (perfect) people.
  1. **Hebrews 5:12-6:1**
- B. The Lord wants "complete Christians."
- C. The challenge the Lord has for His people is for Him to make them complete! (**Heb 13:21**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We have all we need to be complete.
2. What the world offers does not provide what we need to be truly complete.
3. Only those who seek fulfillment in Christ can truly be complete.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9