

My Life Puzzle



Microsoft offers jigsaw puzzles to work on the computer. The challenge is that there is no “preview” of the completed puzzle. So the puzzle worker plunges into the puzzle not knowing the details, but sure that there will be a completed (and beautiful) picture at the end. When I work a jigsaw puzzle I always secure the outside edges first. I then begin sorting through the remaining pieces – using color and piece shape to assist in a trial and error kind of fashion. Some pieces are found easily while others remain mysteries for a long time.

My life is like a jigsaw puzzle without a preview. Some pieces of my life puzzle make so much sense, but other pieces allude my understanding. Yet, God promises it will be a complete (and beautiful) picture! I do not see the finished product yet - “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV). The outer edge was completed for me by the death and resurrection of the Father’s beloved Son, Jesus Christ. It is within that safe perimeter that my life, through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, takes shape. A life wrapped in promises – all of which have their “YES” in Jesus Christ. “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NIV) As I await His second coming, I am confident of this “...that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6 (ESV) Have a wonderful day – as puzzling as it may be – YOU ARE LOVED!

We know that *God* causes
All things to work together
for good to those who *love* God,
to *those* who are called according
to His *purpose.*

ROMANS 8:28