

## IT IS FINISHED



## PRECEPT

## JOHN 21:1-19

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## PROMISE

*Telestai* comes from the verb *teleo*, which means to bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish. It's a crucial word because it signifies end to a particular course of action. *Telestai* is in the perfect tense in Greek. That's significant because the perfect tense speaks of an action which has been completed in the past with results continuing into the present.

What is finished? It is that all that was required by law before a sinner could be saved has now been performed (2 Corinthians 5:17). The price for healing has now been settled. Isaiah 53:5 says, "*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*" Jesus Christ suffered the punishment and penalty for our sins so we could experience forgiveness and peace. "*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*" (1 Peter 1:3).

Today, we are offered the riches of God through His sacrifice for us. 2 Corinthians 8:9 tells us, "*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*" We also now live in right standing with the Father because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. <sup>9</sup> *For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.* <sup>10</sup> *The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.* <sup>11</sup> *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*" We are no longer bound by the sins that chain us but we are victorious in Him and His work on the cross. Ephesians 2:6 says, "*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*"

How will you finish? We now have an unrestricted access to the Creator of the world (Matthew 27:46-54). We can call to the Almighty God at all times, and His salvation is available to anyone. Remember the following verses as you come to Jesus and accept His gift of salvation:

"*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*" (Acts 4:12)

"*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" (John 14:6)

"*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*" (Ephesians 2:8-9)

"*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*" (Revelation 3:20)

"*If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*" (Romans 10:9)

## PRACTICE

**1. It is Finished.** How does the death of Christ impact your life? What has changed in your life the moment you knew about Christ's death and sacrifice for you?

**2. Finish Well.** How is your journey towards Christlikeness and your walk with Jesus? How can you finish well as a follower of God?

## PRAYER

## I. Worship Services

- Pray for open hearts for our visitors to know and accept Christ.

## II. Leaders

- Pray for strength, wisdom, and guidance for all our leaders: pastors, coordinators, and life group leaders.

## III. Humility

- Pray that we will always humble ourselves before the Lord and focus on what He called us to do.

## IV. Resources

- Pray for God's provision for our future outreach programs to bring unbelievers to the knowledge of Christ.

## V. Gospel

- Pray for growing desire to share the wonderful message of grace to our circle of influence and to others.

## VI. Guidance

- May the Lord guide our ways & give us strength to be good examples to the people we minister to.

## VII. Grace

- Pray for grace that we may continue to serve Him in truth & spirit.