

John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Isn't it funny how one word can make you Happy or make you Sad.

- ❖ Pregnant + Married = Happy
- Pregnant + Single = Sad

- ❖ Police + Need help = Happy
- Police + Speeding = Sad

- ❖ Death + Christian = Happy
- Death + Non-Christian = Sad

- ✝ Tetelestai + Jesus = Happy
- Tetelestai + satan = Sad

So, what does Tetelestai mean anyway? Well, it's in today's devotional verse and it's the Hebrew form of what Jesus said on the cross. *"Tetelestai" = "It is finished"*

For believers the word Tetelestai makes us beyond happy, because Jesus was saying that He had completed all He came to this earth to do, and that was to die for all of our sins and pay for them all on the cross, meaning anyone who would believe in Him will have eternal life and never perish.

But for satan, he was not happy about it, because it means that Jesus defeated sin and death on the cross, everything that satan represents. That's why when you mention death to a nonbeliever, they cringe and are afraid of that word and all it represents, even though they do not realize that the one they serve, satan, is the reason there is death and sin in the world.

Yet for us as believers, we celebrate that one word *"Tetelestai" (It is finished)* because we know it means that Jesus did defeat sin and death on the cross, and we know that He did because He rose from the dead on the third day, which means that God accepted Jesus as that perfect sacrifice for our sins, and because of that we will be in heaven for all eternity with Jesus!

Jesus + Believer = Heaven (and eternal joy)

- ✝ **Luke 23:43** *And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

† **Psalm 84:12 (NLT2)** *O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.*

† **Luke 6:23** *Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.*

† **Luke 15:7 (NLT2)** *In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!*