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YOU'VE ALREADY GOT IT

The very last words Jesus spoke from the cross before He died are found in John 19:30 – *'he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.'*

"It is finished!" weren't words of resignation or defeat. Notice the exclamation mark. These were words of victory. Jesus was declaring that He had completed everything that God sent Him to earth to do. The job was done completely and perfectly. That's why He could then 'give up His spirit'.

The Greek word which is translated 'It is finished' is 'tetelestai'. It is an accounting term that means 'paid in full.' If someone owed another person some money it would be recorded against their name. But when they paid what they owed, that sum on their account would be marked tetelestai – paid in full. They would no longer be in debt. They would be free. We owe God so much because of the sins each one of us have committed. It's a sum we could never pay. But Jesus paid it for us. He took the shame and guilt that was ours and suffered the punishment that we deserved so we wouldn't have to. What we owed is now marked 'paid in full' and we can walk free.

Jesus sat down at God's Right Hand

Hebrews 10:12 says that Jesus – *'when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.'* The priests in the Old Testament had to keep repeating the sacrifices they made because they were sinners themselves. But because Jesus was perfect, He only had to make one sacrifice of His own body and it stands for all time. The work was finished which meant Jesus could sit down, knowing He would never need to

repeat it. Ephesians 2:4-6 says – ‘*But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*’ Wow! Jesus sat down at the right hand of God when He had finished the work and then God raises us up to sit with Him when we accept that finished work for ourselves personally.

What Was the Work Jesus Finished?

So what was the debt that Jesus paid in full? Sin spoiled God’s original creation, so instead of living in paradise, we find ourselves living in a broken world, surrounded by pain, evil, fear and suffering. Jesus came to win the victory over it all so that we could walk into freedom. Colossians 1:14 says of Jesus – ‘*in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.*’ He finished the work. He didn’t leave it half done or do some of it and tell us to do the rest. No, He did it all and finished it perfectly.

Because Jesus finished the work on the cross, then everything He won for us is already done. And if it’s already done, then we’ve already got it. Look at some of the amazing things Jesus put an end to for us on the cross –

Separation from God

Isaiah 59:2 says – ‘*your iniquities have separated you and your God.*’ But through Jesus’s sacrifice on the cross, our forgiveness was won and we can now come into relationship with God. 2 Corinthians 5:19 says that – ‘*God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses.*’ If we are born-again, that is we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we are no longer separated from God by our sin.

Instead, we are reconciled with Him. Jesus became separated from His Father on the cross so we would never have to be and instead, would be able to be in a personal, intimate love relationship with Him. (To read about being born-again, go to the end of this booklet.)

Curses

When He gave the law to the Israelites, God set up a system of curses for disobeying the law and blessings for obeying it. Jesus won our freedom from these curses. Galatians 3:13 says that – *‘Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.’* He took the curse on Himself so we could be free of it, even when we sin. Jesus was cursed on the cross so we could be free from it and walk in the blessings of God instead.

Sickness

All sicknesses were included in the curses of the law and not one was included in the blessings, so the victory that He won for us over curses included over sicknesses. In the curses, God specified a lot of sicknesses and diseases and then covered every single possible one in Deuteronomy 28:61 – *‘The Lord will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed.’* In Isaiah 53:4 Isaiah then prophesied what Jesus would do, saying – *‘Surely he has borne our sickness and carried our suffering.’* And this was then confirmed of Jesus in Matthew 8:16-17 – *‘He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”’* Then finally Peter summed it all up in 1 Peter 2:24 saying – *‘You were healed by his wounds.’*

Just as Jesus became sin for us on the cross in order to redeem us from it, in the same way He took on all our sicknesses and diseases so we could be free of them all. Jesus suffered every kind of sickness and disease on the cross so we could receive health and healing.

Poverty

Poverty is also mentioned a lot in the curses God gave and never in the blessings. So again, because Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law, we are redeemed from poverty by Jesus's finished work on the cross. 2 Corinthians 8:9 says – *'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.'* I've often heard people say that this is talking about spiritual riches, not finances. But this verse comes in the middle of two chapters which are all about finances. And 2 Corinthians 9:8 says – *'And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work.'* Biblical prosperity isn't about having millions and living excessively. It's about having all you need and more so you can help and bless others.

Jesus became poor on the cross – He was naked and thirsty which is a definition of utter poverty. He did it so we could be free of all the limitations of poverty and receive His prosperity.

So What Have We Already Got?

We get the opposite of what Jesus became on the cross because, by paying the price for it, He won the victory over it all for us. We've already got it all. We don't need to ask for it. We just need to receive it with thanksgiving. Because Jesus finished the work, when we are born-again, all this is now ours– relationship with

God as our Father, the blessings of God, health and healing, biblical prosperity.

Relationship with God

Instead of separation from God, we've got an intimate love relationship with Him.

Blessings

Instead of curses when we get things wrong, we've got all the blessings of God. Ephesians 1:3 says – *'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.'*

Health and Healing

Instead of sickness and diseases we've got health and healing. 1 Peter 2:24 says – *'You were healed by his wounds.'*

Biblical Prosperity

Instead of poverty, we've got biblical prosperity. 2 Corinthians 9:8 – *'And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work.'*

And there's More

Fruit of the Spirit

When we are born-again, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and He brings His fruit with Him which immediately becomes ours. It is listed in Galatians 5:22-23 – *'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.'*

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

In the first three chapters of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul mentions so many things which we've already got. Read these

chapters through carefully noticing everything that is in the past tense or the present – all the things that you’ve already got because of Jesus. It will really encourage you. Here are a few of them to get you started –

God has freely given us His favour

We have been assigned an inheritance in Him

We have been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit

We have been made alive

We have access to the Father

We have been made fellow citizens in the household of God

We have boldness to come into God’s presence

Too Good to be True?

At this point, you may well be thinking, ‘But I am sick’ or ‘I am poor’ or ‘I’m not always patient and kind’, so how can this be true? I don’t think I’ve already got any of this.’

When you were born-again, God gave you a brand-new spirit to replace your old sinful one. This spirit is perfect and is just like Jesus. It is in here that you’ve already got everything that Jesus won for you on the cross. It is all yours in your spirit and you’ve already got it all. So the next question is – how do I get it from my spirit into my physical life. And the answer is – by renewing your mind in the truth of God’s word. This is what will make all you’ve already got become reality in your life.

Yes, the fact may be that you are sick, but the truth is that you are already healed. Start to dwell on that. Find the truth of it in God’s word and speak it out over yourself. This will build your faith and you will find yourself in an upward spiral. It’s not a one-off thing to do, but a new approach to how you think, speak and act that will start to bear fruit in your life. All the things you’ve already got through Jesus will begin to become physical realities.

There is nothing passive about this. You can't sit back and wait or just hope for the best. Make a decision and go for it – it's a life of wonderful discovery. You'll find doubt will start to disappear and your faith will grow stronger. Philemon 1:6 says – *'that the fellowship of your faith may become effective in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus.'* Wow! That's what we want isn't it – for our faith to be effective. Well the way to achieve that is to acknowledge everything that is already in our spirit through Jesus.

How Does This Change How You Pray?

It changes it completely. You will no longer be asking God to give you peace or begging Him to heal you or provide for you. You won't again need to ask for a touch from the Lord. There's no point in asking for what you've already got! How can He answer that prayer?!

For example, if you are ill, then thank God for the healing He's won for you and speak healing over yourself, commanding sickness to go in the Name of Jesus. Don't give up if things don't change straightaway – keep going in the truth and you will start to see victory.

You've Already Got It

The truth of all this has a huge impact on our understanding of Christianity and our personal walk with Jesus. If you get your head round this truth then everything will change. Instead of asking God to give you things and do things and then waiting passively, you can say 'Thank You' and walk into them through faith. But if you choose to disbelieve this, then you aren't using faith and you won't see the reality of it in your life.

Choose to believe you've already got it and step into all the wonderful things Jesus has already given you. Start to thank God for it all and expect to see it impact your life and it will.

Hebrews 12:2 says about Jesus – *'who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'* The joy Jesus could see wasn't you saying, 'No this can't be right – I need to earn these things or I need to beg God for them.' Where would be the joy in that for Him? No, the joy He could see was us walking into the truth of all that we've already got and it becoming reality in our lives. Hallelujah!

Being Born-Again

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour you become born-again. God becomes your Father and you His child, and you can start to enjoy your personal relationship with Him.

Romans 10:9 says – *'If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'* Say this prayer out loud and believe it in your heart – "Jesus, I declare that You are Lord and that God raised You from the dead to live forevermore. Thank You for dying for me personally. I receive my forgiveness and my salvation now. Thank You Jesus, my Lord and Saviour."

You are now born-again and Jesus has come to live in you. All your sins are forgiven, past, present and future, and you have a new perfect spirit. And after this life is over, you'll live in love, peace and joy with your Father God for ever.

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Do you realise
just how much Jesus won for you on the cross?
And because it's won, it's already yours.
Discover what you've already got
so you can stop asking God to give you these things.

Instead, take hold of them by faith
and see the difference it makes
in so many different ways.



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