

It is Finished!

Jesus uttered those words on the cross (Jn 19:30). He was in time, and He had done His part. He had also completed the work for all eternity. As a result, the veil was rent and the way was opened for any human being, regardless of race, creed, or nationality to be saved. Jesus had completed the work The Father gave Him to do (Jn 17:4).

But was it “finished” for us?

Jesus was the only way to The Father (Jn 14:6 *I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life*). However, there was “work” for us to do. We could not begin the work, neither could we complete the work...but there was work for us to do.

A beautiful type and shadow is found in Numbers 19:1-22. We read about the red heifer. The only other place referred to about the red heifer is He 19:13 (*...and the ashes of a (red) heifer sprinkling the unclean*). It seems as if there was only one red heifer slain for Israel for all her generations. There were not many red heifers slain year by year or as the need arised because the ashes used sprinkle the unclean person ran out. There was only ONE red heifer slain. Just because the provision was made (i.e. the red heifer) for the unclean person, it did not negate the unclean person having to purify themselves (having the water of separation sprinkled upon them). The Lord states twice in the 19th chapter that the unpurified soul will be cut off from among the congregation (Nu 19:13, 20).

The unclean individual could not purify themselves, the priest had to do it on the 3rd & 7th day, but they did have to see that it was done.

God's work is a 3 stage process: He begins, we participate, and He completes the work. We DO have a part.