



Everything that can be done has been done for us through Christ. We can not add nor can we take away from His finished work on the Cross. **So what does the Lord require of us?**

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD

Micah 6:8 expresses the following to each of us: **"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."**

ACT JUSTLY

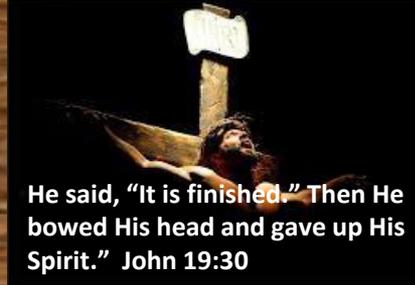
We must be fair and honest in all our dealings with others. The key to our walk, we must walk upright; we must not be double-minded . Our love walk must be in accordance with our walking justly. **For without love there is not only no gain, but, I am nothing without love** (1 Corinthians 13). Now! Let us as children of the most high God be fair and honest in all we do and walk upright in love.

LOVE MERCY

We must show genuine compassion and mercy (kindness) to those in need, desire to do good to others. We as Christians share what we have learned about the Word and about God to others, mercy should be included in this also. We must forgive, true forgiveness must be as is done in love (Colossians 3:13-14). Bare with each and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them (us) together in perfect unity. **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'** The second is this, **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'** There is no other commandment greater than these."

WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD

Humble means to take our opinions out of the equation, we must align our will with our Lord's will, for our Lord knows all and sees all and all success is in Him, for apart from Jesus I can do nothing. " (John 15:5) **I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** Walk humbly before Him and abide in Him. Secondly, we must be in a conscience state of godly fear - not frightened by Him, but like a child not wanting to disappoint a parent. Thirdly, We must be in constant prayer. Prayer is communication with God-He wants and desires our fellowship. Father God is personable and approachable. Be not proud! God oppresses the proud, but gives grace to the humble. All these things take place through the power and help of the Holy Spirit. **"And I am certain that God, Who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."** (Philippians 1:6)



He said, "It is finished." Then He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit." John 19:30

It is clear from Matthew and Mark that just before Jesus breathed His last, he **"Cried out again in a loud voice"** (Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37). John gives us the content of this loud cry: **"It is finished!"** It is interesting in this regard that the single word that Jesus spoke (which we translate as **'It is finished'**) was **'tetelestai'**. This

certainly has the meaning of completion (which is what it primarily means in the context of John 19:30) but it can also mean **'discharge a debt'** or **'paid in full'**. It was common to the Jews and Romans of that time because it was the word they wrote on a debt that someone had, once it was paid. So this **"VICTORY CRY"** of Jesus would have also meant to His hearers **"Paid in full!"** Those who are defeated go out with a whimper, but the Victor announces His victory loudly and broadly: **"It is finished!"** The victory shout of Jesus echoed across the small flat hilltop and to the world beyond. **It is finished!** It is a cry of accomplishment, but it is also an announcement of obedience fulfilled. This shout began in the painful will of the Father -- the cup, the baptism, the suffering, the cross.

BECAUSE OF HIS OBEDIENCE GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM



"It is finished" announces the full obedience of the One Who, though equal with God: **"... Made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death**

" -- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every Name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:7-11)



HE USHERED IN THE NEW COVENANT

Make no mistake. The ability to say, **"It is finished"** to the Father's commission was not the beginning of some kind of **"glory road,"** but the end. It was the final culmination of a life of obedience, humility, and suffering that now ushers in a new era call the New Covenant.

HIS FINISHED WORK OF THE CROSS

The cross in all its horror -- and in its redemptive power to bear the sins of the world -- hung heavily on Jesus during His last days in the flesh. His struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane was the climax, the point at which He surrendered ultimately to the Father's will. And now the cup had been drunk, the baptism completed. Now, this work of redemption involved the completion or end of many other things. So as a secondary application you could say that 'It is finished' applied to the following:

THE WORK OF REDEMPTION



'It is finished' applies to: (Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." Now with the completion of the sacrificial work of Christ, the new covenant is

Inaugurated. (Titus 2:14) "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, ..." We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and we celebrate it every time we go to the table and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

THE MOSAIC COVENANT WITH IT'S PRIESTHOOD, TEMPLE AND SACRIFICES

The apostle Paul declared this same great truth: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." (Romans 10:4). This is true because Christ is the end of the old Mosaic covenant sacrifices. Christ brought to an end the Mosaic Law, Levitical priesthood, sacrifices and offerings. Christ's work was finished, and He sat down! In fact, Christ sat down in everlasting rest and blessedness at the right hand of the Majesty on High. Our redemption was completed and the Levitical priesthood was terminated.

THE CURSE OF THE LAW



(Galatians 3:13) "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." So when He experienced the curse of the law on the cross it was not His own but ours.

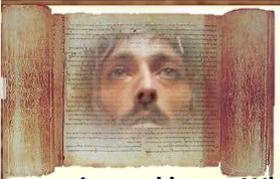
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(Psalm 103:12) "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us." Because our sins are under His blood, God has forgiven and forgotten all of them. They are cast into the depths of the sea.

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). God imputed all our sins to Jesus Christ and He died in our place as our representative. Moreover, He also imputed all the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ to us, and now we have a perfect standing before Him for all eternity.

THE PROPHECIES FULFILLED CONCERNING THE MESSIAH'S DEATH



(Luke 24:44) Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Jesus says He is the completion and fulfillment of scriptural promise and hope: What God promises, He brings to pass. In fact, you are experiencing the center of his plan right now. To know Jesus is to be in the will of God.

GOD'S PURPOSES ARE NOW CENTERED ON A 'NEW CREATION' IN CHRIST

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Along with the old passing away, "the new has come!" Old, dead things are replaced with new things, full of life and the glory of God. The newborn soul delights in the things of God and abhors the things of the world and the flesh. Our purposes, feelings, desires, and understandings are fresh and different. We see the world differently. The Bible seems to be a new book, and though we may have read it before, there is a beauty about it which we never saw before, and which we wonder at not having perceived. The whole face of nature seems to us to be changed, and we seem to be in a new world.

SATAN'S DOMINION AND HOLD OVER MAN



(Hebrews 2:14) Because God's children are human beings-- made of flesh and blood--the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death." (1 John 4:4) "But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit Who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world." Yes, God is in Heaven -- but that is not the only place He is. By the Holy Spirit, God now has His dwelling place in you! You don't have to "try to reach God." He is right there! What you need to do is to cultivate an awareness of His presence. This, along with communication, is the way to develop a closer relationship with God. God, Who is within you, is greater. Greater than any problem. Greater than any difficulty. Greater than the devil. Greater than anything you will ever face.

NO SEPARATION OF JEW AND GENTILE

The ground at Calvary's Cross is level, and those who come to the Cross are treated as equals by the Savior. God's marvelous provision of salvation is complete, and it is freely and equally for all applicants. (Galatians 3:28) "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."