



Part 2:
It is Finished

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Thirty years after the resurrection of Christ, the Apostle Peter penned the following words of encouragement to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor:

1 Peter 1:3-4 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In God's great mercy he has caused us to be born again into a living hope, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. ⁴Now we hope for the blessings God has for his children. These blessings, which cannot be destroyed or be spoiled or lose their beauty, are kept in heaven for you.*

A great characteristic of the life of a believer is the presence of **hope**.

The source of that hope is the **belief** that Jesus Christ is resurrected and **alive** today.

Three statements of hope uttered **during a 72-hour span** in the earthly life of Jesus form the **foundation** of our living hope.

It is Finished: The Confirmation of Hope

John 19:28-30 *After this, Jesus knew that everything had been done. So that the Scripture would come true, he said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹There was a jar full of vinegar there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' mouth. ³⁰When Jesus tasted the vinegar, he said, "It is*

finished." Then he bowed his head and died.

What Jesus uttered during His last breath on the cross wasn't ceremonial, symbolic or cryptic. It was a plain, everyday statement that everyone present would **know** and **understand**.

Three common uses for the word, "tetelestai":

...merchants used the term to communicate the price had been **paid in full**.

...shepherds and priests used the term to communicate the **perfect** lamb had been selected.

...servants used the word to communicate their work had been **completed**.

Through Christ's proclamation our hope is confirmed because...

...He **completely** paid our sin's debt that we could not pay ourselves.

Hebrews 9:13-14 *Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.*

...He was the **perfect** sacrifice for our sins.

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*

...He **obediently** completed the work God sent for Him to do.

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Jesus, as our Living Hope invites us to discover...

...our sin has been dealt with, washed away,
finished.

Not because we are **perfect.**
Not because we will **never** sin again.
Not because of some **ritual.**

But because we have put our **faith** in the
work of Christ on the cross.

...there is **nothing** we can do to make us more
acceptable to God.

Turning Point...

Jesus as our Living Hope...

...demonstrated His **sovereignty** over sin.
...proclaimed His **power** over sin.

Colossians 2:14-15 *He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless.*