

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

Paul was faithful to preach the gospel wherever he was sent. He did not pick and choose his audience nor did he preach a variety of messages. Regardless of who he stood before, whether in the Synagogue, before a Jewish court, in a gentile soldier’s house, or before earthly kings, he preached but one message: JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. What a contrast this is to the rank and file “preacher” of today who is educated to tailor his message to his hearers so as to offend none and be as entertaining as possible in order to gain and hold a crowd. Many determine where they are “sent” by the amount of money they receive and like to get the financial arrangements in order before any preaching occurs. Paul had no concern for such matters but with singleness of purpose declared the gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD. He made it plain that he had *“coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel.”* Nor did he in any wise seek their approval; saying, *“I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*

The truth never changes and the gospel has no uncertain sound. We may not always be able to discern who the true hearers of the gospel are but we can most certainly determine what the gospel is and is not. Any message which tells men they must add something to what CHRIST has done or one which does not declare the total accomplishment of CHRIST in obtaining redemption for HIS elect, cannot be the same gospel which Paul declared. I grow so weary of hearing the false prophets of our day declaring that CHRIST has only partially accomplished the salvation of men and has left the rest of it up to them to determine whether or not they will be saved, by adding their “faith” to the transaction. Such drivel is music in the ears of the religious man who delights to prove himself worthy before GOD but is no help at all to that man who is convinced that he is a lost and helpless sinner.

Such a man as that is like HIS disciples when they cried out, *“Lord, save us: we perish.”* or the Publican who smote upon his breast and said, *“God be merciful to me a sinner.”* These men understood that they had nothing to offer unto the LORD which was of any value and were totally dependent on HIS ability to deliver them. No man can see himself in that lost and undone condition apart from the quickening and convicting work of the HOLY GHOST. Nor will the gospel of free grace appear altogether lovely unto any except those who are made to see CHRIST “lifted up” as the sinner’s SUBSTITUTE. King Agrippa declared to Paul, *“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”* Yet there is no such thing as an “almost” CHRISTIAN. Except the LORD should totally convince a man of his ruined condition and bring him naked and bare before the throne of HIS mercy, a man will never be manifested as one of the sons of GOD by becoming a true follower of CHRIST. Believing the gospel of CHRIST is not measured by degrees of understanding and commitment but is the work of GOD in the heart of a man to give him both faith and repentance.

GOD has given plain testimony of HIS sovereign rule. *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”*

GOD has plainly displayed HIS redemptive power. *“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 show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

GOD has sent HIS messengers into the earth to declare the gospel. *“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”* There is no place upon the earth which is without the witness of GOD.

GOD will bring to pass a universal testimony to the LORDSHIP of JESUS CHRIST. *“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”* *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* *“That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”* Do you rejoice in the LORD’s public display of HIS grace and goodness to the sons of HIS everlasting love?

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