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My dear friend  
attribution to the life

1. Bely

2. Crisp

3. Bridge

There are times when the word *finish* has a very sweet meaning to me. Recently I was out calling and having gone for out as I could that afternoon I started back home and when I got a little ways this side of worker's mill I found a little boy trying to carry a load of blocks to the place where his home was supposed to be. We put a long stick through the batch of blocks and I took the short end of the stick so as to take the load off of him. When we put the blocks on the back porch and I forced the facts that there was no appearance of home in those unkept rooms my mind reached out to a time when such conditions would be over. My mind goes out now to a time when, if we do our part by that little boy, his brother, and sister, they will walk up to the gates a beautiful home - the home land of the soul. Oh how I want to help little folk like that to get home.

Here in Daniel 9:24 we read of a winding up, a finishing of a great piece of work. The 70 weeks spoken of in this chapter mean 70 weeks of years or 490 years from the time the commandment went forth to restore and build Jerusalem. Beginning here 457 B.C. it ended 33 A.D. making the prophesy literally come true.

Let us look into the prophesy. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city to finish the transgression.

and to make an end of sins, and make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness and to seal up the vision and prophecy and to anoint the most Holy.

1. To finish the transgression i.e. restrain it which was done by the beginning to preach the Gospel and by the pouring out of the Holy Ghost.
2. To make an end of sins. i.e. to make an end of sin offerings
3. To make reconciliation
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness or "The Righteous One of Ages".
5. To seal up the vision and prophecy. i.e. put an end to further necessity for further revelation and to finish the Bible as to the facts that were to be contained and it regarding the prophecy concerning His Person, Sacrifice, and glory.
6. Anoint the most Holy. The appointment of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King of mankind.

According to the very best Authority it was exactly 490 yrs. to the month from the time Ezra had his Commission to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the time when Jesus on the Cross said, "It is finished." Finished! not only the prophecy but the plan and thank God - the suffering of my Lord.

Yes finished has a sweet meaning. It is finished is over. When Jesus said it is finished He meant His part. But we as individuals must finish our part also, many of us if called now

ceased feel that we had finished very little. Have you done one piece of work for God that you would be willing to say of it, "It is finished?"

We may say, "But we have not the power to complete any thing! But Paul exclaims down the ages, "I have finished my course." Lots of people are good beginners but poor enders.

Friends, we must finish our course. For it is the carrying on to the finish that can't. The unfinished operation still leaves suffering.  
The unfinished job still leaves uselessness. But when we finish here then it is that there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness which is to all who will rightly believe on Jesus.

Friends, we would not shun the struggle that comes to a Christian but we cannot the joy anticipated in the finish, when the post this side the grave is over.

