It is Finished – 1 Pet. 3:18

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all time, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit*

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ death on the cross brings believers to God**

**Observations**

1. **Christ’s death in substitution for sinners brings them to God – 3:8**
2. Christ suffered once for all time – “Christ suffered for sins once for all time”

The final sacrifice for sin has been paid – it is finished the work of redemption

1. Christ suffered the just for the unjust – for sinners – “the just for the unjust”
2. **Christ’s death brings believers to God in reconciliation in this world – 3:8**

*“So that he might bring us to God”* = to bring = to formally present believers complete, holy and blameless in Christ

1. Jesus Christ introduces believers to God & His grace

Rom. 5:1 -2 – therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace, in which we stand, and we exult in hope of the glory of God

1. Jesus Christ completed the eternal purpose of reconciling sinners to God

Eph. 3:11 -12 – this was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him

1. **Christ’s death brings believers to God in glorification in heaven – 3:18**

*“So that he might bring us to God”*

1. Believers will be glorified - saved from the presence of sin forever!
2. Believers will be glorified completely, eternally saved!

Rom. 8:30 – whom He predestined, He also called, & these whom He called, He also justified, and these whom He justified, He also glorified

1. Believers will be glorified completely conformed to Christ

Rom. 8:29 – for those He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son…

1. Believers will be glorified with resurrected bodies at the coming of Jesus Christ

1 Thess. 4:16 – the dead in Christ will rise first…& so we will ever be with the Lord

1. Believers will be glorified when Jesus Christ presents them on the great day of resurrection holy & blameless before God

Col. 1:22 - yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

1. Believers will be glorified living eternally in fullness of joy in God’s presence

Jude 24 - now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy

1. Believers will be glorified living eternally in the enjoyment of God

Ps. 16:11 – you will make known to me the way of life, in your presence is fullness of joy, in your right hand there are pleasures forever

1 John 3:2 – beloved now we are children of God, & it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is

**Things to Remember**

1. All those God justifies, He glorifies!
2. Christ’s death brings believers permanent access to God in this world
3. Glorified believers will live eternally in the enjoyment of God
4. Jesus Christ will present believers pure & blameless to God in heaven
5. Oh, the unending joy of the glorified saint!

**Daily Use**

1. Repent & believe in the Lord Jesus Christ He will bring you to God
2. Rejoice believer in your eternal relationship with God through Christ
3. Think of the eternal joyfulness of heaven!

Old hymn – when we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus will sing and shout the victory!