

# It is Finished

**John 19:30** *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"*

The execution that Jesus suffered is summed up in these three words. *"It is finished!"* and these three words come from one Greek word **tetelestai**.

The word **tetelestai** is unfamiliar to us, but it was used by people in everyday life in those days. A servant would use it when reporting to his or her master, *"I have completed the work assigned to me"* (**John 17:4**).

It means, *"It is finished, it stands finished, and it always will be finished!"* These words specify not the end of Jesus' life, but the completion of His task.

**The consequences of Jesus' finish work on the cross work is enduring.**

Jesus' words *"It is finished"* provides for us 4 great benefits.

## **I. ATONEMENT for sin**

**Warren Wiersbe**, writes, *"None of the Old Testament sacrifices could take away sins; their blood only covered sin. But the Lamb of God shed His blood, and that blood can take away the sins of the world"*

### **Jesus' Death Conquered Sin**

Jesus *"purged our sins"* (**Hebrews 1:1-3**)

**1 John 1:7** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*"cleanse"* Gr. **katharizo**, *"to declare clean, make clean, purify"*

**Hebrews 9:14** *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

### **Jesus Conquered Death**

**Hebrews 2:9** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

**Jesus in His death died as a substitute for everyone.** And it is only by the Jesus tasting death as a man for man that we are free from death.

Historically, kings have had someone taste their food to protect them from possible poisoning. The cup of sins poison that belonged to us was tasted by Jesus.

**He substituted His own death for ours and released us to live with God.**  
Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

## **Jesus' Death Brings Reconciliation to God**

Romans 5:8-11

***"Reconciliation"** Gr. **katallasso**, "to return to favour with, to receive one into favour."  
"To put someone into friendship with God."*

Paul does not conceive it as his or our task to reconcile God to us. God has attended to that Himself.

**Ephesians 2:14-16; Colossians 1:19-22**

## **2. ACCESS to the holy of holies**

### **Because of Jesus' Death We Have Access to God**

No one was allowed access to the holy of holies but the High Priest on the Day of Atonement which occurred once a year.

**Hebrews 10:11; 10:19-22; 4:16**

### **Because of Jesus' Death All Sacrifices Are No Longer Needed**

**Hebrews 10:12-18**

**Jesus' sacrifice is effective because it removes sin, which the other covenant could never do.** The New Covenant went from daily sacrifice to one sacrifice, from ineffective sacrifices to the one perfectly effective sacrifice.

## **3. ACCEPTED by God**

### **Through Jesus' Death We Are Accepted to God**

**Ephesians 1:3-6**

***"Accepted"** Gr. **charitos**, "to grace, i.e. give with special honour: make accepted, be highly favoured."*

**Because believers are accepted in Him, then they, like Jesus, are in the beloved of God.**

## **4. ASSURANCE of salvation**

### **Jesus' Death Provides Full Assurance of Salvation**

Because His sacrifice was perfect it never needs to be repeated.

**Hebrews 10:14** *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*