

**Subject: *Redemption Accomplished!***

**Scripture: *John 19:16-30***

Christ prayed to the Father on the night of His arrest. His crucifixion was only hours away, yet when He prayed this is how He described it:

***John 17:1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.*

This was the hour Christ came to fulfill the Father's plan of redemption. In John 7 and 8 we read that Christ's enemies were not able to lay their hands on Him, but his "hour" was not come. Then in John 17:1, Christ acknowledged the hour had come. This was the culmination of His earthly life and ministry. This was the hour when the unfolding drama of redemption reached its climax. The hour had come for Christ to be betrayed, arrested, beaten, and crucified. This was the hour for which He had come to earth as the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for sins.

We call it crucifixion, but Christ called it glorification. When He died on the cross the Father glorified the Son and the Son glorified the Father. This was the most important moment in history, and Christ's death on the cross brought the most glory to God.

In John 19:30 Christ said, "It is finished." This was a simple but profound statement that the redemption of sinners was now accomplished. Christ's words involve three precious truths about God's plan of salvation:

### **1. GOD'S WILL IS FULFILLED**

Christ did not say, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." This was not a statement of failure or defeat. It was a statement of victory and accomplishment.

On the night before His crucifixion Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He poured out His heart to God the Father, praying about God's will three times:

***Matthew 26:42** O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.*

This was God's will from eternity past. The Father planned our redemption and Christ came to accomplish God's plan.

***Hebrews 10:7-10** <sup>7</sup> Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. <sup>8</sup> Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; <sup>9</sup> Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

### **2. GOD'S JUSTICE IS SATISFIED**

In John 19:28-30 we see two statements of Christ: “I thirst” and “It is finished.” One is a statement of human need and suffering—“I thirst.” The other is a statement of divine satisfaction—“It is finished.”

Who did Christ die for? If you say He died for us that is right, but it’s only part of the reason. He died for God. “It is finished,” is one word in the Greek, *tetelestai* = paid in full. God’s justice has been satisfied and sinners can now be set free from the bondage and debt of sin.

**1 Peter 1:18-19**<sup>18</sup> *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

### **3. GOD’S GRACE IS MAGNIFIED**

When Christ said, “It is finished,” that meant there was nothing left for us to do except believe in Him and receive the free gift of salvation. If Christ said the debt is paid in full that means there is nothing we need to pay. Salvation is not a reward for the righteous; it is a gift for the guilty. It’s all a free gift of God’s grace (God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense).

This is salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone to the Glory of God Alone.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**<sup>8</sup> *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Redemption was accomplished on the cross once for all.

Redemption is now applied when we come to the Lord in repentance and faith. We receive the blessings of salvation as a free gift, and we also receive Christ as Lord and Savior.