

**Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”**

The only GARMENT in which any man has ever been clothed and accepted before GOD is the righteousness of CHRIST. It was in this RIGHTEOUSNESS that Enoch stood who walked with GOD and was not. It was this GARMENT which was wrapped around Noah as he found grace in the eyes of the LORD and was seen as righteous in his generation, as the multitude around him perished. It was this GARMENT in which Abraham was clothed even while yet in Ur of the Chaldees, as the LORD called him from darkness to LIGHT. And it was while clothed in this COVERING that Joshua led the nation of Israel to victory in the conquest of that land of promise. Not one deed which any of these men accomplished enhanced their standing with GOD, nor did any failure they might have exhibited along the way, disqualify them in HIS sight, since HE had already made them “perfect” in the RIGHTEOUSNESS of JESUS CHRIST who bore their sin and clothed them in that GARMENT of holiness which belonged to HIM alone. They were and are complete in HIM even as every one of HIS children, both, before and after them. *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”*

In John’s vision on the Isle of Patmos, he describes seeing CHRIST *“clothed with a garment”*. Now he had walked and talked with this MAN CHRIST JESUS for a period of about three years. He even described himself as the “disciple whom the LORD loved”. Yet this vision of HIM *“high and lifted up”* was overwhelming to him. *“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”* Rather than running to embrace HIM or seeking conversation with HIM he says, *“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.”* While he had seen and talked with HIM for many days as the LORD walked among men clothed in the GARMENT of humility, yet now he sees HIM as HE is, the LORD of glory who dwells in the LIGHT to which no man can approach. It is impossible for men to stand in the presence of HIS glory apart from HIS grace. As HE told Moses, *“Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.”* John would have remained in this state of abject fear and were it not that HE who is the embodiment of GRACE and MERCY, reached down HIS HAND saying, *“Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*

John saw HIM who David extolled saying, *“Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.”* HE who could not be covered or bound with anything, clothed HIMSELF with humility, that HE might be the LIGHT of the world, in order to draw HIS children unto HIMSELF in HIS own time. *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* How else could we have known HIM? And so we are brought to consider this “garment in which CHRIST is clothed”. A garment of LIGHT and LIFE which belongs to HIM and is representative of that RIGHTEOUSNESS which is HIS possession. No man can be covered by it except according to HIS mercy which HE will sovereignly dispense. At the same time HE has demonstrated HIS perfect willingness to show mercy to all who call upon HIS NAME. As the Psalmist has said, *“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. --- Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”*

It was this abundant mercy that caused HIM to reach down HIS HAND and speak words of comfort and hope to John saying *“Fear not, I AM the FIRST and the LAST”*. Even now HE does comfort those who mourn for their sin and who feel their separation from HIM by sending the gospel of HIS free grace to their ears which HE opens to hear this glorious message. *“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; --- that he might be glorified.”* This is the garment of CHRIST which HE is pleased to give to those who tremble in HIS presence. Have you heard HIS glorious word and believed? HE’s the SAVIOR of sinners.

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