

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE

SESSION SIX: THE WORD OF VICTORY

KEY VERSE: When he had received the drink [of wine vinegar], Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30 (NIV)

"My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do."

John 4:34 (GNT)

Knowing that all was now completed, and so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28, 30 (NIV)

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THE USES OF "TETELESTAI"

- **Servant: The task is completed!**
- **Judge: Justice has been served!**
- **Accountant: The debt has been paid in full!**
- **Artist: The picture is finished!**
- **Priest: The perfect offering has been given!**

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WHAT DID JESUS "FINISH" ON THE CROSS

1.) He _____ what God had promised us.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Luke 24:44-47 (NIV)

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For all God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)

2.) He _____ what God's justice required.

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the spirit.

Romans 8:3-4 (NLT)

After [Jesus] had finished his work, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obey him.

Hebrews 5:9 (GW)

Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us into all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life!

Romans 5:18 (MSG)

3.) He _____ the debt that I owed God.

We owed debt because we broke God's laws. That debt listed all the rules we failed to follow. But God forgave us that debt. He took away the debt and nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:14 (ICB)

His Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven.

Colossians 1:14 (GW)

And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

Hebrews 10:18 (NLT)

4.) He _____ the fear of death!

The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

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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. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

5.) He _____ Satan’s power to _____ me.

God has freed us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son.
Colossians 1:13 (NCV)

In this way God took away Satan’s power to accuse you of sin, and God openly displayed to the whole world Christ’s triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away.
Colossians 2:15 (TLB)

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 (NLT)

Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is to trust him enough to let him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish!
Ephesians 2:8 (MSG)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) Just before Jesus died on the cross, he said, “It is finished!” What is the significance of that statement to you today? How does that, or how can that, transform your life? Ask God to help you move from thinking “It is finished!” is true to knowing it is true.

2.) What do you think it means when the Bible says that Jesus set us free from the fear of dying?

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3.) Pastor Rick says Christianity is the only religion where God has already done it all; we don't have to do anything. We simply trust in his grace, and our service flows from the trust. Why do you think we can struggle with feeling like we have to prove ourselves to God?
