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It was widely considered by the Jews that outward financial acumen was a direct indicator of one’s favor with GOD, especially when coupled with an outwardly religious demeanor. Therefore it was quite a shock for them when HE said, *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”* HE established the impossibility of a man entering (or being a part of) the kingdom of GOD who had any confidence in his riches, ability, or self-worth.

Religious men always contend that the endeavors of men are the basis upon which blessings are bestowed upon them. Some boldly say that by a man’s works and obedience HE can gain an entrance into the Kingdom while others acknowledge that admission to the Kingdom is by grace, yet they nonetheless, declare that the everyday blessings of the enjoyment of that entrance are enhanced by ones “obedience” and attendance to “duty” and the exercise of free will faith.

Faith is the *“gift of GOD”*, it is not “of works” (i.e.; a manifestation of the free will of man) lest any man should find grounds upon which to boast. Rather it is the operation of GOD in those whom HE has loved from before the foundation of the world and is bestowed upon them according to HIS sovereign pleasure in order to manifest HIS deliverance of them from the bondage and penalty of sin. The man who is “without faith” can have no understanding of the things of GOD. *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* The LORD has declared HIS purpose to produce praise in those who are both unable and unwilling to give it apart from HIS enabling power. Thus, *“out of the mouths of babes and sucklings”* HE has perfected praise. HE is a jealous GOD and will share HIS glory with none as HE confounds the wise and prudent and reveals the deep things of GOD to mere babes. This leaves men with no grounds upon which to boast in either their entrance into the kingdom of GOD nor their subsequent blessings which flow to them as the children of GOD.

Paul clearly expressed this very truth to the Corinthians saying, *“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”* All revelation and understanding which is found in the sons of GOD is that which has been bestowed upon them by HIS gracious hand. HE will teach the sons of GOD to “know the TRUTH”. HE did not say that they would “become” HIS disciples by believing but rather they would be manifested as HIS *“disciples indeed”*, by the fact that they would be taught the TRUTH and continue in HIS word. The SPIRIT will always testify of the total sufficiency of CHRIST unto those who are given ears to hear. The work of the SPIRIT is to exalt and magnify the person and work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. That work of CHRIST in the behalf of HIS people is one which is completely “finished”. They are forever justified, sanctified, and glorified by that which HE has accomplished for them in HIS life of obedience, HIS death on Calvary’s cross, HIS resurrection from the dead as the FIRST FRUITS of them that sleep and HIS ascension back to the right hand of FATHER as their GREAT HIGH PRIEST where HE ever lives to make intercession for them.

Yet there is a work which HE presently performs in them which is the fulfillment of HIS purpose wherein they were predestined. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* This is a current operation of HIS grace wherein HE is pleased to work in each one according to HIS sovereign will. *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (or manifest) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man (i.e. everyone whom HE has given the gift of faith) the measure of faith.”*

GOD will get glory in HIS people both in giving them the kingdom through CHRIST’s redemptive work and in bestowing upon them those gifts which HE has held in store for them. *“Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.”* Do you value the riches of HIS kingdom above the riches of this world?

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