

God Determines the Details of Death

John 19:30–42

John 19:30–42 (NKJV)

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “*Not one of His bones shall be broken.*”

³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “*They shall look on Him whom they pierced.*”

³⁸ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby.

Introduction:

All of us come from different background and have completely different histories. We are all born at different times. Yes even twins, have a different minute on the clock.

We may have different parents, different brothers and sisters. We have different likes and dislikes. We have different skills, talents and gifts. Some of us can sing others make a joyful noise. Some are great with talking with people, others would rather live in a cabin in a far away land..

But we all have 3 things in common and they are exactly the same.

We all are sinners who have need of the Same Savior who's death is sufficient to save us from the wrath of God for our sin.

And we all have the same appointment. And that appointment is death.

We all die.

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Genesis 3:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat *of* it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you *are*,
And to dust you shall return.”

Ezekiel 18:4 (NKJV)

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The soul who sins shall die.

Death is the great enemy of life, it is the one thing that is dreaded more than any other event in our lives.

It is the one thing that causes more anxiety and depression than any other thing

There is a study of death....

Thanatology is the study of death, dying, and the means by which human beings cope with death. The word itself is derived from the Greek word *thanatos*, meaning “death.” Today, thanatology mostly involves a forensic approach to death mechanisms as well as psychological aspects of the grieving process. While the study of death might seem an odd topic, it is an important part of understanding biology and medicine. Thanatology is also cited in debates over topics such as [assisted suicide](#), [abortion](#), and [organ transplants](#).

Thanatology did not exist as a semi-formal discipline until after World War II. Psychologists, scientists, and philosophers struggling to grasp the enormous death tolls of the war began to organize their thoughts into a more structured study. This endeavor eventually grew into modern thanatology, focusing primarily on biological mechanisms of

death and psychological effects on the dying and their survivors.

The oft-cited Kubler-Ross model, commonly known as the “five stages of grief,” is related to thanatology in that it was initially meant to refer to how human beings respond to a terminal diagnosis. This cycle of “denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance” is not necessarily accepted as accurate by all modern thanatologists, but it is probably the most well-known product of thanatology in popular culture.<https://www.gotquestions.org/thanatology.html>

We spend a lot of time, effort and money trying to prevent death.

We spend millions to build better cars, more reliable airplanes, We spend billions in research on medications and healthcare, all in an attempt to prolong life and ward off death.

23 Billion a year is spent on vitamins alone.

And for scientists who have yet come up with a foolproof way to prevent the inevitable. They attempt what they call a “rescue”.

In the desert climate of Scottsdale, Arizona rest 147 brains and bodies, all frozen in liquid nitrogen with the goal of being revived one day.

It's not science fiction — to some it might not even be science — yet thousands of people around the world have put their trust, lives and fortunes into the promise of cryonics, the practice of preserving a body with antifreeze shortly after death in hopes future medicine might be able to bring the deceased back.

"If you think back half a century or so, if somebody stopped breathing and their heart stopped beating we would've checked them and said they're dead," said Max More, CEO of the Scottsdale-based Alcor. "Our view is that when we call someone dead it's a bit of an arbitrary line. In fact they are in need of a rescue."

That "rescue" begins the moment a medical doctor declares a patient to be dead. It's then that Alcor's team prepares an ice bath and begins administering 16 different medications and variations of anti-freeze, until the patient's temperature drops to near freezing.

"The critical thing is how fast we get to someone and how quickly we start the cooling process," he said. In order to ensure that can happen, Alcor stations

equipped teams in the UK, Canada, and Germany and offers members a \$10,000 incentive to legally die in Scottsdale, where the record for getting a patient cooled down and prepped for an operation is 35 minutes.

Next, a contracted surgeon removes a patient's head if the member selected Alcor's "Neuro" option, as it's euphemistically called, in hopes that a new body can be grown with a member's DNA once it comes time to be thawed out. It's also the much cheaper route. At a price tag of \$80,000, it's more than half the cost of preserving your whole body. "That requires a minimum of \$200,000, which isn't as much as it sounds, because most people pay with life insurance,"

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/innovation/company-will-freeze-your-dead-body-200-000-n562551>

Even with all this attempt to prolong life and prevent death, and even to reduce a body in the future,

Yet still

In 2020, approximately 3,358,814 deaths† occurred in the United States.

9434 per day

393 per hour

6.5 persons per minute.

this does not include the murder of a child through abortion every 37 seconds.

Now, if you ever wondered about the reality of death and the origin of it. You have to go back to Genesis 2

Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Death is no surprise to God, in fact it is a direct result of the punishment for sinful rebellion and disobedience to God.

But just as any Just Judge would be deeply grieved if He had to punish his own child for disobeying the law. So God is Holy and Just and disobedience the the Supreme Judge of the Universe brings the most severe of

punishments.... it does not mean that God is not grieved deeply with this.

Ezekiel 18:32 (NKJV)

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

Jesus express this same passion.

Matthew 23:37–38 (NKJV)

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ See! Your house is left to you desolate;

Matthew 24:2 (NKJV)

² And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall

be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Josephus claims that 1.1 million people were killed during the siege, of which a majority were Jewish.

Jesus was well acquainted with death and the grief and anguish it brings.

John 11:33–36 (NKJV)

³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

Jesus not only understands the pain of Death, but he came to end it. He would die so that you and I would not have to.

Hebrews 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

And lest we get lost in the details of the crucifixion as amazing and horrific as they are... we do not want to forget or miss the eternal transaction that is taking place here.

And this brings us to the events of the crucifixion...

Review

John 19:16–29 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led *Him* away.

¹⁷ And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in

Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS

²⁰ Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, *and* Latin.

²¹ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.” ’ ”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

*“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”*

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of

Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “**Woman, behold your son!**” ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, “**Behold your mother!**” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

²⁸ 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.

Lesson

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

As we noted before, Jesus was in complete control of His death and I would like to take a moment and expand to this and apply it.

John 10:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ ...I lay down My life that I may take it again.
¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

With all the attempts to kill Jesus, none succeeded because He was the one in control of His timing of His death.

John 8:58–59 (NKJV)

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

John 10:39 (NKJV)

³⁹ Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

Luke 4:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. ³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

He would not and could not die until the appointed time,

And as hard as the leaders and crowds may have tried to stone Him or push Him over a cliff. He could not and would not die before the appointed time. He was totally and absolutely in control of the timing of His death.

He often referenced this

John 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Jesus said to her, **“Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”**

John 7:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Then Jesus said to them, **“My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.”**

John 7:8 (NKJV)

8 You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.”

John 7:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

John 8:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

But then when the time had come, He was fully conscious of the timing of His Father for His death.

John 12:23 (NKJV)

²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, “**The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.**”

John 13:1 (NKJV)

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

He would be born when God determined and He would die when He determined. Not a minute sooner and not a minute later.

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, **in due time** Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6 (NASB95)

6 For while we were still helpless, **at the right time** Christ died for the ungodly.

Galatians 4:4 (NKJV)

⁴ But when the **fullness of the time** had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Ephesians 1:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that in the dispensation of **the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

This is true for us too. You cannot and will not die before your preappointed day of death...This date is in the hands of God....

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Job 14:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Since his days *are* determined,
The number of his months *is* with You;
You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

Job 30:23 (NKJV)

²³ For I know *that* You will bring me *to* death,
And *to* the house appointed for all living.

Acts 17:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Revelation 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

Luke 12:16–20 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” ’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’

Some might say that they are autonomous beings and they have ultimate control over their death...but that is not true. God is the one who has the keys to life and to death. He has the ultimate control

Revelation 9:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ And they were not given *authority* to kill them, but to torment them *for* five months. Their torment *was* like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

Death, all death is with the boundaries of Gods Sovereignty.

You will not die a day early or a day late. You will not show up to heaven and surprise God.

Just as much as Jesus had control over the kind of death He would die and the timing of His death.

He has same control over the kind and circumstances of your death and the timing of your death.

That has already been marked out long ago. So when we are filled with fear for the diagnosis the Doctor will give

Or we are unsure of cure for the cancer we may have.

Or we find ourselves filled with anxiety when our child drives off in the car for the first time alone.

Be assured, You and your child are in the Hands of a perfectly wise and loving God, who loves you and your child.

The Best that can happen to the child of God is death.

For it is the gateway to the Throne of God. It opens Heaven for the Believer. It makes our faith Real, It releases us from the last strappings of sin. It cures all illness and relieves all anxiety. It reveals the beauty of God's plan for all eternity. It is precious in the sight of God. It is Joy in Heaven.

Luke reminds us

Luke 16:22 (NKJV)

²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

Paul reminds us

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Look back at verse 30 with me,

_____ **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

This death is unlike any death in the history of the world.... No man ever died as Christ died.

This man was innocent, and I mean absolutely innocent.. We are not talking about a mistake of a sentence, where he was pronounced guilty of a crime He did not commit and suffered unjustly at the hands of a human court.

No no, we was truly innocent. He had no sin and died not for His sin but for yours.

There was nothing he ever thought of or did that should have given Him the least of all punishments.

He was guiltless, sinless, harmless, pure, holy, fully and truly obedient to God.

Never a wrong motive, never a wrong thought, never a wrong actions, never a desire to disobey.

No man ever accomplished what Christ did in His death...

No mere man could accomplish anything in death as Christ did.

All a man could do is receive what was justly do him

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death....

There is another point I want to amplify some.
That is the the term.

tetelestai

In the Greek text, the cry itself is one word, *tetelestai* (cf. notes on v. 28). As an English translation, *It is finished* captures only part of the meaning, the part that focuses on completion. Jesus' work was done.

to be fully accomplished ⇔ **be perfected** v. — to be or become thoroughly or entirely accomplished; conceived of as becoming perfect or complete.

The verb *teleō* from which this form derives denotes the carrying out of a task, and in religious contexts bears the overtone of fulfilling one's religious obligations. Accordingly, in the light of the impending cross, Jesus could earlier cry, 'I have brought you glory on earth by completing (*teleiōsas*; i.e. by accomplishing) the work you gave me to do' (17:4). 'Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them *eis telos*—not only 'to the end' but to the full extent mandated by

his mission. And so, on the brink of death, Jesus cries out, *It is accomplished!*

Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (p. 621). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

John 4:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

The word

tetelestai is translated perfect or perfected

1 John 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is **perfected** in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 John 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been **perfected** in us.

1 John 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Love has been **perfected** among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

So when Jesus says "It is finished." He is saying, that it is perfected, it is completed. Not lacking anything. No additions need be added. No more death needs to happen, no more obedience needs to be added.

The Design and purpose of the death of Christ was accomplished.

Theologians like to use terms like

Efficient and Sufficient. Actual and Effectual.

1. Efficient - It accomplish its intended purpose and produces its maximum result. It does what it was intended to do with no waste. No wasted effort. No wasted death, no wasted wrath. No wasted atonement.. No goals were not met. He dies for the sins of His people and the sins of His people are completely paid for. He receives the wrath for His people and the wrath is completely satisfied. The unpayable debt of the sinner is paid completely canceled. There is no... Jesus paid for your sins but if your reject it you will pay for your sins in Hell..

No double jeopardy here.

2. Sufficient—this has to do with the value and power of the atonement, not the extent of it. It has to do with the value of the person who died and the Supreme nature of the Judge who carried out the act of Justice on His Son.

In other words, If God had intended to save the entire world of sinners, which he could have if He chose to, the life and death of Jesus would be sufficient to pay for all the sin for all the world of all the sinners who ever lived.

He would not have to die more death or more often. He would not have to suffer longer or more excruciatingly painful death. What Jesus in his 33 years on this planet and what He did in the 6 hours on the cross is infinite in value, limitless in value. There is no way the value of his life and death ever runs out of power, and efficacy to save. IT is infinite.

And it is infinite because the one who died is infinite. The value and supremacy of Christ is limitless, it has no end.

Also, the God the Father who executed His Son on the Cross is the infinite Judge. There is no Higher Judge than God. IF He declares His justice satisfied, then it is infinitely and limitlessly

satisfied. IT is complete. There is not end. Be cause He is infinite, His judgments are infinite. It is like the appeals courts in America. If you are ruled guilty in a court of law, You can appeal to a higher court all the way to the Supreme Court. The higher the court the higher the authority. And even if your are found guilty by a court, the President of the United States can Pardon you. So the highest court is Heaven, and the Highest Judge is God. And He is infinite. So declaration of the acceptance of the Death of Christ is infinite in value by the one who declared it so and the infinite value of the one who died.

3. Actual Atonement — this means it was real atonement, that had actual sin applied to the Son of God. The real sinful acts and sinful thoughts and sinful motives of a huge number or people that no one can number were actually laid on Him and He received the wrath of God for those sins and those alone.

This is distinguished from a Potential atonement that can only potentially save if the sinner is willing to receive it of which there is no guarantee of assurance that any sinner will. God

will then draw all men without exception to the cross as an act of prevenient grace and then it will be left up to them to make a choice of their own free will uninfluenced by the Holy Spirit. Behind this thought is the atonement has paid for all the sin of all the people in all the world, past present and future, even the ones that are currently in Hell paying for their sins. This is only a potential atonement and is only provided but not for anyone specifically but is generally open to anyone who will take it of their own free will.

.....the only problem is that all the people are dead and can't come and unless the Father draws them (John 6:44) no one will come.

..... and no one wants it. It is a stumbling block to the Jews and it is foolishness to the Gentiles.

And men are suppressing the truth about God and Christ and do not seek God at all.....

Romans 8 says that men are hostile to God...

4. Effectual Atonement —it is successful and effective. It does not fail. It accomplishes its purpose. It saves, It forgives, It pays debt, It redeems, It atones, it propitiates, it reconciles. it

justifies, it sanctifies, it secures, it guarantees. It cleans, it make holy.

The entire intended purpose of the cross is accomplished. He was the successful substitute. No work is left to do.

It is different from Efficient.

Effectual means it works or it is successful.

Efficient means it is successful with not waste.

It is like

John 6:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Also

All that Christ died for will be saved. All that he died for will be forgiven, will be redeemed, will be reconciled, will be justified, will be sanctified, are secure and will be glorified.

Although we don't have time to do an exhaustive study on the nature of the Atonement. There are many reputable resources you can look at and read more on.

But the most important resource is the Bible
 Let's just consider a few verses that show the
 Actual, Efficient, and Sufficient, Effectual Atonement
 of Christ.

When the six hours on Cross came to an end, it
 says He said

30, **“It is
 finished!”** And bowing His
 head, He gave up His spirit.

It was perfect, accomplished, done, finished,
 completed, final.

**1. Christ came not to enable men to be saved
 or to provide a way for them to be potentially
 saved, But rather to actually save.**

Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you
 shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His
 people from their sins.”

not might save but will save.

No Failure Here

Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

has come — aorist

to seek — aorist

to save — aorist not hopefully save

was lost — — Perf act Part (the ones being and remaining lost) those who have been and are.

No Failure Here

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made (Aorist) Him who knew (aorist) no sin *to be* sin for (huper) us, that (hina) we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

God made Christ sin so that, for the purpose that we might become the righteousness of God.

No Failure Here

Galatians 1:3–4 (NKJV)

³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave (Aorist) Himself

for(**hyper**) our sins, **that** He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

for(**hyper**)

Its common use there is in the sense “on behalf of,” “for the benefit of,” followed by a personal term. See, e. g., chap. 2:20; 1 Cor. 1:13; Rom. 5:6 ff. The modification of this meaning which the preposition necessarily undergoes when used with an abstract noun gives it a telic force, “to accomplish something for, or in respect to,” the thing to be accomplished being in each case implied in the nature of the thing which stands as the object of the preposition

Burton, E. D. W. (1920). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians* (p. 12). New York: C. Scribner's Sons.

for **the** sins of us. definite article
that ὅπως

as a conj. marker expressing purpose for an event or state, **(in order) that**

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). *A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature* (3rd ed., p. 718). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

No Failure Here

Galatians 1:4 (ESV) better translation

⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

Christ gave himself for the purpose of delivering us not for the hope delivering us.

No Failure Here

1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came (**arist**) into the world to save (**arist**) sinners, of whom I am chief. (**ego eimi Pres. A.I**)

He did not say He came to provide salvation

No Failure Here

Titus 2:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
¹⁴ who gave (**arist**) Himself for us, that (**hina**) He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed and purify (**arist**) for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

redeem to liberate ⇔ **ransom v.** — to liberate, conceived of as redeeming a captured person by paying the price demanded for his return.

No Failure Here

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered (**aorist**) once for (**peri**) sins, the just for (**huper**) the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death (**aorist P.Part**) in the flesh but made alive (**aorist P.Part**) by the Spirit,

It does not say that Christ suffered once concerning sins, the just on behalf of the unjust that he might provide an access to God.

No, He suffered in order that He (Christ himself) (will bring us to God)

No failure Here.

2. Christ came not to enable men to be reconciled or to provide a way for them to be potentially reconciled , But rather to actually reconcile.

Romans 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled **(aorist pass I)** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled **(aorist pass pt)** , we shall be saved **(future passive)** by His life.

He does not say that he provided a potential reconciliation, but rather it is accomplished that you are actually reconciled.

No failure Here.

Ephesians 2:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For He Himself is **(pres)** our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down **(aorist)** the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having **abolished** **(aorist)** in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making **(pres)** peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile **(aorist)** them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death **(aorist)** the enmity.

He does not say that made potential peace and provided a potential break down of the wall,

potentially abolishing the enmity providing potential peace thereby providing a potential reconciliation that would cause in the future the putting to death of the hostility.

abolished Trans. in the sense of “to render inactive,” “to condemn to inactivity” (χέρρα, Eur. Phoen., 753), “to put out of use

Delling, G. (1964–). [ἀργός, ἀργέω, καταργέω](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 1, p. 452). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

No failure Here.

Colossians 1:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled (**aorist**) ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

No failure Here.

3. Christ came not to enable men to be escape the wrath of God or to provide a way for them to be potentially escape the wrath of God , But rather to actually take the real wrath you deserved and to exempt you from the wrath of God

Romans 3:23–25 (NKJV)

²³ for all have sinned (**aorist**) and fall short (**pres**) of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified (**Pres Pass pt**). freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth (**aorist middle**) as a propitiation by His blood (**cross**), through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

We actually have sinned and are continually falling short of the glory of God and we are actually being made righteous through the real actual purchase that set us free from sin and death, by Jesus Christ actually taking the wrath I deserved on Him on the Cross.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us (aorist) and sent (aorist) His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

In Steven Lawson's ...book, The Gospel Focus of Charles Spurgeon,

It is clear that Spurgeon understood that the *intent* of Christ's death He explained: "Christ came into this world with the intention of saving 'a multitude which no man can number;' and we believe that as the result of this, every person for whom He died must, beyond a shadow of a doubt, be cleansed from sin, and stand, washed in the blood, before the Father's throne."

"A redemption which pays a price, but does not ensure that which is purchased—a redemption which calls Christ a substitute for the sinner, but yet which allows the person to suffer—is altogether unworthy of our apprehensions of Almighty God."

Such a nebulous belief, he insisted, grossly dishonors God, especially His justice, and distorts

the saving purpose of Christ in His substitutionary death.

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/charles-spurgeon-calvinism-definite-atonement/>