



“It is FINISHED!”

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- I. We have been studying the 7 sayings that Jesus spoke while hanging upon the cross and have found that although they nailed His body there, they could not nail His ministry to the cross.
- II. For even on the cross Jesus ministered to individuals, as well as on our behalf by becoming our sin, and thereby purchasing and winning the Victory over satan for us!

- Remember that Jesus during His entire earthly ministry did not minister from His deity, but from His humanity. The same is true during the time He was hanging on the cross, He was ministering from His humanity even though His deity was present. He could have called a legion of angels, but chose to go all the way for you and me!

Acts 2:22-24

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. KJV

Jesus gave us a wonderful example that while He was suffering on that cross, He did not think about His own needs but rather the needs of the world. In this **He has set forth the principle of walking and living in the Love of God.

***"Love always desires to benefit others at the expense of self because love desires to give. Lust, on the other hand, desires to benefit self at the expense of others because lust desires to get!" Dr. Edwin Louis Cole.*

John 19:30

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, ***It is finished*** : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. KJV

- Jesus still has 1 more thing to say after this, '***Father, into thine hands I commend (or, dismiss) my spirit...***', yet what He is saying is different from all other statements He has made thus far.

The previous statements were made during the time of physical & spiritual suffering while hanging on the cross, *but these last 2 statements are statements of Faith & Triumph!***

IT IS FINISHED - *refers to His earthly ministry, that was now complete, but the plan of redemption was far from completion!*

Romans 4:22-25

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
25 Who was delivered for **(because of)** our offenses, and was raised again for **(because of)** our justification. KJV

*****Our redemption was not complete until Jesus was raised from the dead and once He was raised from the dead, absolute and total redemption could now be realized by those who Believe it!***

II. What did Jesus mean when He said, “It is Finished;...” We must qualify the statement!

*****This statement is again, a statement of faith, victory, and triumph! In the greek language it is 1 word -- Teleioo - from Telios - (Tedelesti/Bob Yandian's) - To Finish or to complete.***

1) First of all, all the requirements of the OT law were now finished!

Romans 7:1

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) ***how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*** KJV

- Jesus was coming to the end of His natural life, when He made this statement He was referring to all the works, promises, necessities, and all the commandments of the law!

There are 2 divisions of the law; 1) The commandments 2) The sacrifices

*Jesus completed and fulfilled all the law during His earthly life and ministry! Even His disciples came to Him wanting to know if they could get around the law, but he said NO...

Matthew 5:17

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, **but to fulfil.** KJV

- Jesus taught that the law was something more than a document you read, but it should be in your heart! It is more than what you perform, but even what you think, He showed them the depth of the law!
- Jesus literally lived His whole physical lifetime without sinning or breaking even one jot and tittle of the law! Even when He was hanging on the cross, He never sinned! He went there willingly, sinless and took upon Himself what should have fallen to you and me!

If Jesus had called for those legion of angels, He would have sinned against His Father God, for it was our Heavenly Father's perfect will for Jesus to go all the way to the cross! Jesus never reacted in the flesh, *when He was reviled, He reviled not again!*

The Sacrifices : Not only has He fulfilled every scripture and law, He also fulfilled the sacrificial part of the Law. ***He became our curse, our sins, and our sickness.*** Man cannot keep the law or offer any sacrifices that can settle man's sin problem that would be acceptable to God!

Hebrews 9:12

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, ***having obtained eternal redemption for us.*** KJV

2) All the OT prophecies concerning His life and crucifixion; "...that it might be fulfilled...", we pointed out some 14 or 15 things that were fulfilled while Jesus was being tried, convicted and crucified.

***Although Jesus' part was complete, redemption was not, at least not until He was raised from the dead.** He has done all that was written of Him by the prophets!

These verses have not yet been fulfilled at the time Jesus said, "*It is Finished...!*"

Isaiah 53:12

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death : and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. KJV

Zechariah 12:10

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced , and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. KJV

Psalm 34:20

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. KJV

Isaiah 53:9

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death(s) ; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. KJV

*****All these things were yet to come, but why did Jesus say “It is Finished...!”?***

Because as far as Jesus was concerned, what He needed to do, He had done thoroughly, but the things that remained unfulfilled were to be carried out by others.

*****Other people*** were going to pierce His side, ***other people*** were going to break His legs and then not, ***others*** were going to take Him down from the cross, ***other people*** were going to bury Him in the tomb of a rich man!

- He then commands His spirit into the Father's care and bows His head and dies. **But what looked like a tragedy on the outside was actually a triumph!**

John 5:36

36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. KJV

2 Timothy 4:6-7

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: KJV

*It is wonderful to know that at the end of your life you can say that I have done the will of God!

**Don't fret if you feel like you have messed up your life by wasting the early years of your life! After all, *Paul* got a late start in life, *Moses* too and it was said of him by Jesus that he was the greatest prophet that lived!

**For there is no one who has lived their life perfectly, we have all made mistakes and blew it!

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, ***forgetting those things which are behind***, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 ***I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*** KJV

- Paul had no regrets at the end of his life, but that doesn't mean that he had lived perfectly, he didn't, but when God got a hold of him God then restored the years that the canker worm and locusts had eaten!

*Remember, GOD ALWAYS HAS THE LAST WORD , and His last word regarding Jesus Christ hanging on the cross was **RESURRECTION!**

Ephesians 6:10-14

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all , to stand.

14 Stand therefore,... KJV

- Think about it, there are times in our life when we have done everything we can do and when it comes to our part there comes a time when we must say our part is finished! But that's not the end, it is at that moment that we must dismiss it into God's hands and let Him do His part!

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: KJV

**Look at the next verse!

1 Peter 3:1-2

1 **Likewise**, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they **behold** your chaste conversation coupled with fear. KJV

1 Peter 3:7

7 **Likewise**, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. KJV

LIKEWISE = In the same way, with Jesus as our example just do your part and watch God do His. It works in death, marriage, healing, finances, everything!!!

**Remember that even after Jesus committed it all to the Father, things got worse, but 3 days later what He had committed to the Father was turned around through Resurrection!

****Fear ye not, Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord...!**
(Exodus 14:13)

Hebrews 10:35-36

35 *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

36 For **ye have need of patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

**It doesn't matter what's going on, after you have done it all, just commend it into God's hands and say It is finished! Not God's plan, but your striving, examining yourself, etc.

Whether it's finances, marital, children, health, if it's unsaved loved ones and you have done all you know to do, just REST and stop

striving, trust as you put your faith in God's word and Christ Jesus' finished work!

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