

The Seventh Word: Christ's Invincibility
"Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit"
(Luke 23:46)

It is important to note that in the sixth word from the cross Christ did not say, "I am finished." As noted, He said, "It (meaning His work) is finished." Jesus Himself was invincible even over the ravages of death. Consider these words: *"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. this commandment I received from My Father"* (John 10:17-18).

Jesus was not murdered; He did not commit suicide. He died precisely at the divinely ordained time, by an act of His own will. No man can do this. This was a demonstration of His invincible power.

And because of this we have hope. "This last word from the lips of the dying Saviour has a personal application for each believing sinner who has trusted Him for salvation. It means that we can die as Jesus died, with the full assurance of faith and confidence that our Father in heaven will receive us. No child of God needs ever fear death. Its sting is gone forever (1 Corinthians 15:55)." (Strauss)

Can you say in Jesus, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit"? Your eternity hangs balanced on your answer. Do you have the assurance that if you were to die right now, your soul would end up in the presence of God? If yes, the remembrance of the Lord's death, the price He paid for your salvation, communion, has been prepared for you at the foot of the cross.

If not, turn to Jesus right now and by faith receive the salvation He purchased on the cross. Then go ahead; take your first communion in gratitude for your salvation. If you do not understand the symbols of communion, an explanation is on the table in front of you to help explain its significance.

You have been following a **red** line that tells the story of redemption available to all through the cross. Help others see and follow that **red** line so more may come to know the love of Jesus.