



The Word of VICTORY!

Famous Last Words – Part 6

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Jesus: "... I must FINISH THE WORK that God gave me to do." (John 4:34)

Knowing that ALL was NOW COMPLETED, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty"... After Jesus was given a drink he said, "IT IS FINISHED!" And with that, he bowed his head and GAVE UP his spirit." (John 19:28-30)

5 uses of "TETELESTAI"

- **Servant:** The task is completed!
- **Judge:** Justice has been served!
- **Accountant:** The debt has been paid in full!
- **Artist:** The picture is finished!
- **Priest:** The perfect offering has been given!

WHAT DID JESUS "FINISH" ON THE CROSS?

1. HE FULFILLED WHAT GOD HAD PROMISED US.

Jesus said, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations." (Luke 24:44-47 NIV)

All of God's promises have been fulfilled in him! That's why we say 'Amen!' when we give glory to God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT)

2. HE SATISFIED WHAT GOD'S JUSTICE REQUIRED.

The law of Moses could not save us because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that THE REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW would be fully accomplished for us.... (Romans 8:3-4 NLT)

After Jesus had FINISHED HIS WORK, he became the source of eternal salvation for EVERYONE who obeys him. (Hebrews 5:9 GW)

Christ ended the law so that everyone who believes in him may be right with God. (Romans 10:4 NCV)

3. HE PAID OFF THE DEBT THAT I OWED GOD.

We owed a debt because we've broken God's laws. That debt listed all the rules we've failed to follow. But God forgave our debt, and he cancelled our debt by nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:14 ICB)

God's Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven. (Colossians 1:14 GW)

4. HE DEFEATED THE FEAR OF DEATH.

The sin of one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us, but all who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:17 NLT)

Jesus became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT)

5. HE DESTROYED SATAN'S POWER TO CONTROL ME.

Through Temptation

God has freed us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. (Colossians 1:13 NCV)

Through Condemnation

God took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and He openly displayed to the whole world Christ's triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away. (Colossians 2:15 LB)

Saving is ALL his idea, and ALL his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to FINISH! (Ephesians 2:8 MSG)