

THE WORD OF VICTORY
The Seven Greatest Words of Love – Part 6
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*Jesus: “I must FINISH THE WORK that God gave Me to do.”
John 4:34*

“Knowing that ALL was NOW COMPLETED, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty’... After Jesus was given a drink He said, ‘IT IS FINISHED!’ And with that, He bowed His head and GAVE UP His spirit.” Jn 19:28-30

MEMORY VERSE:

“I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.’” Psalm 91:2

5 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!

WHAT DID JESUS “FINISH” ON THE CROSS?

1. HE FULFILLED WHAT GOD HAD PROMISED US!

“Jesus said. ‘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 Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations.’” Lk 24:44-47 (NIV)

*“All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Him! That's why we say ‘Amen!’ when we give glory to God through Christ.”
2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)*

2. HE SATISFIED WHAT GOD'S JUSTICE REQUIRED!

*“The law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent His own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that THE REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW would be fully accomplished for us...”
Romans 8:3-4 (NLT)*

*“After Jesus had FINISHED HIS WORK, He became the source of eternal salvation for EVERYONE who obeys Him.”
Hebrews 5:9 (GW)*

*“Christ ended the law so that everyone who believes in Him may be right with God.”
Romans 10:4 (NCV)*

3. HE PAID OFF THE DEBT I OWED GOD!

*“We owed a debt because we've broken God's laws. That debt listed all the rules we've failed to follow. But God forgave our debt, and He cancelled our debt by nailing it to the cross.”
Colossians 2:14 (ICB)*

*“God's Son paid the price to free us, which means that our sins are forgiven.”
Colossians 1:14 (GW)*

4. HE DEFEATED THE FEAR OF DEATH!

*“The sin of one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us, but all who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.”
Romans 5:17 (NLT)*

“Jesus became flesh and blood by being born in human form. 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 deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.” Heb. 2:14-15 (NLT)

*“By our baptism, then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.”
Romans 6:4 (TEV)*

5. HE DESTROYED SATAN'S POWER TO CONTROL ME

THROUGH TEMPTATION

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

THROUGH CONDEMNATION

"God took away Satan's power to accuse you of sin, and He openly displayed to the whole world Christ's triumph at the cross where your sins were all taken away." Colossians 2:15 (LB)

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

"And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

"Saving is ALL His idea, and ALL His work. All we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. It's God's gift from start to FINISH!" Ephesians 2:8 (MSG)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Jesus, Thank You that You did it all! Thank You that You did everything I need to get to heaven, to be forgiven, and to have a purpose for living. You did it all.

Thank you for those three words – "It is finished." Thank You that it is ALL done. Thank You that You fulfilled the promises of God, and You satisfied the justice of God. I thank You that You defeated the fear of death. Thank You that You paid off my debt and destroyed Satan's power to manipulate me.

I want to live in those truths for the rest of my life. Thank You that what You began in my life, You said I can be certain that You will bring it to completion. So really, with all my heart, I thank you. In many ways, Lord, I join David as he said in Psalm 116, "What can I offer the Lord for all He has done for me?" You respond by saying, "Just offer Me your heart. Offer Me your life." I trust You, Lord. Thank You for the finished work of Christ. In Jesus' name I pray this prayer, Amen.