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Those who hold the view that GOD loves everybody the same, generally become angry if someone points out that the Bible is very clear that both the mercy and love of GOD to men is selective according to the good pleasure of HIS will. One needs to look no further than Romans 9:13 to see this demonstrated; *“As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”* Then he goes on to say; *“For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”* All have tasted that the LORD is gracious, to some extent, for HE sends the rain on the just and the unjust, and grants to all men a portion of pleasure in their existence. Yet this is not the mercy that all men ultimately need. For all men (without exception) shall perish; apart from the saving mercy of GOD being bestowed upon them.

All who are given a hunger for this mercy shall see their desire fulfilled, for the LORD prepares the hearts of HIS people to call upon HIM and HE delights to show mercy to those of a broken and contrite heart, who tremble before HIS throne. HE is of a tender countenance to those who mourn for their sin. HIS mercy precedes HIS mercy as HE is pleased to bring the blind by a way which they knew not and to show compassion to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, yet find it not in themselves or the religion of this world. The Psalmist said, *“I have trusted in thy mercy”*. The “mercy” of GOD was his greatest source of confidence. Yet he did not just “assume” that the LORD would show mercy, rather he was given faith to rest in the ONE who shows mercy. He said *“I have trusted in THY mercy.”*; knowing that HE was ONE who has reserved HIS mercy for those HE has loved with an everlasting love. His confidence was in the REDEEMER of sinners, *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”* CHRIST is the basis of the trust of those whom the LORD is pleased to call. *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”* *“But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.”* *“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”*

When GOD is pleased to give a man confidence in CHRIST, HE causes that man to *“rejoice in thy salvation”*. This is that of which the apostle exhorts the sons of GOD, *“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”* The flesh can easily be stirred up, by jazzy music and orchestrated theatrics, to engage in a joyful display. Many mistake this for biblical rejoicing. The rejoicing of the Psalmist had one OBJECT clearly in view. The SALVATION of the righteous is CHRIST. HE is the JUSTIFIER of HIS elect. In this they greatly rejoice. *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”* *“rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”* The rejoicing of the Saints is not limited to singing, but it does often result in it. The Psalmist said, *“I will sing unto the LORD”*. Yet this “singing” is not always that which can be heard by others. Paul admonishes the Ephesians *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord .*

David said, *“I will sing a new song unto thee, O God.”* The word “new” which is used here is actually means “fresh”. The worship of GOD’s people is to be new, (or fresh) every morning because HIS faithfulness to us most surely is. *“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”* HE will not be worshipped with rituals and rote observances. *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* Every thing which the children of GOD have or do before the LORD is “by HIM”. All things consist “by HIM”. We pray “by HIM”. Our confidence is “by HIM”. Our faith is “by HIM”. Our rejoicing is “by HIM”. Our salvation is “by HIM”. Our righteousness is “by HIM”. We are justified “by HIM”. We are reconciled “by HIM” We are enriched “by HIM”. We are taught “by HIM”. Our obedience is “by HIM”. Our sanctification is “by HIM”. Do you rejoice in HIM?

*“Thy free grace alone,”#11 If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)*