

IT IS FINISHED: ABSOLUTE REDEMPTION IN CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

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Isaiah 53:1-12

The Lord's Supper

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” John 19:30

Scripture reveals why Christ came to earth. “He was manifested to take away our sins” (I John 3:5). The angel told Joseph, “He shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8). “The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).

“Now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Hebrews 9:26). “Jesus Christ . . . hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (II Timothy 1:10). “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Galatians 3:13). “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, [Christ] took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:14, 15)..

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. . . . Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Romans 8:1-4, 33, 34). “Thou art worthy, . . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

When Jesus said “It is finished,” He signified that these purposes were accomplished in His crucifixion. Christ finished the work of redemption; nothing was left undone. Everything needed to save every soul that will be saved was finished by Christ upon the cross. This must be stressed often, for it is a truth that is continually challenged by the assumption that man can/must do something to win God's favor and to save his own soul.

Centuries before Christ's appearance, Isaiah foretold the accomplishments of Christ's crucifixion:

v. 5 “ . . . with his stripes we are healed”

v. 6 “ . . . the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all”

v. 10 “ . . .when thou shalt make his soul and offering for sin, he shall see his seed”

v. 11 “ . . . he shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied”

“ . . . he shall justify many”

- v. 12 Christ triumphed because: “He hath . . .
 Poured out his soul unto death
 And he was numbered with the transgressors;
 And he bear the sin of many
 And made intercession for the transgressors.”