

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **John 19:28-30**.
- B. Jesus uttered seven things while hanging on the cross. My personal favorites is the one to be looked at tonight. When Jesus said, "it is finished" he said a mouthful.
- C. I know of 8 things that came to an end or were brought to their completion, at the cross. Let us review these things.

EIGHT THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED.

- A. **First, the end of the prophecies concerning X.**
 - 1. Seventy (70) weeks to seal up prophecy (Dan. 9:24).
"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place."
 - 2. The Scriptures testify of Christ (Jn. 5:39).
"You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;"
 - 3. The words of prophecy to be fulfilled (Lk. 24:44).
Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
- B. **Second, the end of the Law of Moses and the sacrificial system.**
 - 1. Jesus came not to abolish, but to fulfill, to accomplish (Mt. 5:17-18).
"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. **18** For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished."
 - 2. To put an end to all OT sacrifices (Dan. 9:27).
"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."
 - 3. Jesus fulfilled the Law, and took it away (Col. 2:14).
having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
 - 4. Jesus work as a priest is done, and now sits as high priest (Heb. 10:11-14).
And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; **12** but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, **13** waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. **14** For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
 - 5. Jesus' sacrifice is the the propitiation, the ultimate satisfying sacrifice (1Jn. 2:1-2).
My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.
- C. **Third, the end of the Jew/Gentile division.**
 - 1. A new division of Xian and non-Xian (Eph. 2:14-16).
For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, **15** by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, **16** and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
 - 2. Gentiles and Jews are now grafted together to make one tree (Rom. 11:17-21).
But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, **18** do not be arrogant toward the

branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. **19** You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." **20** Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; **21** for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you.

D. **Fourth, the end of the Sabbath and other special days.**

1. Let no one condemn (judge) according to keeping a Sabbath (Col. 2:16-17).

Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-- **17** things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

2. Be patient with those who still observe days (Rom. 14:5-6).

One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

E. **Fifth, the fruition of God's atonement in Christ.**

1. His sacrifice is the consummation (Heb. 9:24-26).

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; **25** nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. **26** Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

2. God is summing up all things in Christ (Eph. 1:8b-12).

In all wisdom and insight [9] He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him **10** with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him **11** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, **12** to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

F. **Sixth, the end of the unlimited power of Satan.**

1. Jesus rendered Satan powerless (Heb. 2:14-15).

Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

2. Satan is bound not to deceive the nations any longer (Rev. 20:2-3)

And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, **3** and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

3. Satan falls, being bound by one stronger (Lk. 10:18; 11:21-23).

(Lk 10:18) And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning."

(Lk 11:21-23) "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed; **22** but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder. **23** He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters."

4. The prince of the world shall be cast out (Jn. 12:31).

"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out."

5. Jesus will destroy the works of the devil (1Jn. 3:8).

the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

G. **Seventh, the end of the earthly personal ministry of Jesus.**

1. Jesus tries to tell the apostles (Mt. 16:21).

From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

2. It is better that Jesus leaves, it will bring joy (John 16:16-20).

"A little while, and you will no longer behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." **17** Some of His disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the

Father’?” **18** And so they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” **19** Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not behold Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’? **20** Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.”

H. Eighth, **the end of the purchasing of the church.**

1. Jesus purchased the church with His blood (Ac. 20:28).
“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”
2. Jesus purchased all men, everywhere (Rev. 5:9-10).
And they sang^ a new song, saying, “Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. **10** And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We look back to the cross, so that we can go forward toward His coming again.
- B. Our work has only begun in telling the world what Jesus has finished. His fulfilling work makes our lives and ministries possible.
- C. Jesus is the author and perfecter (finisher) of our salvation (Heb. 12:2).
fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.