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The blessings which JESUS CHRIST has purchased for HIS brethren are not in any wise conditional. HE has met and fulfilled all conditions in the behalf of those whom HE loved with an everlasting love. Whatever they have lacked, HE has provided. *“But without faith it is impossible to please him.”* Thus, HE has provided “faith” to those whom HE loves. HIS faith is perfect and without doubting and it is in HIS faith that we stand. This is that *“ONE FAITH”* of which Paul writes. CHRIST is the **SOURCE** of all true faith which is the *“gift of GOD.”* CHRIST is the **BASIS** of all true faith as Paul says, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”* This FAITH is in no wise dependent upon the performance of the children of GOD. *“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* *“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”*

The law demands a perfect righteousness for those who would enter into HIS presence. *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”* There is only ONE who has ever met those requirements, and it is HE who is our SUBSTITUTE. *“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”* The salvation of the sons of GOD is, from beginning to the end, the product of HIS own will and power. HE is *“mighty to save.”* Any condition which the sons of GOD stand in need of, HE has provided. While the law demanded obedience, it could not furnish it, since the weakness of our flesh is demonstrated by our inability to keep its demands. *“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

Paul writes of a sequence of events which must transpire in order for the salvation which CHRIST has wrought, to be made manifest in the conscience of those for whom HE has provided it. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”* In order for a man to believe in CHRIST he must *“hear”*. Yet we find that men by nature, cannot hear the truth of GOD, nor will they seek after it. How then cometh this *“hearing”*? It must be bestowed upon them by HIM who is HEALER of deaf ears. Many have made the mistake of thinking that the “power” of the preacher is that which causes men to hear. The LORD is pleased to “send” and “use” men to perform the task of declaring the gospel which *“brings life and immortality to light”*, but it is only as the LORD opens the ears of the hearer that they shall be enabled to hear.

The LORD promised, that HE would open the ears and heal the blind eyes of those who have sat in darkness. *“I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”* They shall be caused to *“hear”*, and then to *“learn”* of HIM. *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”* In this fashion they have, indeed, *“learned of the FATHER”*, for, when a man has seen JESUS CHRIST, he has seen the FATHER. As the LORD told the Pharisees, *“if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.”* When a man has *“learned of the FATHER”*, he has also *“learned”* of the great gulf there is between the perfections and glory of GOD and himself. This is the “learning” which begets repentance. So it is, that, when the sons of GOD have “heard” the WORD of TRUTH from the lips of HIM who is *“the TRUTH”*, they will *“learn”* of the FATHER and they will *“come”* unto HIM, for they can do nothing else. *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me.”* For the glory of GOD we do proclaim liberty to the captives and the giving of sight to the blind, declaring that HE calls sinners to come to HIM. *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* Do you hear HIM? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 ***if you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net***