

**Lesson 20 John 19:30 Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said it is finished and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.** by Royce Hutain

“It is finished” is probably the most joyous, wonderful words ever spoken. Do we, as Christians, plumb the depths of that statement? Can we even begin?

By that statement we have all the Old Testament prophecies, types, and promises fully accomplished in Jesus Christ. The Old Testament sacrifices were abolished; all our debt was discharged, the power of Satan, sin, and death were destroyed. Remember Jesus didn't say, “*I* am finished.” Far from it!

Jesus finished four areas. The long night of suffering; the full course of obedience; a decisive battle with the enemy; and the complete work of an atonement. But remember, we as Christians, still have a race to run, a devil to resist, good works to walk in, and holiness to pursue.

Jonathan Edwards remarked “Though millions of sacrifices were offered yet nothing was done to purchase redemption before the Incarnate Christ. Here is what was secured by the finished work of Jesus Christ:

1. secured our justification
2. bore all our sin
3. underwent God's wrath
4. defeated Satan
5. redeemed humanity
6. produced a new covenant
7. conquered death
8. gave us an example of perfect obedience
9. glorified the father

Gloria Gaither wrote these words:

“For there hangs God's Son in the balance and then through the darkness He cries it is finished. There will be no more war. It is finished. The end of the conflict. It is finished and Jesus is Lord! Yet in my heart the battle was raging. Not all the prisoners of war have come home. These were battlefields of my own making. I didn't know the war had been done. Then I heard that the King of the Ages had fought all my battles for me and victory was mine for the claiming and now praise His name I am freed.”