



JESUS DID IT ALL!

The Pearl of Great Price

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John 3 ¹⁴ “And just as Moses in the desert lifted up the brass replica of a venomous snake on a pole *for all the people to see and be healed*, so the Son of Man is ready to be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that those who truly believe in him will not perish but be given eternal life. ¹⁶ For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. ¹⁷ “God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it!” ¹⁸ So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of the only Son of God. TPT

Luke 23 ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” NLT

2 Corinthians 5 ¹⁵ so that those who live should no longer live self-absorbed lives but lives that are poured out for him—the one who died for us and now lives again. ¹⁶ So, from now on, we refuse to evaluate people merely by their outward appearances. For that’s how we once viewed the Anointed One, but no longer do we see him with limited human insight. ¹⁷ Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new. ¹⁸ And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God. ¹⁹ In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was shepherding the world, not even keeping records of their transgressions, and he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God. ²⁰ We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ’s behalf, “Turn back to God and be reconciled to him.” ²¹ For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through our union with him. TPT

2 Corinthians 5 ¹⁹ It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). AMPC

John 16 ⁷ But here’s the truth: It’s to your advantage that I go away, for if I don’t go away the Divine Encourager will not be released to you. But after I depart, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will expose sin and prove that the world is wrong about God’s righteousness and his judgments. ⁹ “‘Sin,’ because they refuse to believe in who I am. ... ¹³ But when the truth-giving Spirit comes, he will unveil the reality of every truth within you. He won’t speak on his own, but only what he hears from the Father, and he will reveal *prophetically* to you what is to come. ... ²⁷ For the Father tenderly loves you, because you love me and believe that I’ve come from God. ... ³³ And everything I’ve taught you is so that the peace which is in me will be in you and will give you great confidence as you rest in me. For in this unbelieving world you will experience trouble and sorrows, but you must be courageous, for I have conquered the world!” TPT

Ephesians 1 ⁵⁻⁶ For it was always in his perfect plan to adopt us as his delightful children, through our union with Jesus, the Anointed One, so that his tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify his grace —for the same love he has for the Beloved, Jesus, he has for us. And this unfolding plan brings him great pleasure! ⁷ Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation of our sins—all because of the cascading riches of his grace. ... ¹⁰ And because of God's unfailing purpose, this detailed plan will reign supreme through every period of time until the fulfillment of all the ages finally reaches its climax—when God makes all things new in all of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ. ... ²⁰ that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm! TPT

Hebrews 10 ¹⁰ By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah! ... ¹² But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn into his footstool. ¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time! TPT

Hebrews 12 ² We look away from the natural realm and we focus our attention *and expectation* onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! TPT

Ephesians 2 ¹ *And his fullness fills you,* even though you were once like corpses, dead in your sins and offenses. ² It wasn't that long ago that you lived in the religion, customs, and values of this world, obeying the dark ruler of the earthly realm who fills the atmosphere with his authority, and works diligently in the hearts of those who are disobedient to the truth of God. ³ The corruption that was in us from birth was expressed through the deeds and desires of our self-life. We lived by whatever natural cravings and thoughts our minds dictated, living as rebellious children subject to God's wrath like everyone else. ⁴ But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. ⁵ Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace! ⁶ He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, *and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority* of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ! ⁷ Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! ⁹ So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. ¹⁰ We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance *our destiny* and the good works we would do to *fulfill it!* TPT

Matthew 13 ⁴⁴ "Heaven's kingdom realm can be illustrated like this: "A person discovered that there was hidden treasure in a field. Upon finding it, he hid it again. Because of uncovering such treasure, he was overjoyed and sold all that he possessed to buy the entire field *just so he could have the treasure.* ⁴⁵ "Heaven's kingdom realm is also like a jewel merchant in search of rare pearls. ⁴⁶ When he discovered one very precious and exquisite pearl, he immediately gave up all he had in exchange for it." TPT