"It is finished!"
were the final words Jesus spoke from the Cross.
It was a victory cry.
Find out what the finished work of Jesus is
and what it means for you,
as you enjoy all that He won for you in this life
as well as the next.
It's all part of your eternal life relationship
with God and with Jesus.

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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.

As a child of God, you now have a whole new family of brothers and sisters. Tell a trusted Christian that you are now born-again so they can help you in your new life in Jesus. And you have the Bible to help you understand and experience more of God's love for you and all Jesus has done and won for you. It will help you to live your life in the best possible way – His way.

It Is Finished!

The last words Jesus spoke from the Cross are recorded in John 19:30 – "*It is finished!*" What was He talking about? What did He mean? What exactly did Jesus finish as He hung on the Cross?

Before we answer those questions, look at what happened next in John 19:30 – '*Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit*.' We tend to think that the Cross killed Jesus, but that wasn't the case. He chose when to give up His spirit and die. And He did it as soon as He had completed what He came to do through His torture and crucifixion. Once it was finished there was no reason for Him to just hang there waiting to die. Jesus was in charge on the Cross. Thats really important to understand. He had said in John 10:17-18 – "*I lay down my life, that I may take it again. [18]No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. I received this commandment from my Father*." Once His work was finished, Jesus gave up His spirit and three days later He took it up again and came back to life.

So what was the work that was so important that Jesus had to hang on the Cross in unimaginable torment until it was finished?

Eternal Life

Jesus says in John 3:16 – "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life*." Jesus then explains what eternal life is in John 17:3 – "*This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ*." It's not just living forever – everyone will do that, either in

heaven or hell. It's living forever in a perfect love relationship with God and with Jesus and the only way we can enter into it is through the forgiveness of our sins. (To read more about eternal life, read my booklet 'What is Eternal Life?')

We receive our forgiveness by making Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Romans 10:9-11 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.* [10]*For with the heart one believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation.* [11]*For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed*."' When Jesus came back to life, He opened the way for all of us to be able to do so too.

If you have made Jesus your Lord and Saviour you are born-again and you already have eternal life and will continue living it in heaven with Jesus for all eternity. (To read more about being born-again, go to the end of this booklet.)

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is not only the ticket into eternal life, but also into everything else Jesus finished on the Cross. It is absolutely key.

There is no way we could ever earn or deserve a love relationship with God, because none of us could ever be perfect by our own effort – it's impossible. God is just and so He had to punish sin, but He is also love and wants us in His family as His sons and daughters. There was only one way for Him to resolve this – He sent His own Son, Jesus, to earth to take our punishment for us.

Faith

Jesus did it all for us, but we do need to respond. You need faith to receive your healing and prosperity in just the same way that you need faith to receive your salvation. So don't say healing and prosperity aren't for you, because you won't see them manifest in your life with that attitude. Decide to believe today that the complete finished work of Jesus is for you and start to look forward to its fulfilment in your life with thankfulness. Stick to it no matter what happens to you or around you and you will find it's true. God is faithful and He is good.

Let's Live in the Finished Work of Jesus

Because Jesus finished the work on the Cross, as a born-again believer you have eternal life right now – a personal, close love relationship with your Father God and with Jesus. Choose to believe it and live in it, thanking God that He has defeated sin with all its guilt and shame, and poverty and sickness too by destroying the works of the devil.

Thank You Jesus for finishing the work. Hallelujah!

Being Born-Again

When you acknowledge Jesus as God and decide to follow Him, you make Him your Lord. When you accept His sacrifice on the Cross for you personally, you make Him your Saviour. You are then born-again. God becomes your Father and you His child, and you can start to enjoy your personal relationship with Him.

like the umbrella that covers everything that Jesus finished as He hung on the Cross.

It was when Adam and Eve gave in to Satan's temptation that they sinned and the whole world became corrupted. Sickness and poverty resulted from that corruption. And also, Adam and Eve withdrew from their close relationship with God because they now felt guilt and shame. Sin was the root cause of all these things and Satan was the cause of sin. This means that when Jesus destroyed the works of the devil, He won victory over the guilt and shame of sin, over sickness and poverty, and over the loss of the experience of a relationship with God.

It was Satan who had wrecked everything and Jesus that restored it all. So it was when Jesus finished destroying the works of Satan that everything was done and He declared the victory, crying out, "It is finished!"

"It is Finished!"

Jesus didn't say, "I think I've done it," or "I hope I've done it," or "I've partly done it – you must do the rest!" or "That's enough for now – I'll finish it later." No, it was a cry of total victory as He declared "It is finished!" He did absolutely everything that was needed to be done. It's done and it can never be undone. No-one can add anything to it or take anything away from it. It stands forever.

The question for us today is – are we living in the truth of the finished work of Jesus or are we living as though He never defeated the works of the devil? Do you live passively with guilt and shame, with sickness and/or poverty? Or do you think, speak and act proactively, knowing it is all defeated and expecting to see the victory over it in your own life?

As God poured out all His anger for our sin on Jesus, sin was punished and justice was done. And because justice was done, we instantly became completely forgiven, and God could bring us into the love relationship He always wanted with us. We could have eternal life. All that God asks of us is that we accept what Jesus did for us personally and accept Him as our Lord and Saviour. If Jesus hadn't won our forgiveness for us, then we would never be able to be in God's presence and enjoy relationship with Him. Nor would we be able to receive everything else Jesus won for us on the Cross.

Jesus never sinned during His life, but He became sin for us on the Cross so we could be forgiven.

Healing

Matthew 8:16-17 says – '*When evening came, they brought to him many possessed with demons. 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*."' Have you ever wondered why Jesus carried our sicknesses? We know He carried our sins; in fact, He actually became sin on the Cross so we could be forgiven. In exactly the same way He carried our sicknesses so that we could be healed. 1 Peter 2:24 says – '*You were healed by his wounds*.' Jesus carried every sickness, disease, disability and medical condition as He was tortured and hung on the Cross.

Jesus never sinned during His life, but He became sin for us on the Cross so we could be forgiven. In exactly the same way, He was never sick during His life, but He became sick for us on the Cross so we could be healed.

The Bible uses the Greek word 'sozo' many times. It is usually translated as 'saved' but it also means 'physically healed' and 'rescued'. One example of this is when the woman with the issue of blood came to Jesus in Matthew 9:21-22 – '*for she said within herself, "If I just touch his garment, I will be **made well**." [22]But Jesus, turning around and seeing her, said, "Daughter, cheer up! Your faith has **made** you **well**." And the woman was **made well** from that hour*.' The word translated 'made well' is 'sozo', which was also translated 'saved' in Acts 4:12 when Peter said – "*There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that is given among men, by which we must be **saved**!*"

Salvation and healing are bound together. Jesus won our healing on the Cross in just the same way He won our forgiveness. It was part of the work Jesus finished. (To read more about this read my booklet 'God Wants You To Be Well'.)

Prosperity

It is often thought that Jesus was poor. He certainly left behind the glory of heaven and was born in a humble place to a humble family, but God brought riches to Him even as a baby through the gifts of the wise men.

During Jesus' ministry, when He wasn't travelling, He had a house in Capernaum at His disposal which He returned to regularly. One of His disciples was His treasurer. You don't have a treasurer if you haven't any money. The robe He wore to the Cross was of such quality that the soldiers decided to draw lots for it rather than tear it into sections.

It was on the Cross that Jesus became poor. Before the soldiers nailed Him to the Cross they stripped Him of His clothes and He

hung there with absolutely nothing. 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.*' This verse is sometimes interpreted as being about spiritual riches only. While God certainly wants us rich spiritually, this verse comes within two chapters which are solely and obviously about money. It is wrong to take it out of context. God didn't create Adam and Eve into poverty and He has never intended that any of His children should struggle in it.

Biblical prosperity isn't to do with hoarding millions in the bank or using all your money for your own benefit. God wants us to prosper so all our needs are easily met and we have abundantly more to use for His kingdom and to help others. Another verse in those two chapters is 2 Corinthians 9:8 which 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*.' This is true biblical prosperity.

Jesus never sinned during His life, but He became sin for us on the Cross so we could be forgiven. He was never sick during His life, but He became sick for us on the Cross so we could be healed. In exactly the same way, Jesus was never poor during His life, but He became poor for us on the Cross that we might be rich.

True biblical prosperity was part of the work Jesus finished on the Cross. (To read more about this read my booklet 'Prosperity?')

Victory Over the Devil

1 John 3:8 says – '*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil*.' This is