

“ It is finished. ”

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “ It is finished. ” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Hi. My name is James Jungho Kim from South Korea. I was born as an only child in 1985. I came to the USA about one year ago and I am still learning English. So, excuse my pronunciation and grammar. I am a COD student and bible student. I study the bible with Jeremy.

Part 1 The mission of Christ

In John Chapter 19 Verse 30 Jesus said, “ It is finished. ” What does it mean? As a growing sheep, I am not so sure. However, I am sure about one thing that he had a mission of salvation for us. As we know well, we are all sinners. Who can say I am perfect guy? Who can say I am right in every situation? Who? Well, I was self righteous who is proud of me. Anyway, we have to go hell without salvation because we are all sinners. However, book of John Chapter 3 verse 16 says, for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. “ It is finished. ” means the salvation plan is completed. Thank you, Jesus.

Through learning about Jesus, I thought about my mission too. What is my mission? But I could not make a conclusion. Who knows? Only God knows. Proverbs 16:9 says, “ In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. ” I will follow God 's perfect leading. Right now, I know my mission for this time. That is sharing my life long testimony. I will finish this long ~testimony as quickly as possible.

Part 2 My life and pain and Jesus

As I said before, I grew up as an only child. My family was totally worldly family who did not know about Jesus. But my parents worked hard as a public servant. So, we had enough wealth but I was lonely at home. I had only one dream that is to have a brother or a sister. So, when I was in the elementary school, I asked my parents. “ I want a brother. ” My parents bought computer for me. At that time, computer was so rare and expensive in Korea.

Some times later, I felt boring about computer because at that time I did not have fun game like “ World of Warcraft ”(You guys know WoW? It is very fun game. Seriously). So, I asked once again, “ I need sibling! ” This time they bought a dog for me. It worked well. Dogs are cool. Besides dog, I made a lot of friends at school and hang out with them almost everyday. However, my friends had limited time to hang out with me. They had to go back home before their parents got mad. I felt lonely after they left me. Loneliness, it caused a desperate shortage of love. Because of this shortage, I met many people and some girl friends. However, as I want more love from them the result was disappointing. In

2004 I entered Chung-Buk national university in Korea. I also began to go to church in my hometown in 2004 but I was not serious about it. As a lonely guy, I wanted to meet as many people as possible. So, I participated in two club activities, a Soccer club and a movie club. In that club, I met a lot of people and drank a lot of alcohol.

One year later, I became a president of sophomore and movie club. Our soccer team won the first prize. I got a full scholarship and I participated in the armature play called "Julius Caesar" by William Shakespeare. And our play got a first prize in Korea. During that time, I supposed to be happy. However, I felt happy only few days, I felt emptiness again and again.

Moreover, I had to join the Korean army. Before join the army, I felt huge emptiness about study, so I got terrible grade and played internet game "World of Warcraft" all day long. Eating, gaming, X2 and sleeping. It was my busy schedule. Have you ever heard about Zombie?(M + very friendly) I was like that actually. After the Zombie life, I joined the Korean Air Force because of my duty as a Korean young man. It was really difficult time for me who was unhealthy. Not only physical pain, but also it was really lonely, the worst loneliness ever! Full of tension, some crazy officers. The life itself was pain. And I got two more pains at that time; one was my mother's breast cancer, right after I entered the air force. Another one was breaking up with my girl friend who had relationship about three years. 1.Military life + 2.breast cancer + 3.girl friend. It seemed have no answer. It made me so sad. I could understand other people who decide to die during the military service.

One day, one of my senior soldiers came to me and said, "Hey, I will give you a mission, Let us go to the base church this Sunday and care the children in that church." I had to follow that order and I went that church named "the 17th air Force Base church." From that time on, the people in the church began to call me teacher. Teacher? No~~~~ I had no idea about the bible and Jesus at all. However, I had to follow my senior's command because that was the rule. From that time I started to read the bible in order to teach the children. Teaching was not that difficult job because I taught them with teaching guide text book. And more I read the bible; it was source of encouragement for me. I began to read the Bible seriously. I needed a bible teacher. Some time later, thank God, I met a passionate missionary at the church. He was like a fire. With his help, I recognized that Jesus is with me every time. Do you believe that Jesus is here with us?

The Book of Isaiah chapter 41 verse 10 says "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Part 3 It is finished

After I studied the bible, my pains were gone one by one. My military life became easier. One of the reasons was that our company commander was a sincere Christian. My mother got healed by God 's grace. And my empty heart filled with love of Jesus so I did not want any other drink like alcohol. And I was not addicted by " World of Warcraft " any more. Jesus is truly my savior. After two years, I could be discharged from the Army safely and I came to the USA. Studying in the USA was my dream. I deeply thank God who blessed me a lot.

Life in the USA has been so blessing to me because I could learn the English in everywhere. I only got few health problems that were the wisdom toothache and digestion problem. However, God healed me as an answer of my prayer. I faced some tempting events. One example, there were a lot of parties at Friday night but I did not go. I put Jesus first and he solved my problems.

Now I am living in a new life. My sinful life is finished. Jesus ended my sin through his mission on the cross. And I am trying to follow him boldly. Who knew that James would share his testimony in front of many Americans? Only God knew.

However, I am still a child as a new Christian. So, I will grow spiritually through the bible study with Jeremy. And I repent that I did not pray a lot but depended on myself, even though I knew the power of pray. So, I could not listen to the voice of my Lord. From now on I will pray more and concentrate on the command of God. And I also repent that I was full of doubt and lack of effort. I will stop this and love others with all my heart as Jesus says in the Bible.

In conclusion, I 'd like to pray with the help of the Holy Spirit in this privilege place. Dear Heavenly father, thank you for your one and only son Jesus Christ, I repent that I was sinner who were proud and self righteous and drank a lot of alcohol and tried to seek humanly love endlessly. I am so sorry to you, Jesus. Please forgive me Lord. And Lead me not into temptation but I may remember you all the time and share Jesus and your love with others in every chance that you give. Lord, I may live my entire life for your glory so I may please you through my life. Thank you for this blessing. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

One word: Thank you, Jesus. Thank you for listening.