

walking through THE DOOR to FREEDOM

MESSAGE 1: THE JOB HAS BEEN COMPLETED!

Parts 1-3

Jesus: "I came to <u>FINISH THE WORK</u> my Father sent me to do."

JOHN 4:34

ON THE CROSS

"Knowing that everything was now <u>completed</u>, and that the Scriptures would be <u>fulfilled</u>, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty' . . . Then after he was given a drink, he shouted, "<u>IT IS FINISHED</u>!" And with that, he bowed his head and GAVE UP his spirit."

JOHN 19:28-30

'TETELESTAI' ("IT IS FINISHED") WAS USED MANY WAYS

- Servant: The job has been completed!
- Judge: Justice has been served!
- Accountant: The debt has been paid in full!
- Artist: The work of art has been finished!
- Priest: The offering has been given!



WHAT DID JESUS "FINISH" ON THE CROSS?

1. HE _____

"The law of Moses <u>could not save us</u>, 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 . . . and gave his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. God did this so that the <u>requirement of the law would</u> be fully accomplished FOR us . . ."

ROMANS 8:3-4 (NLT)

"Christ died to <u>set people free from the penalty</u> of the sins they committed under that first covenant."

HEBREWS 9:15 (NLT)

"God <u>wiped out the charges</u> and <u>canceled the record</u> of all the times we've disobeyed God's commandments. Jesus <u>took our guilt</u> on his own body <u>and</u> <u>nailed it to the cross</u>".

COLOSSIANS 2:14

"After Jesus had <u>FINISHED HIS WORK</u>, he became <u>the source of eternal</u> <u>salvation</u> for <u>everyone</u> who obeys him."

HEBREWS 5:9 (GW)

2. HE _____

"The sin of one man, Adam, <u>caused death to rule over us</u>, but all who receive God's wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in <u>triumph over sin and</u> <u>death</u> 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 <u>break</u> the power of the Devil, who had <u>the power of death</u>. Only in this way could <u>he deliver those who</u> <u>have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying</u>."

HEBREWS 2:14-15 (NLT)

3. HE _____

"God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

COLOSSIANS 1:13 (CEV)

Because of the Cross, I can ______

". . .You can trust God to not allow any temptation greater than your power to resist it. Also, when you are tempted, God will provide a way of escape so that you can defeat it."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

Because of the Cross, I can ______

"God took away Satan's <u>power to accuse you of sin</u>, and God openly displayed to the whole world <u>Christ's triumph at the cross</u> where your sins were all taken away."

COLOSSIANS 2:15 (LB)

4. HE _____

"Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles by making us all <u>one</u> <u>family</u>, breaking down the wall of hostility that separated people . . . Now we are no longer considered foreigners or outsiders, but we all can be fellow citizens and members of God's family!"

EPHESIANS 2:14, 19 (LB/NCV)

5. HE _____

"You can be <u>certain</u> of this: God who began his good work within you, will continue his work in you <u>until it is FINALLY FINISHED</u> on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again!"

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



"Saving is ALL <u>his idea</u>, and <u>ALL his work</u>. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift <u>from start to FINISH</u>!"

EPHESIANS 2:8 (MES)



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MESSAGE 2: WALKING THROUGH THE DOOR TO FREEDOM

Parts 1-3

"Jesus said, 'I AM THE DOOR! Everyone who <u>comes in through me</u> will be saved!"

JOHN 10:9

"Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph and <u>set him free</u>; the ruler of the nation <u>opened</u> <u>his prison door</u>." PSALM 105:20 (NLT)

"But during the night God sent an angel to <u>open the prison doors</u> and <u>set</u> <u>them free</u>. Then he told them "Go tell people everything about this <u>New Life</u>!" ACTS 5:19-20

"Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and <u>the prison was shaken to its</u> <u>foundations</u>. All the <u>prison doors flew open</u>, and the chains of every prisoner fell off and they were set free!"

ACTS 16:26 (NLT)

JESUS HAS RISEN TO RELEASE YOU FROM YOUR PRISON

"The (Father) has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners." LUKE 4:18



"If you live as I tell you to, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. . . . And if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free!"

JOHN 8:31-32, 36

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!" 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (NIV)

"You are called to be free." GALATIANS 5:14

FREE FROM WHAT?

1._____

"The fear of human opinion <u>disables</u>; but trusting in God protects you from that."

PROVERBS 29:25 (MES)

"You are always making yourselves look good, but God sees what is in your heart. <u>The things that most people think are important</u> are <u>worthless</u> as far as God is concerned."

LUKE 16:15 (CEV)

"I will <u>live in freedom</u>, because I only pay attention to what you say (Lord)." PSALM 119:45

2._____

"There is now <u>no condemnation</u> awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of God's life-giving Spirit – and <u>this power</u> is mine through Christ Jesus – <u>has freed me</u> from <u>the vicious circle</u> of sin and death." ROMANS 8:1-2 (LB)



"Some men stay happy till the day they die . . . others have <u>no happiness at all;</u> they live and die with <u>bitter hearts</u>." JOB 21:23-25

"If you refuse to forgive others, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins."

MATTHEW 6:15 (NLT)

3. _____

(1st Easter) "That evening, the disciples met <u>behind locked doors out of</u> <u>fear</u> of the religious leaders. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them! '<u>Peace</u> <u>be with you</u>,' he said." JOHN 20:19 (NLT)

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him . . . There is <u>no</u> <u>fear in love</u>. But perfect love drives out fear."

1 JOHN 4:16, 18 (NIV)

"And we know that in all things God <u>works for the good</u> of those who love him, and have been called according to his purpose." ROMANS 8:28 (NIV)

"It makes no difference <u>who you are or where you're from</u> – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, <u>the DOOR IS OPEN</u>!" ACTS 10:35 (MES)