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The LORD said, HE would send HIS SPIRIT to reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement. The SPIRIT of GOD bears testimony against the sin of this world as HE shows the work of the law written in the hearts of men. All men are therefore without excuse before GOD, for even those who are not given the Law of GOD written in tablets of stone, nonetheless know right from wrong and despise the rule of GOD over them, delighting in the lusts of their flesh and finding fault with those who would treat them in the same fashion which they would treat others. Even thieves grow angry when someone steals from them.

HE said HIS SPIRIT would reprove the world, *“Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.”* CHRIST has openly displayed HIS righteousness to the world yet they cannot see it because of the willing darkness which envelops their mind. HIS children, on the other hand rejoice in the revelation of HIS perfect righteousness both as a sinless MAN and a SUBSTITUTE for sinners, paying the debt of sin which HIS people owed. HE imputes HIS righteousness to them, and they are *“convicted”* by HIS SPIRIT of their own sinful condition and *“convinced”* of HIS completely satisfactory solution to their dilemma of being enemies of GOD which is manifested by their own wicked works. They are ashamed of their record but rejoice in being reconciled unto GOD, throwing down their arms of rebellion and falling at HIS feet in worship. Though they *“see HIM not”* yet they rejoice in the HOPE which HE has given them.

HE said HIS SPIRIT would reprove the world *“Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”* Notice that HE says the *“prince of this world IS judged”*. We are not waiting to see his judgment because the LORD has already manifested it in HIS triumph at Calvary and the Garden Tomb. *“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* HE did this as HE blotted out the handwriting of those ordinances which were against us. *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”* CHRIST’s absolute victory in securing the redemption of that elect people for which HE came to save has forever destroyed the capability of Satan to harm one hair of the heads of those for whom HE suffered. He merely awaits his final torment in the Lake of Fire to which he is appointed along with all whose names are not written in the LAMB’s book of LIFE. Satan is has been loosed in the earth for a season and goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But he cannot devour even one of the weakest of those lambs for whom CHRIST has shed HIS precious blood. Thus, we see the SPIRIT’s work as given primarily for the benefit of those sons of GOD, the called according to HIS purpose, as HE worketh all things together for their good. They are *“reproved”* daily as HE applies the WORD of GOD to their hearts and minds. *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

HE teaches them of CHRIST who is their PERFORMER and RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HIS work is seen in HIS gentle *“rebukes”*, as their flesh wars against HIM in the form of pride. HE delivers them from self-righteousness, teaching them of their own weakness and, in contrast, the SOURCE of their STRENGTH. *“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”* *“the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.”*

When HIS SPIRIT is present, the LORD’s people will be *“convicted”* of their sin. When the adulterous woman was brought before the LORD we read that her accusers were, *“convicted by their own conscience.”* This was a natural conviction which did not result in true repentance akin to that sorrow which gripped Judas. It was a repentance to be repented of. But when the SPIRIT convicts those whom HE has given LIFE, they are as Job after the WHIRLWIND, and Saul on the road to Damascus. They know themselves to be sinners in dire need.

The SPIRIT of CHRIST will *“convince”* HIS people of the RIGHTEOUSNESS of that ONE in whom HE gives them FAITH to believe. Saul of Tarsus, who once breathed out threatenings and slaughters against the people of GOD is brought to confess. *“I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”* Are you taught by the SPIRIT of CHRIST?

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