

For unto you is born this day in the city a David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:11

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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a  
cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight,  
and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with  
endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to  
Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for  
the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand  
of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12:1-2

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FOUNDER

Everything We Believe Begins with Him

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Isaiah 7:14 —“Immanuel”

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PERFECTOR

Everything We Need is Found in Him

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*tetelestai* = “paid in full”

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What was the Unfinished Business  
Jesus Came to Settle?

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...for all have sinned and fall short... —Romans 3:23

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All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all. —Isaiah 53:6

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How Did Jesus Finish This Business?

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...he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head  
and gave up his spirit. —John 19:30

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HOW DID JESUS FINISH THIS BUSINESS?  
Substitution

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For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. —2 Corinthians 5:21

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HOW DID JESUS FINISH THIS BUSINESS?

Triumph

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<sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. —Hebrews 2:9-10

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The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
—1 Corinthians 15:26

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HOW DID JESUS FINISH THIS BUSINESS?

Atonement

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<sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.  
—Hebrews 10:12-13

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HOW DID JESUS FINISH THIS BUSINESS?  
Reconciliation

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<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;  
<sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-20

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“To reconcile is to end a relation of enmity, and to substitute for it one of peace and goodwill. It is not necessarily implied that the enmity existed on one side only, but it is plainly stated that in this case the initiative to reconciliation was God’s who found in the death of His Son a way in which His love for the sinner and His wrath against sin could be accommodated, so that He might both be righteous Himself, and justify the man—the sinful man—who relies on faith in Jesus.”

—Dictionary of New Testament Theology

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LOOKING  
UNTO

*Jesus*

Substitution  
Triumph  
Atonement  
Reconciliation

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What Does This Finished Work Mean to Me?

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WHAT DOES THIS UNFINISHED WORK MEAN TO ME?

I have nothing to complain about this Christmas.

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WHAT DOES THIS UNFINISHED WORK MEAN TO ME?

I must not compare myself with other believers.

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<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
<sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave  
him up for us all, how will he not also with him  
graciously give us all things? —Romans 8:31-32

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WHAT DOES THIS UNFINISHED WORK MEAN TO ME?

I cannot compete with the finished work of Christ.

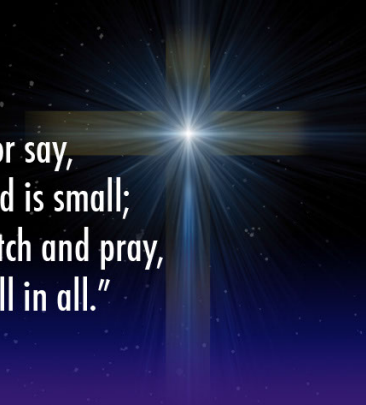
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<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest  
among us, that God sent his only Son into the  
world, so that we might live through him.  
<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God  
but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the  
propitiation for our sins. —1 John 4:9-10

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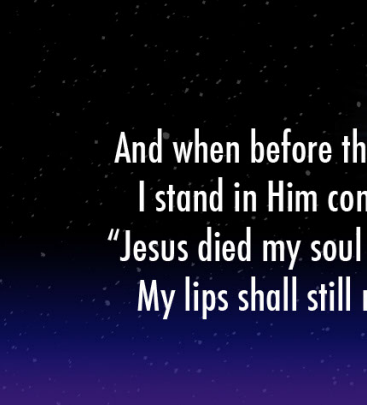
Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

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I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

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And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

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