

## WHEN IT WAS DONE, IT WAS DONE

John 19:30

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** It is said that every cloud has its silver lining; so had the darkest cloud of all - the cross of Jesus had done its work. "It is finished." A sea of meaning in a drop of words...everything Jesus came to do is wrapped up in those few words.

- The great purpose of God in the history of man was now accomplished.
  - To display His grace and to magnify His Son in the creating of children in His own image and glory.
  - At the cross the foundation was laid which was to make this possible and actual.
- WHAT was finished?

### 1. Here is seen the accomplished fulfillment of all the prophecies which had been written of Him before He should die.

- Centuries before, prophets of God had described step by step that which the Savior should undergo.
  - One by one these had been fulfilled, wonderfully, fulfilled to the very letter.
    - From birth, lineage, name, flight, way made ready, eyes opened, ears unstopped, limbs straightened, dumb to speak, dead to rise, demons cast out, speak in parables, nature obeying, no home, triumphant entry, despised, rejected, deserted, hated, led to slaughter, false witnesses, piercing of hands and feet, numbered with transgressors, mockery, gambling for His garments, thirsting.
  - ALL literally fulfilled.

### 2. Here is seen the completion of His sufferings.

- Who, what can describe the sufferings of the Lord Jesus?
  - From His youth up the shadow of the cross was over His life and He was aware of it.
  - Often Jesus remarked that "His hour had not come."
  - During the closing hours, He suffered physically all the government could do to Him.
  - On the cross He suffered what the Father did to Him, plus the physical suffering.
- Now the suffering is ended. God had bruised Him, man and the devil had done their work, God's wrath was exhausted, darkness had ended, wages of sin had been paid, prophecies were fulfilled, the cross had been endured; Divine holiness was satisfied and now the cry:  
**"...IT IS FINISHED!"** Never again - Never again - Never again!

### 3. Here is seen the goal of the Incarnation reached.

- Before coming to this earth, a definite work had been committed to the Lord Jesus:
  - As a 23 year old boy He said: **"...I must be about My Father's business..."**
  - Later He said: **"...But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works of the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do..."**
  - In the garden, that fateful night He prayed: **"...I have glorified thee on the earth I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do..."**
  - The mission upon which God had sent His Son into the world was now accomplished. That for which He had left heaven's glory - that which He had taken upon Him, the form of a servant - that for which He had remained upon the earth for 33 years to do was now consummated.  
**NOTHING remained to be done or added.**

- **"...It is finished..."** marked the end of carrying out God's plan for OUR redemption. At the end of time when everything is wound up, and God's purpose once again fully consummated, when everything has been done which He determined should be done, THEN shall it be said once again: **"IT IS FINISHED!"**

#### 4. Here is seen the accomplishment of the atonement.

- **"...The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost - to save sinners - to take away OUR sins..."**
  - The demands of justice must be met; the requirements of God's holiness must be satisfied; the awful debt we incurred must be paid. On the cross all this was done - ONCE for all.
  - Our sins and guilt have been ended; the price of our redemption has been paid; the utmost requirements of the law have been performed; the making of our atonement has been accomplished.
  - The veil has been rent, opening the way to God; Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, giving evidence that Christ's sacrifice has been accepted, Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God, demonstrating the value of His work and the Father's delight; the Holy Ghost has been sent to earth to apply the virtues and benefits of Christ's atoning death.
  - **There is NOTHING left for us to add - no works are demanded - all that is necessary now is to rest by faith upon what Jesus Christ did.**
    - **"...The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord..."**

#### 5. Here is seen the end of our sins.

- **"...The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all..."**
  - When sentence is passed on a criminal, he/she is under sentence. Everyone out of Christ has the sentence of God's condemnation resting upon him/her. BUT when a sinner believes in the Lord Jesus and receives Him as his/her Lord and Master, that person is no longer under condemnation - sin is no longer on him/her. The guilt, the condemnation, the penalty is no longer upon him/her. All of that has been transferred to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the believer's substitute.

#### 6. Here is seen the fulfillment of the law's requirements.

- **"...For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled IN us, who walk not after flesh, but after the Spirit.." (Romans 8:3-4)**
- **"...God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem them that were under the law..." (Galatians 4:4)**
- Jesus Christ kept the law, and He also suffered its penalty and endured its curse in OUR place - for US.
  - **"...For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.." "...For ye are not under the law, but under grace.**
- IF one could be lost again after being once being saved, then Jesus Christ's death was in vain and accomplished absolutely NOTHING!

## 7. Here is seen the destruction of Satan's power.

- It is true that Satan has not yet been chained and cast into the bottomless pit, nevertheless, sentence has been passed, though not yet executed, his doom is certain and his power is already broken so far as believers are concerned
- For the Christian, the devil is a vanquished foe. He was defeated by Christ at the cross.
  - ***"...that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil..."***  
***(Hebrews 2:14)***
  - Believers in Jesus have already been delivered from the power of darkness and Satan is to be treated as a defeated enemy.
    - Satan no longer has any legitimate claim upon the believer in Jesus for Jesus has freed the believer from the evil one.
- All that the believer has to do now is to "Resist the Devil" and the promise is that ***"...he will flee from you..."*** (James 4:7)

## CONCLUSION:

1. ***"IT IS FINISHED!"*** Do you believe it? Are YOU trying to add something of your own to the finished work of the Lord Jesus to secure the favor of God?
  - God is satisfied with the work of Jesus Christ - are you?
  - The moment one believes God's testimony concerning Jesus, in that very moment every sin one has ever committed is blotted out and he/she stands accepted before God in Jesus Christ.
  - There is ONLY ONE way to find peace and acceptance by God and that is through faith in the shed blood of God's Lamb, Jesus Christ.
  
2. ***"IT IS FINISHED!"*** So do you really believe it?