What has Christ Done?

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But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12, 13 NKJV)

Right in the Greek means "delegated authority, the liberty and right to use power".

As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:2, 3 NKJV)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. (I John 5:1 NKJV)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (I John 5:4, 5 NKJV)

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. (I John 3:6 NKJV)

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. (I John 3:9 NKJV)

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. (I John 3:4, 5 NKJV)

The key to these three scriptures is in Him.

Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, (I Peter 1:23 NKJV)

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. (I John 5:18 NKJV)

It is the inward man that believes or does not believe. Unbelief (sin of the inward man) is the only sin that brings eternal condemnation to the spirit. Sins of the flesh bring corruption and physical death.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. (Galatians 6:8 NKJV)

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18 NKJV)

Only the inward, spirit of man is born of God and that inward one who is born of God does not and cannot sin. Faith wipes out unbelief and the spirit is free. If one is born of God, and cannot sin, that spirit is saved forever and can never be lost or condemned to Destruction.

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. (**Hebrews 10:14 NKJV**)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:14-16 NKJV)

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:36 NKJV)

That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:15 NKJV)

Everlasting is eternal and forever.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be **saved**. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (**Romans 10:8-10 NKJV**)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption. **(Ephesians 4:30 NKJV)**

Sealed means "to establish or to settle with finality".

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. (II Timothy 1:12 NKJV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (**Romans 8:31 NKJV**)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:35 NKJV)

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38, 39 NKJV)

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. (John 10:27-29 NKJV)

And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and **preserve** me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen! (**II Timothy 4:18 NKJV**)

For by one offering He has **perfected** forever those who are being sanctified. (**Hebrews 10:14 NK.IV**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are **kept** by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (**I Peter 1:3-5 NKJV**)

As believers, we have been saved, sealed, preserved, perfected and kept.

If we believe God and the Bible to be true, we must also believe the spirit that is "born of God" is saved, sealed, preserved, perfected and eternally kept by God. To the believer, this is assurance of eternal salvation.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV)

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (**Hebrews 9:12 NKJV**)

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, (Jude 1:24 NKJV)

Our eternal security is purchased by Christ promised by the Father and sealed by the Holy Spirit.