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## (Zambia) It Is Finished - Zambia Easter Bible Conference

### Overview

We thank God for the successful 2026 Easter Conference, held under the powerful theme, "It Is Finished." Throughout the weekend, we were deeply reminded of the complete and victorious work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This theme was exactly what our students needed to hear.

While about 30 students registered for the conference, we faced a challenge: many were unable to attend due to pressing academic assessments. However, it was a source of great encouragement to see those who chose to attend by faith, prioritising the Word of God despite their academic pressure. In total, 16 participants attended. Though the number was smaller than expected, we accepted the promise of Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Because we believed Jesus was with us, the atmosphere was joyful, refreshing, and filled with graceful Bible study and deep fellowship.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Day 1: The Opening Message

Scripture: John 19:16–30 Speaker: Shepherd Moses

Shepherd Moses began by centering us on Jesus' final declaration: "It is finished." He addressed the reality that students today live under constant pressure and expectations, with unfinished assignments and unmet goals, complicated relationships, and hidden feelings of inadequacy. In contrast to this, we learned that Jesus' words on the cross were not a cry of defeat, but a declaration of complete victory. Jesus defeated the power of sin and death perfectly. The cross stands as the ultimate demonstration of God's love. There is nothing more we need to add; Jesus paid it all. Students were reminded that in Christ, we are no longer defined by our failures or unfinished efforts, but by His finished work.

#### Day 2 Morning: Deep Healing, Bible Study and Message

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1–12 Speaker: Brother Elvis

The second day began with a deep Bible study and a powerful message on the "Suffering

Servant." We learned that while students outwardly look strong, many are struggling inwardly with stress, academic pressure, guilt, loneliness, and rejection. Sin is not something to be ignored; it deeply affects our hearts, destroying peace and bringing inner brokenness. Through the message, we learned that Jesus took our punishment, carried our guilt, and absorbed our pain. The key verse that brought healing was: "By His wounds we are healed." Brother Elvis emphasized that true emotional and spiritual healing begins when we accept Jesus' finished work personally. Day 2

A central part of our conference tradition is testimony writing and sharing. This session showed the tangible work of the Holy Spirit, creating an atmosphere of grace, openness, and healing.

- Kampamba: Honest and courageous, he shared his struggle with pornography and masturbation. By understanding Jesus' sacrifice, he accepted that Jesus died for all his sins and experienced true freedom from condemnation.
- Chishimba: He shared the pain of deep hatred within his extended family. Realizing that Jesus loves unconditionally, he was encouraged to be a peacemaker.
- Chilufya: He testified about his struggle with pride. By learning from Jesus' humility, he confessed that he has grown in a willingness to listen and now enjoys serving during worship. Special thanks to Brother Ron for his joyful heart and excellent answers during the Bible studies.

Day 2 Evening: The Call to Love

Bible Study Scripture: John 13:18–38

The evening Bible study was highly interactive. We were deeply moved to discover that Jesus' love is pure, unconditional, and not based on performance. We were surprised that Jesus loved Judas and Peter, even though He knew they would betray and deny Him. This study challenged us to "Love one another, even those who hurt or oppose us."

Day 3: The Closing Challenge

Scripture: John 13:18–38 Speaker: Chilufya

The conference concluded with a final message focused on Jesus' ultimate command: "Love one another as I have loved you."

The main points were that Jesus' love is sacrificial and costly—He gave His life to save us. We were challenged to practice this sacrificial love in our daily lives, building Christ-centered relationships on campus and beyond.

The 2026 UBF Zambia Easter Conference was a deeply spiritual and transformative experience. Despite the smaller number, God worked powerfully. Many students expressed gratitude and joy, testifying that the conference came at the right time in their lives.

We are taking with us a renewed understanding of:

1. "It Is Finished": We do not need to strive to earn God's love. Jesus has already completed everything for our salvation.
2. Healing & Freedom: We are called to live in His freedom, healing, and unconditional love.
3. A Renewed Commitment: A stronger fellowship and unity among students to live for Christ.

## OUR PRAYER TOPICS

We pray that the fruits of this conference will continue to grow. We ask for prayers for:

1. Spiritual Growth: That we grow in Jesus's love by loving one another like Jesus loved us.

- 2. Ministry Growth: For the Manger ministry to keep growing steadily.
- 3. Shepherd Training: For senior students Chilufya, Elvis, Clifford, and Chishimba to begin feeding sheep.





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