“IT IS FINISHED!”

Binhi sang Pagtuo

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Dear Friends,

Happy Resurrection Day!

We rejoice because our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death. We are serving a risen Savior!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms one of the seven sayings of Jesus at the cross – “It is finished.”

In Greek the word “It is finished” is “tetelestai.” It means, “It is finished, it stands finished, and it always will be finished!”

This word was used by various people during those times. There are three kinds of usage that can give more meaning to our salvation.

First, “tetelestai” is used by a servant when he will report to his master. “Tetelestai” in that context means “I have completed the work assigned to me.” Yes, the death and resurrection of Jesus means “mission accomplished.”

Second, “tetelestai” is used by a priest after he examined an animal sacrifice and found it faultless. If this is used in relation to Jesus, then this means that Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God, without spot or blemish. The Lamb of God shed his blood, and that blood can take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Third, “tetelestai” is used by merchants when payment is made. It means: “The debt is paid in full!” When Jesus died on the cross, He paid our debt in full.

Jesus has finished the work in the cross, but after that, our work as Christians has just started. Are we doing our work?

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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