

## WHAT WORK OF CHRIST IS TO BE FINISHED IN THE FUTURE?

**1 Corinthians 15:24** Destruction of all dominion, power and authority

**Colossians 3:1-25** Sanctification and glorification of all who believe

**Romans 4:25 and 5:10** Justification by His resurrected life and salvation by His life

**Matthew 28:18-20** Gospel is preached

**1 Corinthians 15:2,3** The Gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ

**Romans 10:14,15** Gospel is preached, heard, and believed

**John 16:5-15** Reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment

**2 Corinthians 5:19** Provisionally reconciled the world to God at the Cross

When Christ said, "It is finished" in John 19:30, He was not referring to the full list above. He was referring to the sinless life and sinless death of the Savior which gave Him authority over all things. The shed sinless blood gave Christ the authority over all things including the right to the removal of sin and death from all of creation.

Reconciliation of the world to God means that God has made a Way for sin removal for any person who cooperates with the Spirit and believes the Gospel. The resurrection power of Christ saves believers by His life, not just by His death. His sinless shed blood makes possible the salvation of all who believe.

**1 Peter 1:19** "You were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." Without the shed sinless blood of Jesus you could not be saved by His resurrected life. The shed blood gives Christ the authority to save all who believe. His shed blood cleanses us from all sin because it gives Him the authority to take away our sins. Believers are washed in the blood of the Lamb in that His sinless blood shed for the whole creation gives Him the authority to remove sin and death.

The "Rest" we have in Christ is found in the new birth "regeneration", and the new birth is administered by the living Christ who was resurrected from the dead. Our eternal destiny is secure in the new birth. It is by His life that we are saved (Romans 5:10).

We must go beyond teaching of the regenerative rest of God and eternal security. "Oh, land of rest for thee I sigh, when will the moment come. When I shall lay my armor by and dwell in peace at home. We'll work till Jesus comes and then be gathered home."