

## IT IS FINISHED ... INDEED!

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As Christians, we know Jesus Christ gave His life for your and my sins on The Cross at Calvary. He lived on this earth in absolute perfection as the spotless (sinless) Lamb of God. If there would have been any sin in His life, then His death on the cross would have been meaningless and worthless to us because He would have been an unclean lamb. But we know that “He came to take away the sin of the world” (as John the Baptist declared) and was faithful to His Father throughout his exemplar life. At the Garden of Gethsemane he prayed to His Father, “not my will but thine be done.” Along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary, He did not hate those abusing him, and through the remainder of His suffering on that Cross scripture reads “He could have called 10,000 angels on His behalf” but He didn’t because He “desired that not anyone should perish ...” Wow, that is Love to the fullest degree! Now that’s the real measure of a man and example to follow. Jesus’ last words on the Cross (that Cross which we love so dear but that Cross which is despised by satan and his followers) was “It is Finished.” What was finished?

- Jesus finished the work given to Him by His Father. The gavel of the Supreme Judge of the Universe crashed upon His mighty bench when God the Father poured the full cup of His wrath against sin upon His innocent Son. The great exchange took place; the eternal debt owed for the sin of mankind was paid in full. God the Father looked upon His perfect, precious, and priceless Son as if He had lived the filthy, detestable, sin-stained lives of fallen mankind. And, for those of us who repent and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, God the Father looks upon us as if we had lived His Son's perfect, precious, and priceless life.
- The power of sin and death was vanquished once and for all time. Jesus’ finished work on the cross caused us to be reconciled to God, if we simply repent of our sins and believe on His Son.
- The sin debt I owe, you owe, to God were and are *paid in full* by our Lord and Savior, when He shed His innocent blood on The Cross on our behalf. ***“IT...IS...FINISHED,” indeed!***

We, as Christians, have an important mission and that mission is to spread the Good News about our Savior and how He is a life ex-changer to those we encounter daily. By the indwelling of His life for mine, “old things have passed away and all things are new” (2 Cor 5:17). Christ, you know, is very much alive in us as the Holy Spirit is working in and through us to build and advance His kingdom. We have a message of life’s experiences to share with others so they too can join His kingdom.

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