

"It is Finished!"

- I. **"It is finished!" What heaven-moving-and-earth-shaking last words of Christ before he expired on the cross at Calvary! "It is finished!" What an astounding and eternal proclamation by the Savior Jesus in His all-inclusive death! "It is finished!" What a fearsome saying to the devil Satan and all the evil spirits and demons! "It is finished!" What good news and sweet sound in the ears of the fallen and despairing sinners! —John 19:30**
- II. **Jesus Christ was sent by God the Father into the world to do the divine will and to carry out His work:**
 - A. He came to the earth to do the will of God:
 1. To suffer the death of the cross to redeem fallen men back to God—Matt. 26:39, 42.
 2. To offer his body to bear the sins of many once for all—Heb 9:28, 10:7.
 3. To be the unique sacrifice of the new covenant to remove sins—Heb. 10:9.
 4. To give eternal life to everyone who believes into Himself and to raise him up in the last day—John 6:38.
 - B. He came to the earth to finish the divine work:
 5. To continue His Father's work—John 5:17.
 6. To glorify and express God the Father—John 17:4.
 7. To give life to the world as the bread of God from heaven--John 6:30, 32.
 8. To harvest the believing sinners and gather them as fruits unto eternal life—John 4:36.

III. The Lord Jesus finished God's work through His all-inclusive death on the cross:

- A. He died as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world to accomplish the work of redemption—John 1:29.
 1. He died for us—Rom. 5:6, 8; 2 Cor. 5:14-15.
 2. He died for our sins—1 Cor. 15:3.
 3. He fulfilled the requirements of God's law—Gal. 2:21.
 4. He redeemed us with His precious blood—Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:19; Rev. 7:14.
 5. He delivered us from the curse of the law—Gal. 3:13.
 6. He saved us from God's wrath—Rom. 5:9; John 3:17.
 7. He justified us in His blood—Rom. 3:24; 5:9.
 8. He reconciled us to God—Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:21-22.
 9. He made peace with Himself for all things—Eph. 2:14-15; Col: 1:20.
- B. He died as the bronze serpent (in the likeness of the flesh of sin—Rom. 8:3) to deal with Satan and annulled the old creation—John 3:14
 1. He destroyed Satan—John 16:11; Heb. 2:14.
 2. He triumphed over the evil rule and authorities—Col. 2:15.
 3. He condemned sin in the flesh—Rom. 8:3.
 4. He judged the world—John 12:31; 16:11; Gal. 6:14.
 5. He terminated the entire old creation including the old man—Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20.

C. He died as the grain of wheat to release His eternal life in resurrection to produce the church as His glorious increase—John 12:24.

1. He opened the way for man to enjoy God as the tree of life—Heb. 10:20; Matt.27:51; Rev. 22:2.

2. He released the divine life from the broken shell of His humanity to dispense it into man—John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3.

3. He produced His believers as the many grains to be His growth and multiplication—John 12:24.

4. He created in Himself the one new man which is the new creation with God's life and nature—Eph. 2:15.

IV. "It is finished!" Dear friends, this is the great proclamation of the gospel of God. All of the works mentioned above have been completely finished by Christ through His death on the cross. If you receive, appreciate, and enjoy these wonderful accomplished facts by faith, all of their abundant benefits and blessings will be yours immediately and forever. Wait no more! Believe now that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name!" —John 20:31

Life (Hymn 1015)

O glory, glory, what a life

I have received today!

All darkness, death and pow'r of sin

Have now been chased away!

Have now been chased away!

Have now, have now been chased away!

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