

"JESUS, THE AUTHOR and FINISHER of our FAITH" (Names of Jesus in the New Testament – Part Four)

Introduction: Jesus is called "the author and finisher of our faith" (*Hebrews 12:2*). In Revelation 1:8, Jesus is called "*Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending*". Jesus is also called "*the first and the last*" (*Revelation 2:8*).

I. THIS NAME MEANS THAT ALL OF CREATION EXISTS AND CONSISTS BY JESUS!

*John 1:1-3 *Colossians 1:14-18 *Psalm 19:1-3 *Isaiah 40:26-29 *II Peter 3:10
*Isaiah 65:17 *II Peter 3:13 *Revelation 21:1

Note: The word "*consists*" means "held together and kept in harmony"!

II. THIS NAME MEANS THAT SALVATION, FROM CONCEPTION TO COMPLETION, IS BY JESUS!

*John 12:32-33 *John 1:11-13 *Revelation 3:20 *I John 4:19

Note: When Jesus saves a person, He gives them eternal salvation!

*Hebrews 5:9 *Philippians 1:6 *John 10:27-28 *Jude 24 *I John 2:1-2a
*Hebrews 7:25

Note: When Jesus saves a person, He continues to sanctify.

*John 15:3 *John 16:8 *Hebrews 12:6 *Hebrews 12:8 *Hebrews 12:11
*II Corinthians 5:17 *Philippians 3:20-21

Conclusion: "If a person does not continue in the faith, what does it mean?" (*I John 2:19*)