

It Is Finished!

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. John 19:30

Approximately 700 years earlier, the prophet Isaiah correctly prophesied Jesus' appearance on the Cross. In Isaiah 52:14, the prophet wrote with a sense of horror, "As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men." In Isaiah 53:2, Isaiah continued, "...He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

When Jesus died on that Cross:

- He bore our griefs.
- He carried our sorrows.
- He was wounded for our transgressions.
- He was bruised for our iniquities.
- He was chastised for our peace.
- He was scourged for our healing.

"It is finished" is a translation of the Greek word tetelo (tetelestai), the perfect indicative passive tense of the word telos, which means to end; to bring to completion; to bring to a conclusion; to complete; to accomplish; to fulfill; or to finish. Anything that has reached telos has arrived at completion, maturity, or perfection.

The word has many nuances, but four of them have great significance with this defining moment of Christ's sacrifice and redemptions story.

First, this was Jesus' exclamation that He had finished the work the Father had sent Him to do. The work having been fully completed. When a servant was sent on a mission and then later returned to his master, he would say, "Tetelestai"-- meaning, "I have done exactly what you requested".

Second, the word tetelo (tetelestai) was the equivalent of the Hebrew word spoken by the high priest when he presented a sacrificial lamb without spot or blemish. This was to state that the sacrifice was offered in accordance with God's prescription.

Third, in a secular sense, the word tetelo (tetelestai) was used in the business world to signify the full payment of a debt. When Jesus uttered those words, "It is finished!" it was His declaration that the debt was fully satisfied, fulfilled, and complete.

Fourth, in classical Greek times, the word tetelo (tetelestai) depicted a turning point when one period ended, and another new period began. When Jesus exclaimed, “It is finished!” it was indeed a turning point in the entire history of mankind. When Jesus uttered that word, it signified that all which the Old Testament pointed to concerning the earthly work of Messiah had been fulfilled and that the New Testament of the Gospel had begun.

Remember, remember, remember...

- If you are consumed with grief, remember that Jesus bore your grief.
- If you are overwhelmed with sorrows, remember that He carried your sorrow.
- If you are trapped in a life of transgression, remember that He was wounded for your transgressions.
- If you are living in sin, you can be forgiven because He was bruised for your iniquities.
- If you are tormented and have no peace, remember that He was chastised for your peace.
- If you are physically or mentally sick, remember that He was wounded for your healing.

Jesus paid the price for your salvation, for your liberation, for your physical healing, and for your complete restoration spirit, soul, and body.