

## Gloriously Finished 2020-03-01

John 19:28-30

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Life-changing statements: offer job, will marry/Yes, pregnant, boy/girl.

- Most glorious pronouncement is Jesus Christ saying "It is finished!"
  - It's the declaration of THE turning point in human history
- At the cross sin's curse was broken, sin's penalty Paid In Full, sin's power defeated and the barrier between God and man forever removed.

"It is finished" 1 Greek word *tetelestai* meaning "accomplished/fulfilled/pay."

- Merchants (debt Paid In Full), Shepherds/priests (perfect sheep ready for sacrifice), Servants (reporting to masters their work completed).
  - It sums up the greatest work ever done on earth.

Curse of sin lifted, God fulfilled His promise. Genesis 3:15, 21 Galatians 3:13: 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Curse of sin is punishment and separation from God's blessing and presence
  - Because our curse was borne by our substitute Jesus Christ, the Father's blessing can now flow to us.

On the cross, punishment due all Christians sins was Paid In Full Romans. 5:9, Colossians 2:14, 1 Peter 3:18, Matthew 1:21

- Jesus was the final, perfect Passover lamb who bore the just wrath of God on the cross that was due all Christians for their sin.
  - Jesus' death was utterly sufficient and needs no repetition/addition to remove believers condemnation.
- Jesus is therefore a sufficient Savior for all Believers.
  - Specific atone: sufficient to atone for ALL but only applies to Christians

Power of sin is broken and slaves set free. John 8:34, 36, Romans 3:23, 6:14, 18, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Corinthians 7:23

- All are slaves to sin and its power. Israel set free from Egypt slavery.
  - Jesus redeemed us (pay for our freedom) by his precious blood.
    - Jesus' blood set powerless people free from power of sin.
      - You do not have to sin or be in bondage anymore.

Barrier between God and man forever removed. Mark 15:37-38, Hebrews 10:19-20

- Tearing of the Holy of Holies curtain symbolized: Jesus' death opened way for repentant sinners to enter presence of holy God directly
  - Cross made way for love of God to save sinners. Propitiation

It is finished is declaration of THE turning point in human history. Ephesians 1:7, Galatians 5:1, 4:7, Hebrews 2:14-15, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

- At the cross, sin's curse was broken, sin's penalty Paid In Full, sin's power defeated and the barrier between God and man forever removed.
  - Jesus' death completely destroyed power of Satan, sin, death.
    - It purchased Christians' forgiveness, acquittal, justification.

Nothing was done before cross to purchase your salvation and nothing can be added after....."It is finished, it stands finished, and it always will be finished!"

- Can't contribute to something already complete. Romans 8:1, Hebrews 10:14-18
  - Precious gift Paid In Full so don't try to make payments.....enjoy it.
- You're free from earning God's favor, free to joyfully live a life pleasing to God, free to share Good New and free from fear of death.