

## It Is Finished

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Introduction: Which Covenant do you recognize as yours? You can determine that by how you pray.

John 19:30 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>30</sup> *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

**Jesus Said:**

Luke 4:18 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>18</sup> *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

- **The Spirit of God is upon me, because He hath... (Past Tense)**
- **Past tense in scripture means: "accomplished or prepaid in full!"**
- **Meeting the standards "to receive" is old testament..."Earning A Promise" (works mentality)**
- **Receiving a Promise "Is to believe the promise is already paid for". You simply receive a gift and thank the Giver. (New testament mentality)**

1 Peter 2:24 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>24</sup> **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

Isaiah 53:5 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

Stop Praying to receive and waiting to receive! "Start thanking God for the finished works of Jesus."

Stop Begging God for what is a finished work or promise. That is seen as unbelief or ignorance of the works of Christ.

## Introversion: Satan's tool

God won't do that for me. God won't use Me. God won't heal me...

Think about that!

Think about what you are thinking about...

Jeremiah 1:5-7 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

<sup>6</sup>Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

THE WORK IS ALREADY DONE...Evidence of the unseen  
FAITH IS BASED ON A COMPLETED WORK. FAITH IS NOW.

Hebrews 11:1 King James Version (KJV)

*11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

“For the believer, right thinking is a vital necessity. Just as the heart or oxygen is vital to the life of the body, a vital necessity is something so important that one simply cannot live without it. You cannot

have a positive faith life and a negative mindset.”

You are going to become what you think.

One translation of Proverbs 23: 7 says: “As a man thinks in his heart, so does he become.”

This scripture alone is an indication of how vital it is that we are careful about what we think.

- Thoughts are powerful.
- They have creative ability.
- They shape your life.

Philippians 1:6 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

John 1:16 Living Bible (TLB)

<sup>16</sup>We have all benefited from the rich blessings he brought to us—blessing upon blessing heaped upon us!

John 14:10 Living Bible (TLB) Jesus Said:

<sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say are not my own but are from my Father who lives in me. And he does his work through me.

By Faith Confessions appropriate what is already done,

- He said we were Healed and We are Healed!
- He said He meets all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus!
- He Delivers us from all my afflictions!
- He said I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!
- He said Nothing is too difficult for Him!
- He said nothing would be impossible to him who believes!

Jude 24-25 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>24</sup> Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Closing

"What does it mean to 'fall from grace' (Galatians 5:4)

Paul's warning against mixing law and the Gospel to attain justification.

(Galatians 5:2) **that they are "trying to be justified by law" and have therefore "been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."**

*What you think is what you get, for better or for worse, it is entirely up to you!*

*Therefore if you want to change your life, if you are not happy with the state of your health, you have got to change your thinking!*

Jesus said "**according to your faith be it unto you**" in Matthew 9:29

Jesus finished EVERY SINGLE PROBLEM that we could ever face in this earth—during that defining moment on the cross that would change our lives forever. All our sins that we could not wash away by our own efforts have been forgotten through His ultimate sacrifice.

Who am I to be worthy of such a gift from my Father?

*Yet despite all of my shortcomings, He has still chosen to show me how much He truly loves me through this act.*

Romans 8:32 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

I truly pray for every soul to experience this life-changing realization—that Jesus, His Son, is the only way to restore our once-broken relationship with God; the only way to be freed from Satan's vise; to be guaranteed abundant and eternal life in Heaven after this short time on earth.

In Hosea 4: 6 God said, “My people perish for lack of knowledge.”