

“IT IS FINISHED”

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JOHN 19:30

INTRODUCTION: What did Jesus mean when He uttered these words? Did He mean the work of redemption was finished? **HEB. 9:12, 22-24** Suggest not. Eternal redemption was not obtained until He entered Heaven and offered His Blood just as the earthly High Priest offered the blood of animals in the earthly Holy of Holies.

WHAT JESUS MEANT

1. All the prophecies leading up to His death were fulfilled.
 - A. **JOHN 19:28-30** – He was born of a virgin, in the city of David, as well as others were fulfilled, then He said “It is finished.”
 - B. Jesus still had to be buried, be raised from the dead and offer His Blood as the High Priest of the New Covenant.
2. The Abrahamic Covenant.
 - A. **GEN 12:1-3** – This covenant gave Israel it’s national life, it’s law, priesthood and sacrifices. It gave them their temple where God dwelt in the Holy of Holies, the scape-goat or type of the Messiah and the Blood of Atonement.
 - B. **MT. 27:50-54** – When the veil was torn in two, God’s presence moved out of the Holy of Holies and the Abrahamic Covenant and everything connected to it came to an end.
 - C. **GEN. 49:10** – Shiloh is a prophetic name for the Messiah. Shiloh came as their Passover lamb, unleavened bread, firstfruits offering, and is now High Priest of the New Covenant who made atonement for their sins, sent the Spirit on Pentecost and now tabernacles among men in the temple of their hearts.
 - D. **LUKE 19:41-44 (NLT)** – Because they rejected Him, Jerusalem was overthrown in AD 70 and the temple was destroyed. On May 14, 1948 after 2900 years Israel became a nation.

WHAT NEEDED FINISHED

1. To suffer God’s wrath. **PS. 22:1, 88:1-7, 16**
 - A. Jesus took our place in hell and suffered God’s wrath for us.
 - Billy Graham, J. N. Darby, H. A. Ironside, John Calvin, Charles Spurgeon, Martin Luther, Charles Hall and G. Campbell Morgan agree.

- Morgan was a leading bible scholar, evangelist and pastored the Westminster Chapel in London for 25 years. “In the deep and unfathomable mystery of the Cross, his spirit was separated from God, and that spirit that separated from the body passed down into Hades. He took upon Himself the responsibility of the sin of a race, and in those solemn hours between the passing of the spirit of Christ on the cross, and the resurrection morning, the holy body of the man lies in the tomb. His spirit has passed into hell. The place of lost spirits. Now hear His words, “Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades.” **ACTS 2:25-28, PS. 16:8-11**

2. The resurrection. **ACTS. 2:23-32**

- A. A resurrection from pain, not comfort, **ACTS 2:24 (NLT)**. Pain in **verse 24** is *odin*, meaning pain, sorrow or travail as in childbirth; a pang or a throe.

3. The atonement. **JOHN 20:16-17, HEB. 9:11-14, 22-28**

- A. Christ’s work of redemption was complete at the Mercy Seat which was foreshadowed by the High Priest in the earthly tabernacle.
- B. The blood had to be applied as in Egypt, as by the High Priest. If the blood was left on the ground, then although it was the proper price, it would not have been paid to the proper place. It’s not the blood shed, it’s the blood applied that washes away our sin!

CONCLUSION:

When Jesus said “It is Finished” He meant He finished the work He was sent to do up until the time of His death. He made that statement after saying “I Thirst” which lead to the fulfillment of **PS. 69:21**. After dying, Jesus was completely dependent on the Father and Holy Spirit to raise Him up from death. **ROM. 6:4** After His resurrection, He entered the heavenly Holy of Holies and obtained eternal redemption for all mankind. He is now High Priest of the New Covenant and the only way of salvation.