

It Really Is Finished!

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- “It is finished”
- What did he mean?
- Good Friday

John 19:28-30 (ESV) 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.

- To bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish.
- I did what I set out to do
- Speaks of an action which has been completed in the past with results continuing into the present
- This happened and it is still in effect today
- What Jesus did on the cross didn’t just happen, it’s happening

Good Friday Signifies:

1st) My **PENALTY** has been paid and my debt canceled on the cross!

Hebrews 9:15 (NLT) "Christ died to set people free from the penalty of the sins they committed under that first covenant."

- There are laws
- God is a God of order and laws
- God is a God of justice and fairness
- God is a God of love and forgiveness.
- When you have laws they are worthless unless there's a punishment or a penalty
- Someone has to pay the penalty
- He pays the penalty for us
- We’ve all broken the laws of God
- We all have something in us that makes us want to steal the chicken
- Someone has to pay for the chicken
- Someone has to pay the penalty
- I will pay your debt for you."

Romans 8:3-4 (NLT) The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

2nd) He broke Satan's power to **MESS UP** your life!

Colossians 1:13 (CEV) "God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

- Life is very challenging
- It's a dog eat dog world and I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear
- You are

Eph. 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

- A lot of your problems are spiritual in nature
- You can't fight spiritual problems with natural weapons

Eph. 6:13 (ESV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

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2 Ways the Enemy Comes at us:

TEMPTATION and **CONDEMNATION**

- He's trying to lure you with things that will eventually hurt you
- You're not even a Christian
- You're a hypocrite
- It's just a constant cycle over and over

Because of the cross I can **RESIST** temptation.

1 Cor. 10:13(CEV) You are tempted in the same way that everyone else is tempted. But God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and he will show you how to escape from your temptations.

Col 3:5 (NIV) "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry"

Because of the cross I can **REJECT** condemnation.

Col. 2:15 (TLB) In this way God took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and God openly displayed to the whole world Christ's triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away.

- The only people who ever get better are the ones who know God loves them even if they don't get better

*"Only those who are truly aware of their sin can truly cherish grace."
— C.J. Mahaney, The Cross Centered Life: Keeping the Gospel the Main Thing*

3rd) He guaranteed my **SALVATION** forever!

Phil. 1:6 (CEV) God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns.

Matt. 5:20 (NIV) For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

- I don't have a chance

Eph. 2:4-5 (ESV) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

- *But God*
- *Put your hand in the hand of the man Who stilled the water Put your hand in the hand of the man Who calmed the sea*
- What God starts, he finishes
- Trust him