

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

In his epistle to the Romans, the apostle Paul declares, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

A man cannot serve two masters, he will either serve the law, or HE will serve CHRIST, but there can be no mixture of the two. This error has troubled the church since the very earliest of days, and we see the whole epistle of Paul to the Galatians, written to correct this aberration of the gospel. CHRIST does not deliver HIS people from the law of Moses only to put them back under it in some other form or to introduce some more stringent “requirement”.

Any and all “requirements” which are given to those who are the sons of GOD by the grace of GOD, have been satisfied by HIM who comes to save sinners, and not to load their backs with another law of this demand or that. The law (i.e.; principle) of the SPIRIT of life in CHRIST JESUS is that which frees the sons of GOD from the law (i.e.; principle) of sin and death. The “principle of sin and death” is anything which says, “do this and live” or “do this and gain blessings.” CHRIST has secured any and all blessings for those for whom HE came.

The promise of GOD in CHRIST JESUS is that HE is become the PERFORMER for HIS people. HE does currently work in them *“both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* Paul declares this to the Galatians, *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”*

The “yoke” of CHRIST is “easy”, not because no effort is required, but rather because HE is the ONE who has put forth and accomplished all of the effort needed for the complete and utter salvation of those whom HE commands to learn of HM. There is nothing left for them to do. Would they need obedience, HE is their obedience? *“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”* *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.”*

The LORD said, *“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”* The “yoke” of CHRIST is the revelation of the character of CHRIST. When the SPIRIT of GOD is come, HE testifies of CHRIST and HIS perfect righteousness. HE gave us HIS example of loving GOD. *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”* HE showed us what loving our neighbor as ourselves looks like. *“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* The “yoke” of CHRIST is the revelation of the “satisfactory” and “substitutionary” work of CHRIST. The greatest rest for the sons of GOD is in being made able to see that CHRIST has satisfied the total demands of the law for those HE has intended to redeem. HE has not made some attempt at a general redemption for all men, which yet requires the addition of their “faith”, but rather HE has entered in once into the holy place and obtained eternal redemption for HIS people. If HE has “obtained” that redemption, then nothing can be left which needs to be performed. CHRIST is the REDEEMER of HIS people, the SAVIOR of sinners, and the PROVIDER of every perfect gift. The “yoke” of Moses’ law demanded obedience and promised condemnation for those who did not live up to its stringent demands. Because of the innate rebellion which is in the hearts of all men, this law can do nothing but stir up the natural enmity of the mind towards it and minister damnation. The “yoke” of CHRIST, on the other hand, ministers LIFE and LIGHT, because it reveals a perfect LAWKEEPER. HIS yoke causes them to *“delight in the law of God after the inward man.”* Perfect love casts out fear. Rather than living under the “law’s condemnation”, the man who is “in CHRIST” lives under the law’s perfect fulfillment and satisfaction, he cannot be condemned; “his burden is light”.

*“Thy free grace alone,” #11* **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthepoor@windstream.net](mailto:forthepoor@windstream.net)**