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The vastness of GOD cannot be fathomed by such mortals as we are. HE alone inhabits eternity and hath immortality while we are but creatures of a span. The only thing we can possibly know about HIM is in those things which HE sees fit to reveal to us, all else shall forever remain a secret. HE is infinite, we are finite. HE is high and lifted up and HIS train fills the temple while we are mere beggars and maggots. It is with this in mind that the Psalmist wrote, *“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”* In this same vein Job said, *“What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?”* He was aware of the utter separation that existed between HIM who is “higher than the heavens” and those men which HE had created.

Before Adam disobeyed the LORD and plunged his posterity into death and destruction by those actions, he enjoyed an idyllic existence in the garden of Eden. Yet he was but a servant of GOD and enjoyed none of the fruits of sonship, even though the tree of life was at his disposal. Many look at his existence as a probation which he failed, yet it seems clear in the scriptures that as all things were appointed by GOD to occur according to HIS purpose.

Before there was ever a sinner, there was a SAVIOR. The SON of GOD was the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD from the beginning. In fact before the foundation of the world the FATHER gave a people to the SON before they ever had an existence which occupied time and space. HE was their righteousness then and they were HIS delight and the apple of HIS eye and were joined to HIM in a mystical union which is glorious to contemplate as HE determined to plunge them into the darkness of guilt in order that HE might manifest HIS grace in their redemption and bring many sons to glory. Though they were by virtue of their subsequent disobedience, the subjects of HIS wrath even as others they were never the objects of HIS wrath, for it has been HIS purpose from the beginning to deliver them and cloth them in the righteousness of CHRIST as new creatures, conforming them to CHRIST, and setting them free from the law of sin and death.

The carnal mind rejects the notion of CHRIST being the only means of righteousness with GOD. Men are convinced that their religions are fine, one being just as good as another. They are sure that the comparative good deeds of men will count for something when all shall give an account in the Day of Judgment. It does not seem reasonable to the flesh to conclude that there is not one thing that a man can do to enhance HIS standing with GOD. Nor does it seem quite fair to him to consider that men could be morally upright and workers of good deeds and yet be found as reprehensible in GOD’s sight. Yet the scripture plainly says, *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

If our “righteousnesses” are as a menstruous cloth before GOD, how must our sin appear to HIM. There is not one speck of acceptability in us which is ever the product of ourselves or even one shred of righteous behavior that can be discovered in us which is not the result of HIS performance as HE *“works in us both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure”*. Our only acceptability with a sin-hating HOLY GOD is the “imputed righteousness” of JESUS CHRIST. Wherein HE has taken the guilt and punishment due to us because of sin, upon HIMSELF and justified us by HIS own satisfaction of the law, being our SIN BEARER and SUBSTITUTE. Our sin became HIS, HIS righteousness became ours. Through the ages to come, the subject of rejoicing for the blood bought sons of GOD shall be to magnify the glory of HIS grace and to praise HIM for HIS substitutionary work in their behalf. Just as HE has been their RIGHTEOUSNESS before the foundation of the world and their RIGHTEOUSNESS in the present age as their JUSTIFIER, so HE shall be their RIGHTEOUSNESS in the ages to come. CHRIST is the SUM of all their RIGHTEOUSNESS forever. John tells us of his vision of heaven *“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”*

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