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The clear message which is set forth in the declaration of the Gospel is that JESUS CHRIST is GOD. HE is in no wise less than the one true and living GOD. The disciples of CHRIST did not at all understand this until after HE ascended back into the heavens from whence HE came. This was first declared by Peter on the day of Pentecost when he preached to the multitudes of Jews from each of the twelve tribes which were in Jerusalem for the feast saying, *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”* There was no doubt what he meant by this choice of words, and this very message pricked the hearts of many who heard him. He declared that JESUS of Nazareth, was “Lord” which means “the supreme ruler”, and by implication, “GOD.” Thus Peter began his ministry as a New Testament apostle having been a witness of HIS resurrection and ascension, and the revelation of the identity of CHRIST on the mount of transfiguration. The implication of all of those things which he had been taught culminated in this very concise and powerful declaration.

In order to preach the true gospel, one must be clear about this matter as well. CHRIST is not merely the representative of GOD, nor is HE some secondary figure in a hierarchy but HE is the Eternal GOD HIMSELF made manifest in flesh and blood. HE did not just seem to be flesh and blood but HE is in fact true flesh and blood born of the Virgin Mary. Preaching which fails to unequivocally declare these truths is ultimately that which will lead men astray. This error prompted John to write, *“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”* The FATHER and the SON are ONE. It is impossible for a man to see the FATHER apart from seeing JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten SON of GOD. *‘Jesus saith;-- he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; “and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* This Kingdom is one whose glory is totally reserved for this PRINCE.

This PRINCE of whom we speak is the KING who sits in royal state in HIS everlasting Kingdom. HE is the REVELATOR of the Kingdom of GOD, no man can enter in except by HIS decree. HE is not only the ONE who opens and no man can shut but HE is that ONE who shuts and no man can open, even as HE prayed, *“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.”* HE is that PRINCE who sits in royal state in a kingdom of HIS own making and power. *“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:”*

This PRINCE is the DELIVERER of HIS people from the bondage of sin. HE has not merely been installed as a stately king by reason of inheritance, but HE has trod the winepress of the wrath of GOD and stained HIS garments with HIS own blood and that of HIS enemies as HE openly triumphed over all perceived impediments to HIS own glory and the redemption of HIS elect bride. *“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 shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

This PRINCE does presently “eat bread” before the LORD. *“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”* HE has indeed finished the work which HE came to do and does sit in royal state in HIS own kingdom. *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

This PRINCE is that ONE who lends “glory” to this kingdom. Even as Ezekiel testified, *“I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.”* We find ourselves in the same position as Ezekiel, upon our faces in adoration and worship, as we have been given the privilege to see HIM who is the PRINCE and RULER of Israel. *“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.”*

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