

Breathe! Part Two

'It is finished...He gave up...'

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Text:

John 19:28-30 NKJV

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Main Thought:

We often hear the phrase 'the finished work of Jesus', but what does it mean? What benefit is that to me today? Why is it important?

3 Commonly Held Lies:

1. Removing sin **starts** a relationship with God.
2. Removing sin is **contingent** on continuing a relationship with God.
3. The more sin is **removed** the closer I get to God.

The powerlessness of works based, performance driven righteousness:

Romans 8:3 NKJV

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh...

Gal. 3:21 NKJV

Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

Heb. 7:18 Message

The former way of doing things, a system of commandments that never worked out the way it was supposed to, was set aside; ¹⁹ the law brought nothing to maturity. Another way—Jesus!—a way that does work, that brings us right into the presence of God, is put in its place.

Another Way!

Exodus 19:4-5 (MSG)

'You have seen ... how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to me.

Romans 8:1,2 ESV

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Replace the 3 lies with 3 truths:

1. Removing sin does **not** start a relationship with God.
2. Removing sin is **not** contingent on continuing a relationship with God.
3. Sin reduction is a **byproduct** of walking with God.

Romans 2:4 (NLT)

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Walking in Freedom By;

1. Dead **Reckoning**

Romans 6:11 NKJV

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:6 NKJV

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Christ did not just die for you...He died **with** you!

Romans 6:7-10 NKJV

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

2. **Set Your Mind**

Romans 8:5,6 NKJV

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 7:18 NKJV *...in my flesh nothing good dwells*

Romans 12:2 NKJV

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

3. Awake to Righteousness!

1 Corinthians 15:34 NKJV

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God.

Romans 5:17 NKJV

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

4. Walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-19 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Phil. 2:12,13 NIV

continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Romans 10:3,4NKJV

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.