

Motto: *All that we have accomplished you have done for us*, Is. 26,12.

This verse has followed and guided me for many years, given me comfort and encouragement. To my understanding there are several layers or levels in this message. Let me brief you on some few points from the motto: *All that we have accomplished he has done for us*.

- We caused the death of Jesus due to our sins, but He accomplished our salvation through his death and resurrection. We are justified through faith alone – in Christ: *All that we have accomplished he has done for us*.
- Our sanctification results in good deeds (not deeds of the law), and the source is God himself. *We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*. Again we notice the pattern of the motto: *All that we have accomplished he has done for us*.
- The ministry of the Word (the Office of the Ministry) contains a similar pattern. An ambassador of Christ appeals on behalf of Christ, just as Jesus said: *He who receives you receives me*. The apostle Paul testifies: *... by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me*. Applied into my situation I am called to serve accordingly: *All that I may accomplish he will do for me*.
- On the judgement day, all who have overcome testify that a living faith has expressed itself through love, i.e. produced good deeds. Again the pattern from the motto is the same: *All that we have accomplished he has done for us*.

*Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever more. Amen.*