

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

We live in an era of time when the clear declaration of the glorious truths of the gospel cannot be readily found. The teaching that GOD regards all men with the same love has caused the glory of redemption to be tarnished in the eyes of the multitude. The notion is set forth, far and wide, that CHRIST has done all that HE can do to provide a means of salvation to every person on Earth and has now left the gaining of that salvation up to men, who can attain it by deciding to do so. Thus, we find the blind leading the blind and all falling into the deep ditch of free willism and universal atonement. An atonement that is available to everyone but actually takes away the sin debt of none is no atonement at all, but is a mere faltering attempt to save all men, while failing to actually save any.

The very basis of the true gospel is that JESUS CHRIST has “*obtained eternal redemption*” with HIS own blood. If HE has “obtained” this redemption, then it must follow that this redemption is complete. If it is “complete”, then it is sure and steadfast for all that HE has obtained it for. Thus, we read in the scriptures that HE has “*bought*” a people. If they are bought and paid for, they must be HIS. HE has not made a blanket, down payment, only to have to wait to find out what it is that HE bought. Rather HE knows them that are HIS, has prayed for them alone, and has purchased their redemption quite apart from any action taken by them. “*So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*”

The concept of “redemption” is quite a simple one, which men employ almost every day of their lives as they spend their money to buy goods and services which they expect to possess. No one goes into a store and pays their hard-earned cash, without selecting items to purchase, in blind hope that they will get some goods. Neither did the LORD JESUS CHRIST shed HIS blood apart from a knowledge of that which HE purchased. The glory of that “redemption” which CHRIST has “obtained” is that HE is buying back that possession which was HIS from the beginning. HE was given a people from the foundation of the world, by the FATHER and it is those people who were chosen in HIM. According to HIS purpose to bring glory to HIS NAME in the manifestation of HIS grace, HE created the world and subjected that possession unto the vanity of this world. They willingly sold themselves into poverty, shame, condemnation, and slavery. In HIS eternal purpose HE determined to buy them out of this impoverished state to manifest HIS glory and everlasting love. They are “*bought with a price.*”

Having bought HIS most precious possession, HE would not abandon it, nor leave the gathering of it to chance. Just as the faithful shepherd searched until HE had found the sheep that was lost, so too does the LORD JESUS seek those that are HIS. Drawing them with cords of love and overtures of kindness. “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*” By pricking their hearts by HIS SPIRIT. “*I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*” By convincing them of sin, righteousness and judgement. Sending HIS SPIRIT to each one with the “heavenly wind” of the new birth. “*Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*” Indeed HE comes to “seek and to save that which is lost.” The LORD’s elect are bought and sought.

Having bought them with HIS precious blood and imputed to them HIS perfect righteousness, HE compels them to come unto HIM, just like that “*certain man*” who made a supper. “*And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*” HE does not futilely attempt to bring them to HIMSELF, rather HE compels them to come by making them “*willing in the day of HIS power.*” Even as HE declared, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” Thus, the sons of GOD are bought, sought, and brought to HIM according to HIS power, mercy, and grace. “*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.*” I have often heard the “*physicians of no value*” say, you just need to take the first step and then GOD will do the rest. Such a message is of no use to that man who is “*dead in trespasses and sins*”. If a man had the power and will to “take the first step” then he could take the next one too. Lost and ruined sinners need a SAVIOR who saves, a REDEEMER who redeems, and a SHEPHERD who calls and gathers HIS sheep. CHRIST is that ONE. Have you been found by HIM? “*Thy free grace alone,*” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepeople@windstream.net**