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It is Finished

Matthew 27:26-66; John 19:30

- *Tetelestai*: to end, to complete, fulfilled.

It...

- What was finished in the death of the Incarnate Son of God?
- Everything has been *finished* for the restoration of the glory of God in his redeemed, regenerated, and renewed people as his image bearers (Gen. 1:26-28).
- Everything has been finished for the creation of the New Heaven and New Earth. Everything has been finished for the triumphant return of the Heavenly Man when he shall bring forth the New Creation.

Titus 2:13 ...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

- The four-fold consequences of our sin were finished:

Propitiation

- The wrath of God was *finished*.

Rom 3:25 ...a propitiation by His blood...

- This means that in the shedding of the blood of His Incarnate Son, the just wrath of God was averted, that God's justice was satisfied in the death of Christ.
- Therefore, THE obstacle to our salvation was removed by God.

Rom 5:9 ...[being] justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by [Christ] from the wrath of God...

Expiation

- The guilt of our sin was *finished* at the cross.
- Because God's wrath is propitiated at the cross, He then removes the guilt and punishment of our sin from us so that we are now declared to be not guilty of sin in His eyes.

Heb 10:17 ...I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more... (Jer. 31:34)

1 John 1:7 ...the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin...

Reconciliation

- The enmity between God and us was *finished*.

Is. 59:2 ...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God...

Rom. 5:10 ...while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son...

Eph 2:13 ...in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ...

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Redemption

- Our captivity to sin and Satan is *finished*.

1 Peter 1:18-19 ...you were ransomed... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ...

Col 1:13 ...[God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son...

- As a result we now have been granted (2 Tim.2:25) the grace of repentance/faith for fellowship with God.

1 Cor. 1:9 ...God is faithful Who has called us into the fellowship of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...

- All of these blessings are the result of the replacement of the *finished* Old Covenant with the New Covenant in [Christ's] blood (Luke 22:20).

Jer. 31:31-34 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 But this is the [new] covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will

be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more

- What are some of the salient aspects of the Old Covenant that were finished / fulfilled at the cross?

- The Seven Levitical Feasts

Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance [fulness] belongs to Christ...

- The necessity of the Law and the Prophets

Matt 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them...[to fulfill their real purpose and meaning]

- The sacrificial system with all of its external rites and regulations that made God's people fit for His presence

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2 Cor 3:5-6 ...God, 6 ...has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life

- All of the Messianic prophecies

- The Temple as the location of the presence of God

2 Cor 6:16 ...we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them [Ex. 29:45] and walk among them [Lev.26:12], and I will be their God, and they will be my people"...