

November 14th – Jesus Paid it All

“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”

(Heb. 10:11-13)

Just about everyone has had the experience of paying off a debt. For instance, many people have a home loan. Most home loans are stretched out for 15 to 30 years. When you're in the midst of paying the loan, sometimes you wonder if it's ever going to be paid off. You have to make payment after payment after payment, and still the debt is not paid. No matter how much we hate it, we have to keep paying until the debt has been retired.

Human beings have a problem – we owe an unpayable debt to God. When our forefathers (Adam and Eve) sinned in the Garden of Eden, they passed to all the rest of us the curse of sin. Every human being is born a sinner (Rom. 3:23). Because all of us are sinners, we are now objects of God's wrath. Throughout the ages, humans have offered a variety of sacrifices to God in their attempts to cover or remove their sins, but the blood of bulls and goats has never worked.

That's where Jesus stepped in. When He saw that we could do nothing to pay our sin debt, He took on human flesh, went to the cross, and paid our debt for us with His own blood. Following His death on the cross, the Bible says that Jesus presented His own blood to the Heavenly Father as a perfect payment for the sins of mankind. Because His blood was a satisfactory atonement, Jesus did something the OT priests could never do – He *sat down* at the right hand of God. He sat down because the work was done. I don't know about you, but I'm so glad that Jesus paid it all!