

TETELESTI



Since the day that God spoke the universe into existence, this word—Tetelesti—has been the most important word ever uttered. It is the word Jesus spoke on the Cross just before he died (according

Tetelesti is translated into English as “It is finished.” The job that Jesus—the Son of God, the Word of God, God in the flesh—left Heaven to accomplish was finished. He was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life and now died, a perfect sacrifice to take away the sins of mankind. His job was to give you a way out.

It was a job only he could accomplish, and it is a present only he could give. In ancient Israel, the custom was that whenever a debt was paid—or redeemed—the one to whom it was owed would mark on the bill, “It is finished.”

Jesus is the one we owe, but he became the payment for us.
Jesus is the judge, but he took the penalty for us.

But the gift is not forced. If you want your
bondage to sin and Hell and death to be finished,
believe and pray something like this:

Lord God, I am a sinner, but I believe that Jesus died on
the Cross to free me from my sins, to save my soul. I ask
that you would make his sacrifice mine, save me and free
me. Jesus, please be the Lord of my life and make it
pleasing to you. God, all this I ask and thank and praise
you for, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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