

The Sixth Word: Christ Indemnifies

"It is finished."

(John 19:30)

Tetelestai! This was what Jesus said at that moment. The simplest translation of this word is "*Finished.*" That is, there is nothing more to do or add; all is satisfied. Ancient tax documents have been recovered with the word *tetelestai* written across them, meaning "**PAID IN FULL**" An *indemnity* exempts one from and secures one against penalties or liabilities and debts one owes. Earlier in John 17:4, looking ahead to this moment, Jesus said, "*I glorified Thee on the earth, **having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.***" With His sixth word Jesus declared that work complete and paid in full in real time and space.

The cross left no unfinished business, no un-experienced suffering, no unpaid debt to pay off, no residual wrath to endure, no unconquered sin, no unvanquished demon. Even Satan himself is a victim of the cross! Death was judged there. Prophecy fulfilled there. Christ was totally faithful; God was totally satisfied. Regarding your salvation, no more can be done for you than was done by Christ on the cross. **Hebrews 10:11-12** says after Christ offered His sacrifice He sat down; He is done!

Christian, are you running yourself ragged with activity trying to please God? You will please Him most by sitting quietly at His feet in settled awe at what He has already done. Sinner, are you striving to do enough good things to make heaven? You are too late. Jesus paid it all! Only Jesus could. Put your trust in Him.

Make it personal: Take a "certificate of debt." Write down a list of sins you remember committing. Take the red marker and write across the list, "**PAID IN FULL.**" Lay it at the foot of the cross and leave it there. Move on to the seventh and final word. You will find a table set and ready for you. Follow the **red** line.