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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

IT IS FINISHED! ---- CELEBRATING EASTER!

That's what he said. It is finished. Jesus' last words on the cross, as recorded in the book of John.

Finished. He didn't mean he was about to die. He meant he had done all that was necessary to reconcile lost human beings to God. Now it was up to them, up to the people, up to us, each one, individually. Each person individually must realize who Jesus is and accept him and what he has done for us. It's all about believing and receiving. All about faith.

Only believe, Jesus said. He took care of anything in the way of the relationship. For example:

Sin – the subject most people are familiar with as regards Jesus' salvation. He took our sins upon himself and overcame them. He defeated sin. He defeated the devil. When a person truly accepts Jesus and by grace receives the forgiveness of God, he is saved. It's all by faith.

Death – Jesus got that out of the way too. He defeated death. Now, if a person only believes, he has eternal life, which Jesus defined as life with the Father and the one he sent, Jesus.

Sickness, disease, pain – All defeated. How few know this! Jesus took upon himself our sicknesses, diseases, and pains and overcame that too. It's all there, all in the Bible. How many just accept whatever pain or hardship the devil sends along without putting up a real fight and using the power and authority we have in Jesus over all that? Jesus overcame it all and in him we do too.

Isaiah 53:4-5 notes how Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows. In the original Hebrew, the word translated griefs means sicknesses and diseases and the word translated sorrows means pain. A more correct rendering is that Jesus bore our sicknesses and diseases and carried our pains. Verse 5 makes the point that by his stripes, by the horrible beatings he suffered in going to the cross, we are healed and made whole. Jesus, remember, was beaten beyond human recognition, as the end of Isaiah 52 makes clear. Peter stated that by his stripes you have been healed. He wanted to make the point that it has already been done. So if you are attacked by an evil spirit or harmful germ, virus, or bacteria, or just experience some mysterious pain, you need immediately to call to mind and heart the truth of Jesus and declare that by his stripes you are healed. Take action, order out the pain, order out the evil spirit that's attacking, all in Jesus' name. It's all about belief. Don't accept negative words spoken over you, don't accept life-ending words. Stand on the truth of the God who made you. So many miracles, so many healings we have seen by people standing on the truth of Jesus.

Curses – Jesus overcame the curse of the law on the cross, so we don't have to suffer from curses. No, because of Jesus we have the blessings of Abraham! We are heirs with Jesus to those blessings, joint heirs with Christ. We – that is we believers, those who believe. Lots of people suffer from curses. Some come to our meetings with comments like this: All the men in our family die at age 41. All my sisters have diabetes. The men in our family are alcoholics. CURSES. It doesn't have to be like that. It's easy

to break curses. In Jesus' name we do that. Any believer can. It's all about living in the authority of Jesus.

Demons – evil spirits. Real. Part of Satan's army. There is a kingdom of darkness, and its leader is after your life and everyone's life. Although you may not realize it, you likely know people attacked by demons. The cause of the following types of behavior might be something other than a demon, but it very well might be a demon: People who are fearful. People who are anxious. People who are especially angry all the time. Unforgiving people. Bitter people. Jealous people. Greedy people. It gets worse. Suicidal people. Murderers. Sexual perverts. I just named quite a few demons. Sickness, too. Quite a bit of that is directly caused by evil spirits. Jesus said at the end of Mark that those who believe will in his name cast out demons. Just part of his victory at the cross.

There is still much more to tell. Consider all these accomplishments of Jesus:

- **Restoring the Kingdom of God on earth.** This is in fact Jesus' explanation of why he came to earth – to preach the kingdom of God. Today it is in each believer. Soon when Jesus arrives in person to rule from Jerusalem it will be much more visible.
- **Restoring peace between us and God.**
- **Taking our unrighteousness that we in him might become the righteousness of God.**
- **With the Father, sending us the Holy Spirit.**
- **Teaching believers who we are in him.**
- **Taking our shame upon himself.**
- **Taking our rejection upon himself.**
- **Becoming poor that we might be rich.**
- **Destroying the works of the devil.**
- **Instituting the church age.**
- **Fulfilling the many prophecies of his coming.**
- **Telling us what must happen before his return, most of which has.**

All these categories we could talk in depth about as well. In fact, we did on the three CD series *WHAT DID JESUS DO?*, which you can request using the enclosed form if you are interested. Once when I was feeling good that we finally had produced these three CD's, I distinctly heard Jesus say, "I did more than that." Well, he did! So I have more to tell. I expect we will never be able to cover all he did. But we try.

One praise you might offer up this Easter: **"You did it Jesus! You did all that was necessary to restore us to the Father! You did it Lord! Everything! You have saved us in all ways!"**

He's quite a King, isn't he? Doing all that. Taking care of his subjects. Make sure you are one.

Easter – the great moment of the Christian calendar, a celebration of the reconciliation of lost human beings to God, accomplished by Jesus Christ. The only reason we have hope and joy and a future to be anticipated rather than feared. It is finished – only receive.

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