

STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

Lesson #6 -It is Finished

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:12-15

Introduction:

1. Jesus knew that all things were about to be accomplished -Jn 19:28a
2. "It is finished" was a loud cry of victory, not defeat!
3. In this lesson we will identify two keys that will enhance our understanding of "It is finished".

I. WHAT JESUS FULFILLED -Ga 3:24, 25

A. THE PROMISE -Ge 3:15

1. Man sinned in the Garden of Eden and was thus separated from the presence of God.
2. In the midst of sin a promise of reconciliation was made -Ge 3:15
 - a. Through Jesus the devil would be defeated
 - b. Through Jesus man would have a path of reconciliation unto God -2Co 5:17-21

B. THE FIGURE -Jn 3:14-17

1. Jesus gives indication to His death upon the cross.
2. This is in the likeness of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness -Nu 21:4-9
 - a. When the people looked at the serpent they would be healed of snake bites
 - b. When we look to Jesus today, we are healed of sin.
 - i. One has to become a Christian first to benefit in this manner.
 - ii. Temptation has not been removed from Christians. We must resist and look to God.

C. THE LAMB -Jn 1:29

1. John the Baptizer makes this statement in reference to Jesus.
2. The Lamb of God -Ex. 12:1-ff
 - a. Without blemish
 - i. The lamb -vs 5
 - ii. Jesus -Heb 4:15; 1Pe 2:22; 1Co 5:21
 - b. Young
 - i. The lamb -vs. 5
 - ii. Jesus -Luke 3:23 (He began His ministry at about thirty years of age)
 - c. Bones should not be broken
 - i. The lamb -vs. 46
 - ii. Jesus -Jn 19:33
 - d. Substitution
 - i. The lamb died in place of the firstborn
 - ii. Jesus died in our place!

II. WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US TODAY

A. WE SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR

1. Jesus arose and appeared to many -1Co 15:5-8
2. He ascended into the heavens -Ac 1:9-11
3. He has sat down at the right hand of God -He 1:3

B. WE HAVE A BETTER COVENANT

1. First covenant fulfilled and a second established -He 8:7, 13
2. The first could identify sin, but could not take it away -He 9:22; 10:4

C. GREATEST HOPE

1. We all have to face physical death -He 9:27
2. We do not have to face the second death (i.e. hell) -Re 20:14
3. Our great hope is in the resurrection of Christ -2Co 5:1-8

Conclusion:

1. Jesus accomplished everything needed for us to be reconciled to the Father.
2. The question remains, “Will we take advantage of the time we have to be made right with Him?”