

## The Sixth Saying: A Word of Victory

John 19:30-35

Jesus comes to the end of His time on the cross and cries one word in His original language of Hebrew (*tetelestai*) translated into three words "It is finished." What was finished for Christ?

### I. The Work of Christ Was Finished.

Notice Jesus said, "It is finished," not, "I am finished." His work had been fully completed.

This is the work Jesus spoke of when He said, "I must be about my Father's business."

But what was His Father's business? "This is a faithful saying and worthy of your acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

#### A. Christ truly saved His people.

He didn't make it possible for people to save themselves by their own actions.

He secured salvation, He secured faith, He secured repentance for His people.

#### B. Christ fully satisfied the Father.

The root word of *tetelestai* (*teleo*) is variously translated in the New Testament.

It means "an end." (Matt. 11:1) "When Jesus made an end of commanding his disciples.

It means "paid." (Matt. 17:24) "Doth not your master pay tribute?"

It means "performed" (Luke 2:39) "And when they had performed all things . . ."

It means "accomplished" (Luke 18:31) "All things . . . shall be accomplished."

He cried, it is "made an end of," it is "paid," it is "performed," it is "accomplished."

Our sins are made an end of, the price of our redemption is paid, all the law of God has been performed, and the work of the Son has been accomplished for us. It is finished!

### II. The Wrath of God Was Finished.

The context of our text is vivid. Jesus has just experienced the wrath of God. The darkness around the cross illustrated the abandonment of the Son by the Father for the Messiah.

This wrath of God and this forsaking of the Son is a picture of hell for the sinner.

#### A. The wrath of God is fully satisfied in Christ.

"It is finished." The anger of a holy God due our sin had been poured out.

"(By) grace, He has made us accepted in the beloved (one)" (Ephesians 1:6).

"There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

#### B. The wrath of God is forever separated from His children.

Adam had a coat of skin made for him to cover his nakedness. The lamb of God died in order that we might be covered by His righteousness. As it is written in II Cor. 5:21:

"God has made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be right with God."

### III. The Wiles of Satan Were Finished.

"For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (II John 3:8). The devil is a liar and the father of all lies. He will lie about what it takes to be right with God. He'll lie about you and God. "And they overcame him (the accuser of the brethren) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11).