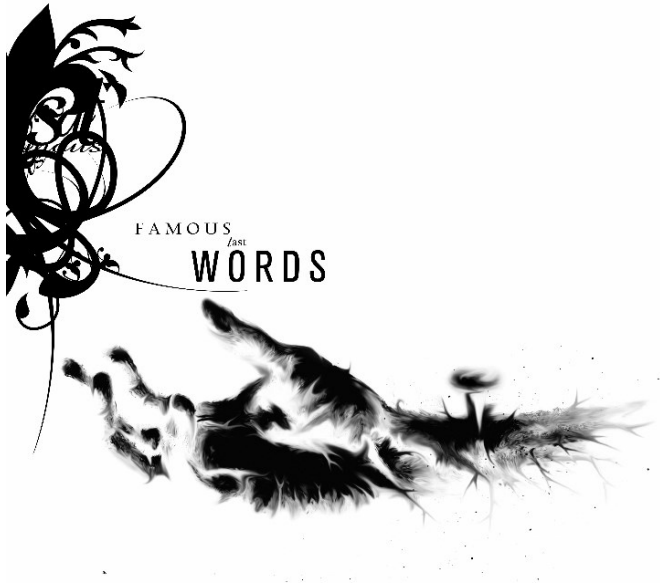


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Part 4 "It is Finished!"



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After this, Jesus knew that everything had been completed. So that Scripture would come true, He said, “I am thirsty.” There was a jar full of vinegar there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ mouth. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished!” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:28-30)

What did Jesus accomplish on the cross?

1. He paid _____

“God’s Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven.” (Colossians 1:14)

When Jesus shouted, “It is finished,” He used the Greek word, “*Tetelestai*,” which can also mean, “Paid in Full.” In those days, when someone made the final payment on a debt, they would write across the loan papers, “*Tetelestai* – Paid in Full.” In this way, the lender was saying, “You no longer owe anything. You made your final payment. It is finished.” On the cross, Jesus paid in full for our sins.

2. He secured _____

"In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me." (The words of Jesus in John 14:1-2)

3. He won _____

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

"All who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17)

"When Christ died, He died to defeat the power of sin one time – enough for all time." (Romans 6:10)

**Jesus' work is finished.
But our work is unfinished.**

"I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God." (Acts 20:24)