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The LORD’s purpose in the creation of the world is to magnify the glory of HIS grace in the sending forth of HIS SON to redeem HIS people which HE chose in CHRIST before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Before the firmament was created, in which the heavens and the earth now abide, the LORD had set HIS KING over all of that creation and HE fashioned every jot and tittle of it for HIS glory and pleasure. By observing the things which do occur we can be certain what the purpose of GOD is because as David said, *“Our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* The LORD JESUS CHRIST, the eternal and only begotten SON of GOD did ask and receive the heathen for HIS inheritance, according to Psalm 2. No attempt is mentioned nor is there any doubt that HE would accomplish exactly what HE came to do. *“HE shall save HIS people from their sins.”* This forms the very foundation upon which the gospel stands and is the basis for the glorious “good news” which is proclaimed by those sent into the earth with it. If CHRIST did not absolutely obtain the redemption of those for whom HE died then we have no certain message of salvation to bring to fallen sinners.

It is an amazing turn of events and deceptions that has turned the preaching of the “gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD” into a weak kneed plea for men to let HIM save them by the addition of their faith to that which HE has accomplished. Preaching which does not proclaim the securing of redemption for those for whom HE died cannot be the gospel since we read, *“Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”* There is no uncertainty as to HIS purpose or HIS accomplishment of that purpose. HE has redeemed those who were HIS from before the foundation of the world. *That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”*

Now if all of the sin of every man in the world was laid on HIM, we are quite certain that every man in the world would be saved. However the scriptures plainly declare that there is a number of the human race who shall be ultimately cast into the lake of fire. *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”* We take no particular delight in this somber scene and the resultant destruction of the wicked, however this separation of the sheep from the goats does cause the saints of GOD to rejoice, as we contemplate the mercies of GOD which has spared us from a like fate. Our eyes are turned to Calvary’s cross and our exultation is the same as the apostle Paul’s when he said, *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”*

We rejoice not simply in our sonship, nor our resultant election unto salvation, but our rejoicing is at its fullest as we contemplate HIM who took upon HIMSELF our sin and imputed HIS righteousness to us when HE accomplished our redemption and took away our sin. *“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* HE is our REDEEMER who has tread the winepress of GOD’s wrath alone and no man stood with HIM. Yet HE did triumph in our behalf and has delivered a complete and full salvation unto all of those for whom HE shed HIS precious blood. May HIS name be ever glorified for HE is worthy of all praise.

Complete atonement thou hast made, And to the utmost farthing paid
 Whate’er thy people owed; How then can wrath on me take place,
 If sheltered in thy righteousness, And sprinkled with thy blood?
 If thou hast my discharge procured, And freely in my room endured
 The whole of wrath divine, Payment God cannot twice demand,
 First at my bleeding Surety’s hand, And then again at mine.
 Turn, then, my soul, unto thy rest; The merits of thy great High Priest
 Speak peace and liberty; Trust in his efficacious blood,
 Nor fear thy banishment from God, Since Jesus died for thee.

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