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The people of GOD are a peculiar lot, who don’t fit in very well with the inhabitants of this world and as Lot in Sodom, are vexed daily with the wickedness which they see on every hand around them. They desire a deliverance from this *“present evil world.”* They did not become strangers in the land in which they presently dwelt because they chose to be strangers in it, but rather because they were compelled to be. What fellowship hath light and darkness? The awakened sons of GOD are what they are by the grace of GOD, and do not find the world strange because they choose for it to be strange. The reality is that in their flesh they have an odd secret affinity for it. Yet they cannot embrace it because the SPIRIT of GOD dwells in them and works in them according to HIS good pleasure causing them to be like fish out of water. *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.”*

Generally speaking; the sons of GOD are a despised people in the earth. Even as Cain slew Abel, and Ishmael despised Isaac, so do the sons of the bondwoman continue their persecution of those who are the sons of the free born wife. This is primarily because they hate CHRIST. Even those who pay lip service to being the followers of the “Christian religion” will manifest their own disdain for the true gospel when it is declared. As long as these religionists are undisturbed in their worship of “free will” they will own CHRIST as a quasi-King. Yet when the sovereign electing grace of a HOLY GOD is declared; they will often rise up and seek to rend those who declare salvation to be by grace “alone”. All men, without exception, will seek something to glory in. Those who are delivered by the HOLY GHOST can find no place to glory except in JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified.

Most nominal believers will acknowledge that the scripture does speak of an “*elect*” people. Yet they will derive many explanations of the use of the term in order to avoid the clear and direct truth of the fact that GOD has chosen and ordained some unto salvation while ordaining some unto destruction. Most preachers spend more time explaining why “elect” doesn’t really mean unconditionally chosen than they do in rejoicing in the fact that apart from this “election”, none would be saved. The election of a people in CHRIST is a glorious revelation of the mercy and grace of GOD who resides under no obligations to any and the whole scheme of redemption is a testament to HIS magnificent purpose to manifest HIS everlasting love to those HE has hid in CHRIST from before the foundation of the world. Peter says that these “*strangers*” were elect according to the “*foreknowledge*” of the FATHER. The “*explainers*” tell us that “*foreknowledge*” means that GOD is like a celestial fortune teller and really left the choice up to man and merely based HIS choice of them on their choice of HIM. This is a grave error and overturns the truth of election making it subject to the freewill of man rather than the sovereignty of GOD.

The foreknowledge of the FATHER is not about knowing something beforehand, but rather is a description of the fact that GOD chose HIS people because HE loved them with an everlasting love. *“As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”* Peter goes on to say that their election is made manifest as they are separated and set apart from the citizenry of this world by the SPIRIT of GOD. It is this sanctifying SPIRIT that puts a difference between the precious and the vile. *“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”*

Peter says that the elect are sanctified “*unto*” the obedience and cleansing of the blood of JESUS CHRIST. Those who are strangers in the earth are chosen of GOD because of HIS great love for them and set apart by the SPIRIT to be made righteous by the obedience of JESUS CHRIST and cleansed by HIS blood. The obedience of the children of GOD is the obedience of JESUS CHRIST. For HE did undertake to perform all righteousness in their behalf and now they are obedient sons because HE has fulfilled all righteousness for them. *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”* Are you a stranger in this world?

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