

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

A rich young ruler approached the LORD with a seeming sincere desire to know what he needed to do in order to enter into eternal life. He was not quite prepared for the response of the LORD JESUS since he assumed that he had it within his power to perform some deed of obedience which would insure his entrance to glory. Most who look at this passage assume that the thing which the man lacked was giving up his riches. The young ruler’s reluctance to part with his possessions was not the “thing that he lacked” but rather it was but a glaring symptom of what his true lack was. The “one thing” that he was devoid of was a knowledge of the “righteousness of CHRIST”. The LORD confronted him with the wickedness of his own heart and he went away sorrowing. Perhaps he was brought to a repentance that needed not to be repented of, we have no way of knowing. But we do know that he lacked exactly the same thing that every son of Adam does by nature. That is a perfect righteousness which can only be supplied by HIM who imputes HIS righteousness to them.

This rich young ruler just like the multitude of religious zealots today, believed that he could somehow do something that would influence GOD to bless him. He was ignorant that salvation is *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”* A man who does not stand clothed in the imputed righteousness of CHRIST alone, is an outcast from heaven’s glory and can in no wise enter its portals through any other means. Isaiah plainly labeled our righteousnesses (religious service, knowledge, obedience, etc.) as “filthy rags”. There is not one thing that a man can add to that which CHRIST has performed and provided for them for whom HE bled. HIS imputed righteousness is the missing ingredient in the salvation of any man. Yea, in fact it is the only ingredient upon which those who are redeemed by HIS blood find a place of acceptance in HIS righteous kingdom. *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

As GOD is pleased to give HIS people faith to believe the gospel which HE has sent to be preached to every creature, they are made to rejoice that HE is their PEACE who has broken down all barriers between them and their Heavenly FATHER and has given them a conscience void of offence by the work of CHRIST their LORD. *“But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 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?”*

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace, Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay her hand On that dear head of thine;
While like a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see The burdens thou didst bear,
When hanging on the accursed tree, And hopes her guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, And sing his bleeding love.

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:”

Are you trusting in your own righteousness, obedience, and faith, or have you cast yourself on the mercy of GOD, to give you a righteousness that is without spot or blemish?

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