

"It is FINISHED!" - John 17:4-5

• His COMPLETION - the Cross

- "I have glorified You on the earth. I have **finished the work** which You have given Me to do."
 - **"..I have finished the work.."**
 - This is **THE** major work the LORD has wanted to accomplish for His creation
 - Creation..
 - Communication..
 - Preservation..
 - REDEMPTION!!
 - It was announced in the Garden - **Gen 3:15**
 - It was promised to Abraham - **Gen 12:3**
 - It was repeated to Isaac, Jacob - **Num 24:17**
 - It was extended to Jacob's son Judah - **Micah 5:2**
 - It was affirmed to king David - **2 Sam 7:16**
 - It climaxed during the "Christmas story" with the offspring of David, a humble man named Joseph - **Matt 1:20-21**
 - But it was now **COMPLETED** by the Son of David, the Root of David, the Greater than David - Jesus Christ (The Lion of Judah)
 - This **COMPLETION** of the work of **REDEMPTION** is referenced countless times in the New Testament:
 - John 17:4 - **"..finished the work.."**
 - John 1:29 - **"..takes away the sins of the world."**
 - John 15:13 - **"Greater love has no one..."**
 - John 3:16 - **"God so loved the world..."**
 - John 19:30 - **"It is finished!"**



- **JESUS' WORK IS NOW COMPLETED!** Do you realize this?!
 - **Hebrews 10:10–18 (NKJV):** "...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin."
 - Do **YOU** live like the work of Jesus is completed... or are you still **trying to add** to it?
 - Do **YOU** truly live like all your sins are washed away... or are you **condemned**?

• His RESTORATION - the Crown

- "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the **glory which I had** with You before the world was."

- **“.. the glory..”**
 - This is the Greek word **“doxa”** meaning “weightiness, heaviness, honor, renown, glorious greatness”
- **“..which I had with you, before the world was..”**
 - This is **the restoration of Christ to His eternal glory** which He possessed prior to the incarnation, as the eternal, God the Son:

▪ **John 1:1 (NKJV)** - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

▪ **Colossians 1:15–17 (NKJV)** - “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

▪ **Hebrews 1:2–3 (NKJV)** - “..has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power..”

▪ **Philippians 2:9–11 (NKJV)** - “... even the death of the Cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

▪ **Daniel 7:13–14 (NKJV)** - “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.”

▪ **Isaiah 6:1–3 (NKJV)** - “I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

▪ **Revelation 5:11–13 (NKJV)** - Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

- Is this the Jesus that **YOU** worship?
- Is this the Jesus that **YOU** think of at Christmas time?
- Is this **YOUR** Jesus... the real Jesus Who is **Lord, God, King, and Creator**?