

It Is Finished

John 19:30 Jesus said, *“It is finished”*

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- God is not holding our sins against us
- Through Jesus God declared, “God isn’t mad at you. Your sins aren’t a problem!”
- God isn’t fixing to get you

He isn’t saying, *“If you come to church, pay your tithes, read your Bible three hours a day, I won’t send your children to the hospital or wreck your marriage, and destroy your life”*

- This isn’t true
- God isn’t “imputing” our sins against us
- Impute – “To hold against”

It is an accounting term

If you buy something and say, *“Put it on my account,”* they would write it down and then at the end of the Month you would come and pay up, but when you went to pay there was no balance

- Like using a credit card and they never charged your bill
- The amount was never held against you – Imputed
- This is what God is saying about your sins

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

- *Gospel* – “good tidings” or “good news”
- In fact, it really means “*nearly-too-good-to-be-true news*”
- It is the power of God to save as well as to empower us to live for Him

The Greek word translated, “salvation” isn’t limited to the forgiveness of sins

- Its also talking about prosperity, healing, deliverance
- Everything Jesus came to do
- He literally brought the Kingdom of Heaven to earth
- It is released through the Gospel

The Gospel speaks of how God placed all the punishment for our sins on Jesus

- Justice demanded our punishment for our unworthiness, and need
- God’s wrath has been forever satisfied
- He’s not angry with people
- Jesus paid the price
- All you have to do is receive that payment
- That’s Good News!

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation

- Jesus made a difference in the way God relates to mankind
- Jesus brought all of mankind back into harmony with God
- The debt has been paid
- The books have been reconciled
- God's wrath is appeased
- The war is over!

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- We now have peace with God through Jesus
- We are justified by faith
- Believing in the Gospel of Christ!

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

⁵ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

- You were bought with a price – **1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:23**

The blood of Jesus is worth more than all of the impurity and ungodliness of the entire world

- Sin isn't an issue
- We have been reconciled to God

Contrary to popular opinion, people don't go to hell because of their sin

They go to hell because they have rejected the message of the payment for those sins

- They refuse to receive Jesus as their savior
- You don't have to not drink, not chew and not run with them that do
- You need to receive the message of the grace of God
- There is only one way to the Father

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Some people feel that the true Gospel will give people a license to sin

- They feel you have to clean yourself up to come to God
- When you say that, you are saying that your sin is greater than the price that God paid

Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

- The goodness of God will lead you to repentance
- When you have a revelation of all that God has done for you, you are no longer bound by sin
- You live in freedom – **John 8:36**

1 John 3:3 (NKJV)

³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

If you have a desire to sin you haven't really understood the Gospel

- Something changes on the inside
- God doesn't want us to live with a constant focus on sin
- He wants us to have a revelation of His love
- When we realize this, we will live for Him more by accident than we would on purpose
- We experience a whole new joy and peace
- Fear and dread are no longer a problem
- His love is the focus, not our sin

1 John 5:2–3 (NKJV)

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

- John isn't saying, *"Keep these commandments to get God to love you"*
- He's saying, *"If you understood how much God loved you, you'd keep His commandments"*

God loves you and has paid the price for you

- Receive Him
- Receive His love
- Live in the freedom His love brings into your life

God has nothing but good things in store for us, however you must believe to receive

- It's not all up to God
- We have decisions to make
- You don't have to be holy and do everything right, but you do have to believe

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

When you feel unworthy and all messed up, that's unbelief

- That is not the message of the Gospel
- It's the very thing that's keeping your faith from working

When you believe that you are God's favorite, your faith goes through the roof

“When you think any God, who would overlook the stupid things I've done He must be awesome!”

- *“If he'll do that he'll do anything!”*

Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- God has forgiven your sins and taken them all away
- Jesus paid the price in full
- He loves you so much that He gives you “all things” to live an abundant life – **John 10:10**
- That's the Gospel!

Psalm 103:12 (NKJV)

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *so* far has He removed our transgressions from us.

- The Lord didn't just ignore your sins
- He removed them
- You aren't just an "*old sinner*" who's been saved by grace
- You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus
- God sees you as righteous, pure and holy
- He's not just overlooking your sins
- He has paid for them
- They're gone!
- Your new, real life is now hidden in Christ!

Colossians 3:3 (NKJV)

³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- God isn't looking at your sins
- He's not dealing with you based on the way you deal with yourself
- Your old man has died
- Your new man is hidden (kept, protected) in Christ

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that *we, having died to sins*, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

- We died, when He died
- We were healed when He was bruised
- He bore our iniquity's and sin once and for all

Isaiah 52:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. ¹⁴ Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

- Jesus was marred more than any other person who ever lived
- If you study this out in the original text it means He didn't even look human

Mel Gibson freely admits he toned down the scenes in the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, because no one would have watched it

- A lead tipped whip alone never could have done what was done to Him

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Every sin, sickness, disease, deformity, tumor, and perversion of the entire human race entered into the Body of Christ

- That why His face, (visage) looked worse than any other person who has ever lived
- God did this to His son
- No movie could capture the spiritual and emotional suffering Jesus endured

He agonized in the garden as He thought about becoming sin

- The very thing He hated and came to set us free of
- He had to become that sin so that we could become the righteousness of God

Some people say, *“Even if you’re born again and have made Jesus Lord of your life, God is still mad at you when you sin.”*

“He won’t answer you when you pray.”

- That thinking diminishes the atonement of the Lord
- We think, *“You have to feel terrible over your sin and grovel in the dirt before God will talk to you.”*
- Basically, we’ve made Jesus only a part of the solution
- He *IS* the solution

You will never have to experience separation from God

Mark 15:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*”

- Even though hell will have physical and emotional sufferings, including flames of fire – See **Luke 16:24**
- The worst part of Hell will be separation from God
- Everything Good – Everything God – Will be gone
- Nothing but darkness, hatred and strife will remain

The Father forsook His own son so that you and I wouldn’t be forsaken

He totally rejected Him so that you and I would *NEVER* be rejected!

Isaiah 53:1 (NKJV)

53 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

- In other words, this is really too good to be true
- Who would believe this?
- Who could believe that God wasn't angry with you anymore and that He never would be
- All your sins, past, present and future have been paid for

Isaiah 53:2 (NKJV)

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *there is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

- Jesus was nothing special in the natural
- He wasn't one of those people everybody wants to be close to or seen with
- He was plain and ordinary
- If you would have seen Him, it would have been hard to believe He was God

Isaiah 53:3–4 (NKJV)

³ He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

- Jesus didn't have any grief of His own to bear
- He had never done anything that caused Him sorrow
- He took all of this upon Himself for us

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

- Some people want to limit this verse to only spiritual and emotional healing
- This verse is quoted when Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others – **Matthew 8:14-17**

Matthew 8:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “*He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.*”

Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

- Jesus didn't just suffer in principle for Sin
- God didn't just give Him a sample
- He took all the iniquity for all of mankind

The corruption of every sin, murder, sexual immorality and all other ungodly things that have ever been committed

- Truly, the iniquity of us all was laid on Him
- It is finished!