

### **Jesus Did it All**

Illust: Time when I felt hopelessly lost. Trying to do the will of God but failing and feeling worse and worse. I believed if I tried hard enough and prayed hard enough I could get through and be all that God wanted me to be.

I did not realize the completeness of Jesus' victory on my behalf.

I felt utter despair.

Illust: Devils auction with his demons and the "temptation to despair."

The devil does everything he can in order to get you and me to the point where we will believe that our cases are hopeless.

Do you feel remorse about the way you have lived your life?

Did you once have many hopes and dreams, but you now find yourself with only disappointments and regrets?

Do you sometimes feel that God is not there for you?

There is hope for you if you answered yes to any one of these questions.

God wants to reach you with His healing grace and His cleansing power.

God desires to reach you, to give you His peace, joy, power and love. He desires to give you a new life.

Today we are entering a 6 week study on the most precious message of Righteousness by faith.

A message that ignited the Reformation.

Luther and struggling with just not good enough – lights came on, heard and understood the Gospel.

Struggling with temptation?

Spending time with Jesus?

Devotional life is lifeless?

Message of hope.

Do you feel enslaved in bondage of sin? Trying and trying but failing.

Illust: Danny thinking that whatever it takes Lord and I am happy to go through the trials to have a walk with you – to be in Your Kingdom.

I thought that there was something I had not done.

Jesus was the one who was beaten into submission for me.  
Is 53:5. Read.

Jesus was made perfect through sufferings.  
Heb 2:10.

I began to discover that Jesus did it all for me. He has gained the victory for me.

I must claim it by faith in Jesus. Whatever it takes discipline I thought of was already accomplished in Christ and it was fully mine in Him.

Matt 24:13. Jesus endured to the end and if we claim His victory we too will endure to the end.

All we can do is cry out to Jesus for deliverance.

Job 34:31,32. Ask God to reveal to us what we are really like.

Look away from ourselves and focus on Jesus' victory on our behalf.

Its not "what ever it takes for Danny" but Jesus already did "whatever it took." Jesus submitted to whatever it took.

This salvation in Jesus truly is a gift. You may not think that you deserve such a gift and there is something you must do.

Its not God's desire that we wallow in sin.

God's ideal for us is to live with Him even in the here and now and enjoy the fruits of salvation.

Ps 23:6. Surely goodness and mercy.....

You may think that you do not deserve goodness and mercy but claim God's Word.

Ps 62:5 – my soul waits for God....my expectation is from Him.

Don't expect anything you might say – yes do expect and claim the Word.

Battling with sin and temptation and that is the focus where God has something better for us to focus on.

Eph 2:8-10. As you serve others temptation loses its grip on you.

Busy rowing the boat no time to rock the boat.

Pray and claim Ps 119:37. Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

Not only good works that God has for us but assurance to be quickened in His path, that we will discern His ways. What a blessing – lifts us up from focusing on ourselves.

Sharing hope and good news with people instead of arguing.

I began focusing on myself instead of on Jesus. Only as we focus on Jesus and His victory for us can we receive deliverance.

Paul says: “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor 15:57.

Often we plead with God for Him to fulfill His promises. Why not just accept His Word as truth – that He will do for us what He has promised.

Greatest distance is between the head and the heart. Heard all this – not just about understanding it but we need to experience it. Exp it on a daily basis.

Talk about it, examine it, but not exp it. Lots of words mean nothing.

Bible says, “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking.” Prov 10:19. We often use words, sometimes big words to cover up a lack of genuine experience that we have with Jesus.

How can you know that you are exp the abiding in Christ rel and not just understanding it?

Peaceful rest inevitably comes when you finally give over to Jesus your whole life into His care and regardless of what happens you will enjoy an inner peace that only Jesus can give.

John 16:33. Read on what Jesus offers regarding His peace. Peace and rest in the One who has overcome the world.

Illust: Abiding in a nice comfortable chair. Exp rest and relief from allowing your full body to just relax. Same when we claim the promises of Jesus in His Word and abide in Him.

2 Cor 12:9,10. My grace is sufficient for you. Comments....

In order to exp this peace, assurance and victory in Jesus you will need to begin to read the Word.

If finding it uninteresting go to God's Word and claim His promises.

Jer 29:11-13.

Having peace that leads to eternal life – God's peace.

One thing – Mk 10:21.

Oh we try and resist the peace and rest Christ offers us.

The life Jesus offers us of peace and rest in Him we find so almost impossibly difficult bec our lives are characterized by agitation and stimulation. We pursue a course of discomfort, insecurity and unrest.

The waywardness and rebelliousness of our sinful hearts is constantly prompting us to depart from Jesus and the peace and rest that we can only find in fully surrendering to Him.

Next time you are tempted to grit your teeth and deal with the temptation and trial that faces you, the pruning of your character that God has for you – smile and give it to Jesus for He already has taken it for you.

Give it all to Jesus. He alone can carry your burden and He has invited you to give your burden over to Him.

Is 53:4. Surely He has borne our griefs.....

Let your experience rest fully and completely on the never-failing shoulders of Him whom God has given to be your burden bearer. Only this way will the trials and prunings in your Xian walk produce positive results.

Illust: Martyrs going to the stake to be burned singing hymns, also to the lions – resting in the peace of Christ who won the victory for them and bore their griefs..

There will be trials and tribulations but let them rest in Jesus. This is the Good News of the Gospel.

1 Peter 5:10. Read it.

You can sit back and look back at the rest you enjoy in Jesus.

Rom 8:37. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Eph 3:20,21. God able to do for us more than we can imagine....

Matt 11:28-30. Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden...

Jn 6:37. "To the one that comes to Me, I will by no means cast out."

Next time: Being Born Again and the Effects of the New Birth.