



How to Live Through a Bad Day – Be Victorious

Warm-up

Have you ever experienced the completion of a very difficult project? What was the project and how did it make you feel? (e.g. satisfied in the outcome, relief, personal accomplishment, etc.)

The Word

Read John 19:28-30

The words “It is finished,” when said by Jesus on the cross, were the greatest victory statement ever made. While it may seem strange that in death victory was achieved, we must understand that the final completion of His bad day resulted in the most victorious day in the history of the world. He was not saying, “I’m finished.” He was saying, “It is finished.”

There are three things (*It*) Jesus finished on the cross:

1. He fulfilled Scriptures

Read Luke 24:44-47 Jesus is the Messiah, or Savior, that had been told about in the Old Testament since Moses.

Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled what was stated throughout the Old Testament about the coming of a Messiah?

Jesus solidified His place as the Messiah and Savior of the world by fulfilling all of the Old Testament prophecies concerning His coming.

2. He satisfied the Law and paid our debt.

Read Romans 8:3-4 The Law could not save us, only a Savior could.

Why is “doing good” not enough to save us from God’s condemnation?

The only way we are “made right” before God is by the sacrifice that Jesus made for us by taking our place on the cross.

Why did a replacement have to take our place to restore us to right relationship with God?

Jesus had to be our replacement on the cross because the Law required a sacrifice for sin. Since Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, He was able to pay for our sins once and for all.

3. He defeated satan.

Read Colossians 2:15

Why is it important that Jesus' sacrifice was not a victory for satan, but a victory for us?

Read Romans 5:17

All who receive God's gracious gift of salvation and righteousness through accepting what Jesus did for them on the cross will have victory over sin and death for eternity.

The finished work of Jesus on the cross means that we have the potential to be completely forgiven of our sins, to be free from the hurts, habits, and hang-ups that have burdened us, and to receive the power to live a fulfilling life. Our decision to accept Jesus' finished work on the cross and receive Him as Lord and Savior in faith is all that is necessary to experience a victorious life in relationship with God.

Would anyone like to pray to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior right now?

Prayer

Pray that God will show us how to appropriate the finished work of Jesus to our own lives. Ask God to give you a full understanding of the completed work Jesus did when He said, "It is finished."

Easter Service Times:

Little Creek Campus:

Friday, April 22nd: 5pm and 7pm
Saturday, April 23rd: 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm
Sunday, April 24th: 8am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

North Causeway Campus:

Sunday, April 24th: 9:30am and 11:30am

Gulf Coast Campus:

Sunday, April 24th: 9:30am and 11:30am