

John 19:30 — "It Is Finished!"

Since the foundation of the world there never was a single word uttered, in which such diversified and important matter was contained. Every word indeed that proceeded from our Savior's lips deserves the most attentive consideration: but *Tetelestai* eclipses all. (Charles Simeon)

The Tragic Teaching of "Another Gospel" of the Roman Catholic Church. [CCC = Catechism of Catholic Church]

- CCC-1367: "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist [Mass] are one single sacrifice: ... In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner."
 - CCC-1405: "Every time this mystery [Mass] is celebrated, 'the work of our redemption is carried on!'"
 - CCC-1324: The Mass is "the source and summit of the Christian life."
- But the Bible teaches that *it is finished!* Jesus paid it all on the Cross!
 - Christ's death was a real atoning death. a real substitutionary death. a real saving death. it was a propitiating death. See 2 Cor 5.21; Isa 53.4-5; Rom 8.3; Gal 3.13; 1 Pet 3.18; 1 John 2.2

**THESIS — John 19.30 teach us that the work of redemption, the crosswork of Christ is FINISHED!
IT. IS. FINISHED.**

I. The PLAN — IT!

**What is finished?*

1. Old Testament types, shadows, prophecies!
2. God's Plan!
3. Perfect Obedience!
4. Complete Propitiation
5. Satan Crushed!

God neither asks nor accepts any other sacrifice than that which Christ offered once for all upon the cross. (Spurgeon)

II. The PERMANENCE — IS!

- When we speak of a FINISHED work — this includes the following permanent realities:
 1. **Atonement** - Christ made blood atonement to cover you from wrath.
 2. **Expiation** - Christ clears away your sin and the guilt of it
 3. **Propitiation** - Christ's death appeased, satisfied the divine anger toward you for your sin.
 4. **Redemption** - Christ went and redeemed you/bought you/liberated you from the inescapable bondage of your sin
 5. **Reconciliation** - Christ has reconciled you to God the Father - Justice smiles and asks no more! You're reconciled!
 6. **Satisfaction** - Christ satisfied the Law and its demands that you failed to keep; he satisfied divine punishment for you!
 7. **Substitution** - Christ became the curse FOR US; He became sin FOR US; He died FOR ME! in my stead. in my place!

Eternity will be needed to understand all that *Tetelestai* contains! (AW Pink)

III. The PERFECTION — ***FINISHED!***

- Man's religion says "DO"; God's religion pronounces "DONE".
 - a) Sin is atoned for (Hebrews 9.12)
 - b) Satan is defeated and powerless (Hebrews 2.14)
 - c) every requirement is satisfied (Romans 3.25)
 - d) every prophecy is fulfilled (Romans 10.4)
 - e) Nothing can be added to it (Galatians 2.21)
 - f) Salvation is by God's grace (Ephesians 2.8-9)

There is nothing for God to do. "It is finished." There is nothing for you to do. "It is finished." Christ need not bleed. "It is finished." You need not weep. "It is finished." God the Holy Spirit need not delay because of your unworthiness, nor need you delay because of your helplessness. "It is finished." Every stumbling block is rolled out of the road; every gate is opened. The bars of brass are broken, the gates of iron are burst asunder. "It is finished." Come and welcome; come and welcome! (Spurgeon)

We have a Savior who has DONE all, PAID all, ACCOMPLISHED all, and performed ALL that is necessary for our salvation. (JC Ryle)

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.
(James Montgomery)