

**Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”**

The preaching of the gospel is the declaration of CHRIST’s purchase (i.e. redemption) of a bride for HIMSELF. As such, the preaching of it is an announcement of good tidings or “good news”. It is the manifestation and proclamation of the immutable love of the LORD for HIS people which HE has demonstrated in the earth by the giving of HIMSELF in their behalf. HE speaks of the absolute deliverance of a people. Sadly, the gospel has been reduced to a mere proposition or offer by most preachers of our day. They tell us that CHRIST died to purchase salvation for all men without exception, yet in reality procured the salvation of none. They tell us that a man can make the work of CHRIST effectual for themselves by an action of their own. This is to deny the actual purchase which CHRIST made of HIS bride which HE loved from before the foundation of the world.

This type of message juxtaposes the cause of salvation and makes it dependent on an action of the redeemed rather than the finished work of the REDEEMER. If CHRIST has purchased the salvation of HIS elect; then their salvation is procured apart from anything they could ever do or fail to do. They are certain to be the recipients of that which HE has bought with HIS own blood. *“By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”*

This is not a difficult concept to grasp. If you go to the grocery store and purchase a sack full of groceries, they are yours without dispute. There are no other conditions which must be met in order to take those groceries home nor is the ride home in any wise dependent on what is in the sack. The purchaser and the payment of the purchase price has settled the issue once and for all.

This is exactly what we see in the declaration of Boaz as he announces for all to hear that he had purchased Ruth to be his wife. We see here a picture of the LORD’s redemption of HIS bride.

**He made this declaration so that there might be no disputing the matter in time to come.** *“For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

**He would declare his love for and identity with a woman with a heathen ancestry and a lineage of wickedness.** Ruth was a Moabite. Moab was the progenitor of her family and he was the product of the incestuous union of Lot with his own daughter. The LORD JESUS CHRIST came into the world to save sinners. HE has declared HIS love for them and HIS intention to save them.

**He declared his love for a woman who had been married to another.** Ruth was the wife of Mahlon to whom she had willingly given her heart in the land of her nativity, and who had died leaving her abandoned unto destruction. In like fashion though the bride of CHRIST was betrothed to HIM before the world’s foundation, she embraced her carnal love of sin being made subject to the law of sin and death. The love of CHRIST for HIS bride transcended her impurity and HE has not only purchased her with HIS own blood but has cleansed and sanctified her with the same that HE might present her as a chaste bride before HIS FATHER’s face. *“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”*

**He declared his intention to raise up seed unto Mahlon. (Ruth’s first husband)** *“that the name of the dead be not cut off “* Were it not for the fact that HIS mercy is bestowed upon the human race, by redeeming a remnant out of this benighted world, then humanity would cease to exist because of sin and death. It is in this sense that the scripture speaks of HIS dying for the sins of the whole world. Because of HIS purpose, CHRIST arose triumphant over death on the third day and became the FIRSTFRUITS of them that sleep. Who but CHRIST could resurrect HIMSELF? For HE, alone, hath immortality. Those wretched sinners who are the objects of HIS grace, shall live forever in HIS presence because HE has given them eternal life. *“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

*“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)**