

IT IS FINISHED

Jesus' last words

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, **"Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!"** And with those words he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said. "I am thirsty"...When Jesus had tasted it, he said, **"It is finished!"** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:28,30)

"Tetelestai" paid in full, complete, finished

Only Jesus could say these words

"...completing the work you gave me to do." (John 17:4)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." (Luke 19:10)

Jesus completes all of God's promises, prophecies, pictures

..."Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Jesus pays our debt

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Heals our relationship with God

...And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. (Luke 23:45)

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. (Hebrews 4:16)

"It is finished"...what it means for us

Jesus is the only solution for **my** sin

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:14)

Jesus broke the power of **my** sin

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin...So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus...Sin is no longer your master...you live under the freedom of God's grace. (Romans 6:6,11,14)

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him...clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3:10,12,13)

I can live in loving relationship with **my** Heavenly Father

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1:9)

We can face life's most dangerous moments with **peace**

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It is finished: the Good News

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

Reflection Question:

What am I holding on to that has already been paid for...forgiven?

Scripture from the NLT unless noted.