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The “inventions” of men are not in themselves evil, but the manner in which men regard them and use them most surely leads to evil. *“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”* Paul’s admonition to the Corinthians is as appropriate today as it was then, *“And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.”* There is a proper “use” of this world for those who are found in CHRIST, but there is no place of affection here for them. *“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 for ever.”*

The scriptures speak of a “record”, which is of great delight to the sons of GOD. This is an ancient record which actually predates the dawn of time and the creation of the world. It is a very simple and straight-forward record which is at one and the same time the most profound truth which men have been privileged to “hear”. The word “record” simply means “the evidence given, a witness, a testimony or a trustworthy report.” We read of the record of the OT saints. *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”*

It is impossible to overstate the great privilege that has been bestowed upon the saints here and now in the “*end of the world*”, in being given eyes to see with clear vision the manifestation of the redemptive work of CHRIST. Though we yet see through a glass darkly, we behold HIM who is the SAVIOR of sinners and all questions which have arisen over the years concerning this “report” are now fully answered in this declaration given by John, *“And this is the record that GOD hath given us ETERNAL LIFE and this LIFE is in HIS SON.”* We believe this testimony because we have this “WITNESS” in ourselves. We have this “WITNESS” because it has pleased the LORD to give us the Kingdom, and HE has sent HIM to be our COMFORTER and GUIDE into all TRUTH. Those who are the called according to HIS purpose cannot “not believe”. Peter confessed this very truth when he said, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

This ONE who is a FAITHFUL WITNESS, glorifies the SON of GOD. *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”* To preach anything other than “JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified”, is to deny that “record”, which says “GOD hath given to us ETERNAL LIFE”. The only SOURCE of LIFE in all the universe is HE who is “THE LIFE”. HE is “THE WORD”, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* HIS primary purpose in dwelling among men in flesh and blood was to lay down HIS LIFE as an atonement for the sins of those whom HE has loved. *“for he shall save his people from their sins.”*

John the Baptizer, testified of HIS coming among men, but he was not enabled to see the work which HE was to perform in its fulness. Thus the LORD said, *“Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”* The fulness of understanding of that which CHRIST came to perform can only be seen by those who are witnesses of HIS resurrection. This resurrection testifies that HE has triumphed over the foes of HIS people, making a show of them openly. *“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”*

Those who do not worship this ONE who has laid down HIS life for HIS sheep, spit in the face of GOD and say that HE is a liar, for they believe not the “record” which HE has given. They shall perish in their sin, having no life except that which must return to the dust. *“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”* This is the record which GOD has left us. Do you believe the record of GOD’s only begotten SON?

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