

IT'S FINALLY OVER

John 19:30

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: God's Son became a human being, lived a perfect life while here, was rejected by most of His people and was finally arrested, tried, mocked, and crucified. While on the cross Jesus was deserted by His followers with the exception of His mother, one disciple and a couple other women. Even God His Father forsook Him. He was alone and finally He lifted up His head toward heaven and cried out "It is Finished," then He bowed His head and died. What was finished? What was finally over? What He had come to do for humanity had been accomplished.

I. REDEMPTION FOR MANKIND WAS COMPLETE

1. Nothing was left undone, nothing more needed to be done, nothing more could be done.
 - All the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures had been fulfilled and finished.
 - There is not a single promise or prophecy in the Old Testament that has not been fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Jesus is a Prophet like Moses and a Deliverer like Joshua.
 - Jesus is a Priest like Aaron and like Melchizedek.
 - Jesus is a King like David and like Solomon.
 - Jesus is the Lamb that was slain and the Scape-Goat that was not slain.
 - Jesus is the Turtledove that was dipped in blood and the Priest who killed the bird.
 - Jesus is the Altar and the Tabernacle.
 - Jesus is the Mercy-Seat and the Showbread.
 - Jesus is the Sacrifice and the Sacrificer.
2. All sacrifices of the ceremonial law were abolished.
 - **Hebrews 10:1-14**
 - **John 4:24-25**
 - All the fleshly ordinances of the Old Testament were put aside forever.
3. All the commandments of the moral law of God had now been perfectly fulfilled.
 - **Romans 10:4**
 - God's chosen are now called Sons and Daughters.
 - Those who give from a willing heart are not compelled to pay anything else.
 - Those who rest in the Lord Jesus Christ are not ordered to keep a sabbath day for every day is a sabbath day to the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Those who love the Lord Jesus do not need to be chained or forced by some law to make them do what is right for God's honor and the Lord's Glory.
4. The way of access had been opened up to God.
 - **Hebrews 10:19-22**
 - The veil of the temple was ripped from top to bottom, thus opening up the way for sinful man to approach the Holy God.
5. The redemption of mankind had been perfectly accomplished.
 - **Hebrews 9:12**
 - Jesus had brought in everlasting righteousness.
 - Jesus had satisfied Divine justice forever.
 - The debt was paid by offering for sin, His own self, the atonement was accomplished, propitiation had been made, reconciliation between God and His Children was complete.
 - Jesus had annihilated the sins of God's people.
 - Jesus had conquered Satan.
 - Jesus had defeated death.

II. THERE IS GREAT REASON TO REJOICE IN WHAT JESUS FINISHED

1. The covenant of God's grace has been approved and accepted (ratified).
 - **Hebrews 9:15-17**
 - The covenant was signed and sealed before all heaven and earth.
 - The covenant was put into force by the blood of Jesus Christ.
 - Not one promise can ever fail.
 - Jesus lives today in heaven to see that His will is executed.
 - **Isaiah 53:10-12**
2. God is just and the one who justifies the guilty sinners.
 - **Romans 3:24-26**
 - Through what Jesus accomplished and finished, God can now be just and still justify the sinner.
3. The Holy Spirit can now come down into the believer permanently.
 - **Galatians 3:13-14**
 - Since the Holy Spirit is here permanently, the Gospel is now sent to all the world, it is a world-wide message.
 - **Joel 2:32 - "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved..."**
4. The salvation of God's Children, those who believe in Jesus Christ is secure.
 - **John 6:39**
 - Not a single soul that believes in Jesus Christ shall ever perish. All the redeemed are secure.
 - Their sins are gone.
 - The law has no claim on them.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ cannot fail.
 - **Isaiah 45:23-25**
5. The glory of God is revealed in the Gospel.
 - **2 Corinthians 4:6; 2 Timothy 1:9-10**
 - In the cross of Jesus Christ God's eternal attributes are clearly seen:
 - His Holiness.
 - His Justice.
 - His Mercy
 - His immutability (unchanging).
 - His Wisdom.
 - His Greatness.
 - His Love.
6. Jesus has been exalted to the throne of ruling over all flesh.
 - **Psalms 2:8; Philippians 2:9-11**
 - When Jesus died on the cross, He died for sinners and they have died in Him and their souls are safe and secure under His blood.

III. WHAT IT IS TO EXPERIENCE WHAT JESUS FINISHED FOR THE SINNER/MANKIND

1. **Isaiah 40:102**
 - Jesus must first send His Word to the sinner or else he/she cannot be saved. (**Psalm 107:20**)
 - Jesus must send His Holy Spirit into one's heart or he/she cannot live.
 - Jesus, Himself, must be revealed to one's heart or he/she cannot believe.
 - **Galatians 1:15-16**
 - There is a separation, a calling, a Revelation and the removal of human confidence.

- *Philippians 3:3*

- Jesus will give faith to trust Him.
- Jesus will declare peace in one's soul.
- Jesus will break the chains of sin.
- Jesus will cause one's troubled heart/soul to find rest/peace in Him. (*Psalm 107:1-31*)

IV. THE REASON JESUS DID WHAT HE DID FOR MANKIND

1. Why in the world would Jesus endure such pain, shame, death on the cross for any human being?
What caused Him to stand as man's surety and then finish the work of man's soul's redemption?
What motivated Jesus to do all this for sinful people?
2. It was God's Will. *Psalm 40:7-8*
3. There was no other possible means of saving sinful man except the Cross - Gethsemane!
4. Because Jesus loved sinful man and was determined to save all sinners who would come to Him.
- Malachi 3:17
5. God was determined to glorify Himself by saving sinful mankind.
- Psalm 106:8

CONCLUSION:

1. Easter! The day of the Lord Jesus' resurrection from the grave/tomb.
2. No human being will ever grasp or begin to understand WHY God the Father, Jesus, the Son of God and the Holy Spirit did what they did or HOW it was accomplished.
3. Only those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will ever benefit from all that happened at the cross and the result of Jesus' Words, "It Is Finished!"
4. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will live eternally with new bodies, in a place that Jesus prepared for them in Heaven.
5. **"...But our God is in the heavens; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased....." *Psalm 115:3***
6. Believers in Jesus, Children of God, see to it that you give the Lord Jesus Christ all the praise for His finished work. Where would YOU be if Jesus had not done what He did for YOU?