

The Seven Last Words of Christ

6. Finished

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34
... He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:28-30

When great victories are won, we often remember the **words** that accompany them. E.g.:

- *I shall return! ...*
- *The Eagle has landed That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind.*

The greatest words of victory ever spoken: **IT IS FINISHED!**

- Greek: *tetelestai* ... other uses of *tetelestai* in the ancient world:
 - When a servant completed a task ...
 - From a judge when justice was served ... cf.:
 ~ *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven all your trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14*
 - By an accountant/business person when a debt was paid ...
 - By an artist when his painting was finished ...
 - By a priest when a perfect offering had been given ...
 ~ *Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 18,19*

Tetelestai is the perfect tense of the verb *teleo*, which is derived from *telos* (a goal achieved, a consummation) ...

- It's like Genesis 1:31 – *Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.*
- It is a PAST completed act with PRESENT/PERMANENT effect
- *An ocean of meaning in a drop of language. Spurgeon*
- *Jesus paid the very last cent of the wages of our sin. Spurgeon*
- *Your sins have sustained their death-blow, the robe of your righteousness has received its last thread. Spurgeon*
- *All the funds necessary to pay for our total redemption were put up by Jesus Christ on the cross. Tony Evans*
- *He took my bankruptcy and covered it with His solvency. Warren Wiersbe*

"IT IS FINISHED!"