

“DID CHRIST DO ALL THE WORK ON THE CROSS?: PART 1”

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Christ finished His main mission on earth by giving His life on the cross, saying, “*It is finished*” ([John 19:30](#)). But today, some are twisting His statement into a false doctrine. They claim that since Christ on the cross said, “*It is finished*,” there are no “works” (no actions) men can do that will have any affect on their salvation. This has led some to the conclusion that water baptism cannot be essential, and that once a person is saved, there is no work he is required to do. Please notice the following points:

First, the importance of what Christ did on the cross should never be minimized. The veil of the temple being rent from top to bottom when Christ died symbolized the fact that Christ’s sacrifice was required for men to enter the Most Holy Place of Heaven ([Matt. 27:51](#)). Man could not be saved without Christ’s sacrifice, but if God says that men must obey His commands to access the benefits of Christ’s sacrifice, man has no right to say otherwise ([Matt. 26:28](#); [Acts 2:38-41](#); [Rom. 6:16-18](#); [Heb. 5:9](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [1 John 1:6-7](#)). Also, just because a good hearted person wants to obey every command of God, that does not mean he is trying to earn his salvation. Satan uses derogatory terms such as “legalist” to try to discourage the faithful, but those who know the Truth and love God wholeheartedly will not be discouraged. The Truth is that salvation cannot be earned ([Eph. 2:8-9](#)), but that does not mean man can ignore God’s commands. God has repeatedly said that **He will only save those who obey Him** ([Matt. 7:21](#); [Rom. 6:16-18](#); [1 Peter 1:22](#); [Heb. 5:9](#)). God “by grace” saves WHEN man “by faith” obeys ([Gal. 3:26-27](#); [5:6](#)).

The context of [John 19:30](#) must be considered. When Christ said, “*It is finished*,” we must be careful when defining what He meant by “it.” His statement must be understood in the context of what He was accomplishing on the cross. He finished His main mission on earth via His death, which enabled men to receive forgiveness (saved) by contacting His blood through obedience ([Matt. 26:28](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Rom. 6:3-5](#), [16-18](#)), but not all work was done related to man’s salvation.

Christ worked after the cross. The Bible literally says Jesus was “working” after He returned to Heaven, confirming the Word, while the Truth was being revealed in the first century A.D. — “*the Lord working with them*” ([Mark 16:20](#)).

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Please remember to pray for the sick. Acts 9:11-12 says, “And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.”

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