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There are “debts” which a man cannot repay even though he may owe them. These are those debts wherein the lender expects no payment, having settled the debt with his own money. This is the debt of love. Love does not demand payment, yet love desires to pay. This is that debt which is spoken of by Paul when he says, *“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”* *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”*

This is the sort of debt that Paul has in mind when he writes *“we are debtors not to the flesh”*. All men are born as debtors to this “monster” which inhabits their body and would possess them completely. We have been its willing subjects since the day of our conception and have come forth from our mother’s womb speaking lies. *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”* We shall be plagued with its presence until it is completely consumed in the grave and the worms have utterly destroyed it.

Job expressed the HOPE of those whose every debt is paid by that ONE whom he rightly describes as “my REDEEMER”. Our body and our flesh are closely related though not exactly synonymous. Where you find one in this world you will find the other. Yet just like the WORD of GOD, divides between the *“soul and the spirit”*; so too is there a division between the body and the flesh. Job has regard to the consumption of the body and the subsequent “resurrection” of it in the day when CHRIST shall open the graves of those that sleep causing HIS elect to behold HIM in HIS glory, not in the body of another but in the same body that HE deposited in the Earth, but is then raised in a glorified body which is incorruptible, without the “flesh” which demanded their allegiance while they dwelt in this lowland of sin and sorrow.

We owed a debt which we could not pay, as the Law demanded our total destruction, for the soul that sinneth shall surely die since the wages of sin is death. We were gladly the bondslaves of sin and our innate corruption was not even a concern to us when we walked according to the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. By nature we were no different than they. In such a state, we embraced the flesh and acted in a fashion which manifested our allegiance to it. CHRIST JESUS the LORD, came into this world in the likeness of sinful flesh, on the account of the sin of HIS elect. In order to cancel their debt of sin which the Law demanded to be paid, HE did gladly and fully pay every jot and tittle which was owed by them, satisfied that Law completely and demonstrated HIS ability and desire to be their JUSTIFIER. Therefore, it is clear that the debt which HIS people had incurred has now been settled and there is nothing left for them to pay.

Religious men often speak of CHRIST dying for sin, yet they are reluctant to give HIM the glory due unto HIS NAME. They tell us that it is true that CHRIST paid for our sin, but in order for HIS payment to take effect the LORD yet requires something from us, which they call faith, and is a debt which we must take care of or perish. This is a false gospel which gives glory unto men and, in reality, denies that CHRIST has *“obtained eternal redemption”*, for every one for whom HE bled. The TRUTH is; that redemption, justification, and sanctification are complete in CHRIST who has not only satisfied the sin debt of every one of HIS children but has set them free from the Law of sin and death which ruled in their members from the very beginning. HE has cancelled any debt which even in their imagination they could have owed. By the power of HIS SPIRIT which works in them both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure, HE has delivered them from the power and ability of the flesh to condemn them in any wise. Those who are awakened by HIS SPIRIT and brought out of darkness and into the LIGHT are no longer “debtors” to the flesh, which at one time ruled in their minds. They are free from the “obligation” to serve this sinful flesh, being inhabited by the same SPIRIT which raised CHRIST from the dead and are now constrained by the love of CHRIST. *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* *“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”* The sons of GOD were once bondslaves to the flesh, being born again they are now even more willingly “debtors” to CHRIST alone. Whom do you serve? *Thy free grace alone,* #11 ***If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net***