

# The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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## **Jesus – Our Greatest Friend!**

*by Dempsey Collins*

- He created us – Colossians 1:16
- He created the world - Jesus sustains the world – Colossians 1:16
- He upholds all things by the word of His power – Hebrews 1:3
- Gave up Heaven’s glory to be our Savior – Philippians 2:7
- Emptied Himself – Philippians 2:7
- Sacrificed His life – Philippians 2:7
- Overcame all temptation – Matthew 4; Hebrews 4:15
- Lived a perfect life – Romans 5:10
- Sympathizes with us – Hebrews 4:15
- Suffered greatly – He was deserted, mocked, beaten, slapped, scourged, spat upon, crucified – John 18, 19; Matthew 26 & 27
- Provided the way of salvation – John 14:6
- Revealed the Father’s will – Hebrews 1:1, 2
- Has much compassion for us – Matthew 11:28-30
- Mediates for us – I Timothy 2:5
- Will never leave or desert us – Hebrews 13:5, 6

*"It is finished" (John 19:30)*

## **Paid In Full**

*by Joe R. Barnett*

Monthly payments have become a way of life. Easy credit. Buy now, pay later.

American economists are concerned about the immense debt load. Many young couples get so far into debt it is almost impossible to get out.

I've had my share of those monthly obligations. What a relief to come to that last payment and write across the bottom of the check, "Final Payment" or "Paid in Full."

Archeologists have found many tax receipts from early centuries with the Latin *consummatum est* scrawled across them. It means paid.

The Greek equivalent is *tetelestai*. This is the word Jesus spoke from the Cross when he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *Tetelestai* - "It is finished." He had come into the world to seek and save the lost. This was the climax of that mission.

*Tetelestai*. Sin's account was settled. The debt was paid in full. No more "payment due" notices from Satan.

There's nothing you have to personally accomplish to gain redemption. The final payment has been made for you. All you need do is, by your obedience, gratefully accept that payment. The debt is paid. *Tetelestai*.

We are not saved by our attainment, but by Christ's atonement.

Jesus paid it all.

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain -

He washed it white as snow.

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## **Satan's Auction**

It is said that Satan announced once upon a time that he was thinking of retiring from business and would offer all of his diabolical inventions for sale to anyone who would pay the price.

On the day of the sale, the tools were all attractively displayed, despite the ugliness of most of them. Malice, hatred, jealousy, sensuality, deceit, and all the other instrumentalities of evil was each marked with its price.

Apart from the rest, lay a plain wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced much higher than any of the others. Someone asked Satan what it was.

"That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced such a simple tool so high?"

"Because," Satan answered, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others; and once inside I can use him in whatever suits me best. It is much worn because I have used it on nearly everybody, and few, very few, know that it belongs to me."

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## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer  
of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*