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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

A standard dictionary defines the word mission as “an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.” There have been many important missions given to men and women both in the past and in the present. Missions to end war and bring peace between nations are important missions which save lives. “Doctors without Borders” has a mission to provide medical care for people all over the world who would otherwise not have it. Some may consider NASA’s Mars rover missions to be important missions. If you were asked, what is the most important and vital mission ever given, how would you answer?

The most important and vital mission ever given was received by Jesus Christ from God the Father. 1 John 4:9-10 reads, “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that **God has sent His only begotten Son into the world**, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and **sent His Son** to be the propitiation for our sins.” The Holy Spirit revealed to Paul the words, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5). Jesus’ mission was to shed His precious blood on the cross to provide the only means by which one may be cleansed of sin and be granted the hope of eternal life. “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....” (1 Timothy 1:5). This was His mission – to save sinners! Is there any more important or vital mission than one’s eternal salvation?

Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34). Did Jesus accomplish his mission? The last words Jesus spoke just before He died was “It is finished” (John 19:30). Jesus mission to save us from our sins has been successfully completed. He has done His part in giving Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The question for each of us is, “Have I done my part?” Have I made the proper response to receive the cleansing of His precious blood? To be cleansed of your sins you must believe Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16), repent of sin (Acts 17:30), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) be immersed in water, into His death, to reach His blood (Romans 6:3-5) and live as His faithful servant (Revelation 2:10). **Mission accomplished!**