

CALL to PRAYER - On this Lord's Day let us return thanks for the Lord's salvation – Jonah 2:9c

John 19:30 - Paid in Full

INTRO - The Gospel of God is about the Person and work of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. *Jesus is the good news.* He is the only good Person, & He fully accomplished the good work of salvation. The Gospel is about: God becoming man...doing a work as a Man...that only God could do. This work was of eternal weight & of eternal consequence...and this work got done...completed Jesus' work is like His word – you can't add to it or take away from it. It is finished/done/accomplished Everything we do in this world feels unfinished, it is always in flux and needs fixing/tweaking. We live in a never-ending cycle of incompleteness. The Good News is that salvation is complete. IT IS FINISHED! The Gospel calls us to have faith in what is finished & in *WHO* finished it. The preacher is to persuade sinners that punishment for sin has been paid in full by the God-Man Jesus Christ. FINAL WORDS IT IS FINISHED FAITH IN WHAT IS FINISHED

FINAL WORDS

Jesus uttered seven sayings while on the cross. The Sacred 7 *CrossWords*

1. Relinquish Luke 23:34
 - a. Jesus was giving the forgiving over to the Father. Not get even but sent it to heaven
2. Responsibility John 19:26-27
 - a. Arranges for the physical and spiritual care of His mother
3. Reassure Luke 23:42-43
 - a. Promises the repentant thief Paradise. No delay when he die but go directly to paradise
4. Rejection Mark 15:33-34 (Matt. 27:45-46)
 - a. The Son of God and Substitute for sinners is forsaken for them
5. Remembrance John 19:28
 - a. He remembers every detail of the decreed happenings and sufferings
6. Re_____
 - a. After accomplishing every element & act of righteousness required by the Father
 - b. ...after enduring the crushing totality of countless eternities of punishment...
 - c. The cry is heard - *"It is Finished"* The debt is paid and paid in full
 - d. Redemption is word about payment – liabilities are covered & debts are done
 - i. The cost of being forgiven is the price paid in Redemption

IT IS FINISHED

- These 3 words in English is but one word in Greek - *teleo* The gospel in one word
 - *"to accomplish/complete, not just to end it but bring it to perfection, its destined goal"*
 - *"to pay"* Matt. 17:24 Rom. 13:6
- Jesus paid a price that no-one else could pay or would pay
 - No-one else can afford our forgiveness because it requires a forever payment
 - 30-year mortgage on a house. Note burning after completion of obligation
 - Endless year mortgage on our sin. Forgiveness with the final eternal payment

- Jesus paid the obligation of perfection Matt. 5:48
 - He was obedient in life
 - He always did the will of the Father. well-pleased with the Son
 - Fulfilled all righteousness Matt. 3:15-17
 - A payment of perfect obedience. He never missed a payment
 - He was also obedient in death Phil. 2:8
 - Perfect in life. Perfect in death. Perfect payment
 - *“Jesus paid it all, all the Him I owe....”*
- Jesus paid a payment of eternal punishment
 - What Jesus completed on the cross was not just physical and temporal...
 - It was spiritual and eternal
 - Thousands of people suffered on Roman crosses
 - But only One suffered in the place of thousands/millions
 - Jesus paid for not just one sinner.....but for a world of sinners
 - The cumulative suffering and compounded interest of iniquity was charged to our Surety
 - The weight of that eternal payment would have crushed us for all eternity
 - It would never have been finished and paid....but Jesus paid it all!
 - Jesus bore the weight of our wickedness
 - He absorbed our liabilities and carried our debt
 - Of our eternal payment/punishment...Jesus says “IT IS FINISHED”
 - Only an eternal Person could make that eternal payment. *Jesus paid it all*
- Since Jesus paid it all we proclaim finished salvation...completed/accomplished
 - Not a *hope so salvation* but a *know so salvation*
 - Not maybe but surely not potential but actual not partial but paid
 - Not “might be saved” but“must be saved” Acts 4:12 Heb. 9:12 Heb. 10:12,14

FAITH IN WHAT IS FINISHED

1. We generally end our morning service with a call to have faith
 - a. The gospel proclamation had an imbedded invitation to believe the good news
2. A gospel invitation DOES NOT SAY
 - a. “Jesus has done all He can for you...now it is up to you...”
 - b. “Jesus did most of it, but you have to complete it”
 - c. “Jesus made salvation possible, but it is up to you to make it actual”
3. NO!!!!!! a true gospel invitation says....
 - a. Jesus has done it all.....He has completed it all....Jesus paid it all (Jonah 2:9c)
 - i. A partial payment is not good news...not the gospel
 - b. A gospel invitation declares that Jesus has finished a completed redemption for whoever believes
 - i. So, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved - Acts 16:31
 - ii. *IT IS FINISHED!*
 - c. Have faith in what is finished
 - d. Have faith in Who finished it