

The Wednesday Word, September 3, 2025: It Is Finished - Part 1

John 19:30 ...It is Finished.

These are the dying words of our Savior! What powerful and important words they are.

It is reported that when Queen Elizabeth 1 of England lay dying she said, "My God, my God it is over. I have come to the end!"

In her wardrobe she had 2,000 costly dresses and gowns yet she called out, "All my possessions for just one more day."
Pathetic words of a dying Queen. How wonderful then by contrast are the words of the dying Saviour who declares from the cross ...IT IS FINISHED! That means,

Salvation has been completed.

Salvation has been accomplished.

Salvation has been perfected.

It is finished!

Notice how at Christ's final moments there is not a hint of worry, anxiety or despair. How unlike the words of the dying English Queen who says, "My God My God it is over, I have come to the end."

Consider how Christ's words "It is Finished" are filled with glorious victory. It is finished means -it is Completed. What is completed? Redemption is completed. You see, this English phrase of ours, this little sentence, is not in the Greek. It is just one word: FINISHED!

Matthew 27 says that Jesus cried with a loud voice: "FINISHED!"...He wasn't finished. He wasn't the victim; He was the victor.

But how was Redemption finished? It was finished by the doing and dying of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. He finished and fully completed the work He had been sent to do!

It is Finished! When we look at the tense of the Greek, we discover that it is the perfect tense which means that although the action has been completed in the past, the results continue into the present. So, when Jesus cried out "finished," He meant, "It was finished in the past, it is still finished in the present and it will remain finished in the future."

Listen to Paul as he tells the Hebrews of the Christ who finished His work, he writes, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" (Hebrews 1:3).

It is finished! ... that means Justice was satisfied and is still satisfied.

The Father was satisfied and is still satisfied.

The righteous demands of the law were satisfied and are still satisfied.

The Old Testament sacrifices were finished and are still finished.

The Prophets were fulfilled and are still fulfilled.

It is Finished ...what a wonderfully grand and glorious statement by the God/Man, the young Prince of glory!

When a work is finished, it is finished, there is no need to add anything to it! Neither men nor angels need to add anything to His finished work. And a good thing too. Wouldn't it be just dreadful if our salvation was based on any of our efforts! Our efforts at best are incomplete. We haven't served God perfectly and we have left things undone. There's so much we should have done but the clock is racing against us!

However, the Lord Jesus left nothing of our salvation incomplete! It Is Finished!

He did not partially save or partially ransom ...IT IS FINISHED.

Everything He did for us, He did perfectly ...IT IS FINISHED.

There is no one like Christ Jesus in any of the World's great religions. This one expression, It is finished, explodes every other religion on earth! They are all fakes. They are all useless. Mohammed did not complete redemption for his people, Buddha did not atone for His people's sins –only Christ Jesus ransomed, redeemed and reconciled us to God.

It is Finished!
And that's the Gospel Truth!

To be continued.