

Your Coming Applause from God



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Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God (I Corinthians 4:5, Rotherham).

*N*ever forget that Paul teaches us in Ephesians 2:10 that we are God's:

workmanship (Young)

achievement (Concordant)

handiwork (Weymouth)

madement (Dabhar)

The great, wise and mighty God of the universe is steadily at work in your life. You are His work: He began the work, He will finish it. This was Paul's confidence:

Having been confident of this very thing, that He who did begin in you a good work, will perform it till a day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6, Young).

It is not your own efforts, but God's faithfulness that carries out this work in you to its completion:

Faithful is He Who is calling you, Who will be doing it also (I Thessalonians 5:24, Concordant).

We do not walk by sight: things are not as they appear. This divine work in our lives will culminate in "EVERY MAN" having the praise and applause of God (I Corinthians 4:5):

*... then shall every man have **praise** of God (Rotherham).*

*... then **applause** will be coming to each one from God (Concordant).*

This means that one day God will praise and applaud *you*. How could it be otherwise, for after all, YOU ARE His workmanship!

If it is true that God has made you and that you have not made yourself; if it is true that He began the work in you and will complete it; then why do you fret so? Why are you so anxious and troubled? Why are you so full of care, frustration and discouragement? After all, is He not God? Is He not in charge? Is not He the Creator, and you His creature?

Rest in the peace of this wonderful truth.

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