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Any discussion of GOD’s mercy must be attended with scriptural declaration concerning that mercy and the ONE who is pleased to show it according to HIS own prerogative. The LORD prepares the hearts of those to whom HE will show mercy by causing them to confess that apart from HIS mercy they will surely perish. The publican who went up to the temple to pray went down to his house “justified”, not because of something he said or thought, but because he was an object of the LORD’s mercy which was manifested by the convicting work of the SPIRIT of GOD which moved him to cry out to the LORD. “God be merciful to me a sinner.” That man who is shown his need for mercy is already a recipient of that mercy, for no man will seek the LORD on his own. *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”* We praise HIM for HIS mercy.

David manifested the work of the SPIRIT of GOD in him, when he was confronted with his sin by the prophet Nathan. When Daniel was given a vision of the LORD he said, *“there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.”* We read David’s confession and desperate plea “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: -- Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.”

Thus, it is the confession of all who have tasted that the LORD is gracious, that HIS mercy is “everlasting”. We cannot trace its beginning and HIS promise and faithfulness ensures that it will have no end. Nothing about HIS mercy in anywise depends upon the recipients of it. *“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”* *“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.”* *“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”* The objects of HIS love are the recipients of HIS “everlasting mercy.”

John tells us, “For the law was given by Moses, but *grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.* No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, *he hath declared him.*” JESUS CHRIST is the only manifestation of GOD by whom a man may have knowledge of HIS TRUTH. Apart from seeing the MAN CHRIST JESUS, a man can neither see nor know the TRUE AND LIVING GOD, besides whom there is none else. HE is that ONE who is the BEGINNING and THE END by whom all things were made, and without HIM was nothing made. *“I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.”* *“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”*

Thus, when HE told HIS disciples, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*; HE was not merely claiming to be speaking truth, but that HE is the very embodiment of TRUTH. No man can know the truth apart from knowing HIM who is that *“TRUTH which endureth to all generations.”* HE is that ONE who is the SAVIOR of HIS people even before the world was created and sin enveloped Adam and his offspring. No man has ever been justified nor been received into the presence of GOD apart from being found in CHRIST.

HE is that “covering” which was given to Adam and Eve. HE is that SEED which would bruise the head of the serpent. HE is that ARK in which Noah and his family rode upon the flood. HE is that BOW which was set in the CLOUDS. HE is that RAM caught in the thicket when Abraham would sacrifice the PROMISED SEED upon Mt. Moriah. HE is that ROCK which followed the children of Israel in the wilderness. HE is that CITY not made with hands, which those confessed that they sought as strangers and pilgrims in the earth. HE is that ONE who has come in the end of the age to pour out HIS soul as an offering for sin in the behalf of all of that “generation” which are HIS. HE is that ONE who rose victorious over sin, death, and hell and made a show openly of all of HIS enemies, triumphing over them and giving gifts unto those whom HE loves. HE is the TRUTH which endures; What a glorious SAVIOR is HE. Full of mercy to all who call upon HIS NAME. *“Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”* Let us exalt HIS NAME together. *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**